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“I would recommend the University of Southampton because it is very diverse. You will automatically feel like home because everyone is really nice, warm and open to help. Moreover, the lecturers and staff are really appreciative and patient to international students if we have difficulty with say language, or just understanding the culture.”

Ria Rianti,
MSc Digital Marketing, 2017
Indonesian alumna and Chevening Scholar

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# Study UK Guide

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Foreword

Welcome to our Study UK Guide 2019-2020. This guide is designed to help you find out about the amazing educational experiences that await you in the UK. The UK has long been renowned for its educational excellence, but it is also known for the wide diversity of subjects you can choose from and the range of institutions in which you can study. Whether it is for academic research or more vocationally oriented courses, you will find what you need in the UK.

As the number of Indonesian students to the UK continues to rise, the UK looks forward to welcoming even more students over the coming year. But why are an increasing number of Indonesian students coming to the UK?
- Is it because UK higher education and qualifications have an impressive international reputation?
- Is it because many UK higher education courses are shorter than those of other countries – meaning you can start your career sooner and get a head start?
- Is it because the cultural diversity of life in UK higher education is unrivalled?
- Perhaps it’s because the style of teaching in the UK helps develop attributes such as creativity, innovation, teamwork and leadership which are in high demand from employers worldwide?
- Is it because the UK ranks second in the world for university-industry collaboration?
- Or is it because of the competitive fees and living costs?
- Maybe it’s because 96% of student visa applications were successful last year?
- Or maybe it’s simply the opportunity to study nanotechnology in Cambridge, sports management in Loughborough or Southeast Asian Film Studies in London?

The answer is that it is a combination of all these.

The UK has over 165 higher education institutions as well as 230 other colleges to choose from, and with thousands of course options there is something that will meet everyone’s needs. The programmes won’t only cater to your interests, but will also give you the opportunity to specialise in key areas that can help you achieve your career goals.

Furthermore, all nationally recognised UK qualifications are subject to strict quality standards. UK universities are inspected regularly to ensure that they uphold the high standards of the teaching, learning and research set by the UK government.

The UK hosts 4 of the world’s top 10 universities, and UK-educated international graduates achieve markedly higher average salaries than if they had been educated at home. By studying in the UK, you will gain the skills, qualifications and experience that you need to succeed in an increasingly competitive and globalised world.

You will be entering dynamic university environments where international students make up over 16% of the student population, so your experience will be truly international. You will be able to learn and share not only with your UK peers but also those from other countries as well. And the universities are linked to some of our major cities which offer students exposure to the best the UK has to offer in culture (our museums, cinemas, music venues are second to none) or to our sporting life (you’ll have the opportunity to witness the action live, be that football, rugby, cricket or other sports).

I hope that this guide provides all the information you need to help make your decision on your future studies in the UK, and convince you that there really is no better place to study.
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PPI UK (Indonesian Students Association in the UK)

The UK chapter of the Association of Indonesian Students (PPI UK) is an independent students’ organization officially endorsed by the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in London. The members of PPI UK, through 32 regional PPIs, are Indonesian students in the UK and Northern Island. If you are an Indonesian citizen studying in the Great Britain, you are automatically a part of the PPI UK family. As an organization that promotes national culture and character, PPI UK and its regional organizations actively organize various events to introduce Indonesia’s rich culture to the public in the UK and the Northern Ireland. The events are also an opportunity for Indonesian students to contribute to the national development.

The UK is thousands of miles away but living here is an exciting and certainly valuable experience. There are festivals, parks, museums, and other destinations everywhere within reach. When it comes to education, the UK’s higher education sector is recognised as one of the best in the world. Being a student here means you will get access to their libraries and online resources that provide a wide variety of books, journals, and scientific articles. If you are interested in doing social work, there are plenty of opportunities from the UK Government for you to contribute as a volunteer. You can easily find volunteering information through various websites. Overall, living in the UK is the perfect chance to get to know yourself more while learning about diverse cultures and way of thinking, which will positively contribute to your self-growth.

If you worry you might be missing Indonesian culinary, you can put your mind at ease because food will definitely be a part of the show. There has been a number of cultural festivals held this year, among others IndoNight di London, Indonesian Cultural Festival in Manchester, Indonesian Festival in Scotland, ArtIndonesia in Belfast, Discover Indonesia in Newcastle, and Mosaic in Oxford.

PPI UK is committed to supporting the interest and talents of Indonesian students and communities abroad. In sports, PPI UK has the annual ATDIKBUD Cup where regional PPIs in the Great Britain compete with each other in various numbers from indoor football, basketball, badminton, to card games. PPIs in other cities also organize similar events, such as Rajawali Cup held by PPI Coventry and Garuda Cup by PPI Oxford. There are also arts and cultural events; not only Indonesian students are involved in cultural programs as performers or organizing committee members, PPI UK also holds Suara Anak Bangsa Indonesia (SABI), a singing and music arrangement competition.

Meanwhile, the annual Indonesian Scholars International Convention (ISIC) provides a venue for students to enhance their academic skills, collaborate, and to forge personal and professional network. ISIC is a scientific meeting that combines seminars, discussions with experts from various background and student paper competitions. It encourages students to excel and contribute to advancing the nation.

Additionally, PPI UK also understands social and health needs of Indonesian students. Every year, the organization holds a series of talk shows on healthy lifestyle. PPI UK also provides assistance for students who have questions about health or simply need a friend to talk to. To get some light entertainment and information about music, film, fashion, and all the latest news about Indonesia and the UK, students can tune in to PPI UK Radio (Rapid).

For more information about PPI UK, please contact:
Website: http://ppiuk.org
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In London, as well as completing the rigorous university programme, I was very active in seminars and events. These included seminars with Ban Ki Moon, Former Secretary General of the United Nations and Joko Widodo, President of Indonesia, as well as training sessions at Citi London and the Mayor of London Office during a London-based Low Carbon Competition. I also did a lot of performing and our musical performance at Imperial was attended by over 1,000 people, including Rizal Sukma, Indonesia’s Ambassador to the UK.

My love for the arts brought me to visit museums and art galleries and watch several musicals at West End theatres. My love for food took me to lots of different restaurants serving a variety of cuisines. My love for travel took me to a variety of places across the country. I also took on several speaking opportunities after graduating such as TEDxImperialCollege.

My advice for prospective students looking to study in the UK would be to do lots of research! Browse university websites, watch Youtube videos from people already studying there, email administration officers and talk to mentors or alumni from your chosen universities. Make the most of the resources surrounding you and when you get there, study well, network, and do not forget to enjoy it. At the end of the day, your university experience is what you make of it!

Studying in the UK has been such an integral part of my development. Now that I am in Parliament, I look forward to applying all the knowledge and skills I gained in the work I get to do.

I am a recently elected Indonesian Member of Parliament (2019-2024) and the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Indonesian Energy & Environmental Institute (IE2I), which is a Civil Society Organisation (CSO) that seeks to create a sustainable future for Indonesia.

I spent a significant amount of time studying in the UK, five years to be exact. Here I was able to obtain three university degrees: a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Sociology from the University of Manchester (2013), a Postgraduate degree in Social Change from the University of Manchester (2014) and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Policy from Imperial College London (2016), this time on a Scholarship Scheme (Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education - LPDP) from the Indonesian Ministry of Finance. I have always had an interest in studying sustainability, a combination of economics, sociology and environmental studies, which explains my chosen fields of study.

I decided to study in the UK because it already felt like a second home, having lived there before. However, it was mainly due to the good reputation which UK institutions have throughout the world. My favourite thing about studying in the UK would have to be the experience itself. I met some of my closest friends, who I’m still in contact with today, and was able to learn what it meant to really embrace the diversity that surrounded me on a daily basis. Whilst studying in Manchester, my interest in current affairs led me to join Model United Nations and partake in an international conference where I was able to meet Imran Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan. My passion for singing led me to participate in several cultural performances. A couple of friends and I ended up winning a university led competition, where we were then interviewed by BBC Manchester!
Testimonial

UK ALUMNI

NANCY MARGRIED PANJAITAN

Technology Entrepreneurship, University College London

I took the Technology Entrepreneurship programme at University College London in 2016-17 as a Chevening Scholar. As an entrepreneur, I had specific criteria for my further education. I wished to be exposed to a global environment; the latest information from my field, technology; and I wanted to bring what I learnt in the classroom directly into running my business. Prior to studying in the UK I had run my business for six years. It was crucial that the time I invested would be beneficial to my business.

Studying abroad is a precious opportunity and experience. It pushed my boundaries, changed my perspective, and widened my horizons. I was particularly impressed with how the international academic and professional community dealt with data. Not only was every statement based on verified data, the data itself was viewed from an analytical perspective and from many angles. I became familiar with that way of thinking during my studies, and it led me to have great respect for data in my professional life. It made me view my business in a different way and improved my decision making.

Throughout my studies at UCL, we had lectures from seasoned entrepreneurs from across the UK who shared their stories. What struck me was how relaxed these entrepreneur were when they spoke about their failures in front of the students and how they celebrated their mistakes as valuable lessons necessary for their success. This gave me the confidence to value my failures and mistakes on my entrepreneurial journey. I realised that by owning and celebrating all the mistakes I make as an entrepreneur, I truly own my accomplishments and treasure everyone that helps me reach success.

Studying at UCL was a priceless and proud moment for me. To be an alumna of one of the world’s top ten universities not only gives me access to some of the highest-ranking global talents from around the world, but also exposes me to their work, from which I can learn so much. Supported by the Chevening community throughout my studies in London, I was privileged to be able to expand my network internationally. After my studies, I returned to Indonesia to continue running my two companies, focusing on technology literacy training and providing market opportunities for traditional textile artisans in Indonesia. Batik Fractal Indonesia has now trained more than 3,000 artisans to design batik patterns using our self-developed, award-winning software, jBatik. We are looking forward to continuing infusing technology into traditional woven textiles in Indonesia.

My advice to future Indonesian students who plan to study in the UK is to be present and to use every moment during your studies to build upon yourself. Take this moment to delve into a new environment, learn as much as you can and be open to different perspectives, different cultures, and new experiences. While you are developing yourself intellectually and professionally, it is also very important for you to build yourself socially and culturally.
Study at a UK university rated 2nd for Teaching Excellence*

*Times Higher Education UK metrics ranking 2017

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Testimonial
UK ALUMNI

RAENI
MSc International Accounting and Finance
University of Birmingham

I believe that no matter what background you come from, you deserve opportunities to optimise your potential. Being a University of Birmingham graduate has opened up a lifelong learning adventure, not only boosting my confidence as a global citizen, but also encouraging me to contribute towards society.

I did my master’s degree in International Accounting and Finance at the University of Birmingham in 2015-2016. I had exciting moments throughout the year of study. The experience equipped me with skills to deliver a range of activities in teaching, research, and community services when I worked as a lecturer at the Faculty of Economics, Universitas Negeri Semarang.

At the moment, I am pursuing my doctorate study with a research focus on the development and accountability of green financial instruments to address climate change. My study is fully funded by the LPDP Ministry of Finance, the Republic of Indonesia. I chose to continue my studies at the University of Birmingham due to its internationally well-renowned research reputation and networks, professional experts, its supportive and vibrant environment, and also its vision towards a sustainable future.
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* Wonkhe, Teaching Excellence Framework 2017
** Natwest Student Living Index 2018
WHY STUDY IN THE UK?

From our world-recognised institutions to our innovative teaching approach and the leading minds who deliver it, we have what you need to fulfil your ambitions.

A higher quality of education

The UK’s academic reputation is world-renowned.

UK universities have featured strongly in world rankings ever since they began. According to the 2019 Times Higher Education World Rankings, the UK is home to four of the world’s top ten universities, including the top two. This high quality can be found right across the country, with 29 of the world’s top 200 universities found here in the UK.

38 per cent of Nobel Laureates who studied abroad did so in the UK (British Council, 2015).

The UK’s 169 universities (or 679 higher education institutions) are all held to strict standards by the government, so you know you are getting the best teaching, support and resources available.

Innovative teaching methods

The UK is known for producing successful, versatile graduates and one of the reasons for this is our use of innovative teaching methods.

We have a long history of pioneering approaches to teaching that expand and build on the traditional, so students get the most from their studies – and themselves.

One of these innovative techniques is problem-based learning, in which you are asked to solve real-life problems, just like those you will face in your future career. This kind of learning is often combined with field trips and experiences that place you in simulated or real-world settings. Through these techniques you will learn how to apply theory to practice and to collaborate with others, often under time pressure. This will accelerate your learning and give you a significant edge over the competition when you graduate.

Employability outcomes

A UK education opens doors, wherever you go in the world. For graduates keen to make an impression on new employers, there’s nowhere better to develop the skills that will make you stand out as you start your career, and help you reach your potential in the years to come.

UK graduates are among the most employable in the world (QS Graduate Employability Ranking). The UK is also among the top countries for university-industry collaboration, meaning you can access practical work-placements designed to help you hit the ground running in the real world.
World-leading research

The UK is a global powerhouse of science and research. With so many universities at the cutting edge of global discoveries and emerging technology, our students graduate with insights and experience that are in high demand around the world.

The UK is ranked second in the world for science and research, with 54 per cent of our output considered world-leading. That’s more than the US, Canada, Germany, Japan and Brazil. Despite representing just 0.9 per cent of the global population, the UK produces 15.2 per cent of the world’s most highly cited research (Elsevier and the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, 2016).

Short, flexible courses and diverse subject offerings

It’s not just our world-recognised universities that make us a top choice with international students. Courses in the UK are tailormade to support you in getting the most from your studies as quickly as possible. There are more than 50,000 courses for you to choose from - no matter what you’re passionate about, the UK is a fantastic place to pursue your interest.

In the UK, flexibility is built into the majority of our courses. Many universities allow you to choose from different subject ‘modules’, so you can build a course programme that suits you, specialising as you go for a perfectly tailored experience.

Postgraduate courses in the UK are shorter than those in the US and Australia, with many MBAs taking just one year. This means you can get better value for money and can begin applying your knowledge in the real world a lot sooner.

Competitive fees and living costs

The UK is an affordable study destination. You will be able to graduate and start earning sooner thanks to our shorter courses. A range of scholarships and financial support options are also available.
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UK undergraduate course types include:

- Bachelor’s or undergraduate degree: BA (Bachelor of Arts), BSc (Bachelor of Science), BEd (Bachelor of Education) and BEng (Bachelor of Engineering).
- A full-time bachelor’s degree normally takes three years to complete (four in some cases). Part-time options are also available at some universities and colleges.

Postgraduate study

When it comes to producing exceptional postgraduates, the UK has a global reputation. From progressive teaching techniques to the best research in the world, it’s easy to see why thousands of international postgraduates choose to accelerate their learning and careers in the UK every year.

UK postgraduate course types include:

- Master’s degrees: MA (Master of Arts), MSc (Master of Science), subject-specific qualifications, including MEng (Master of Engineering), MFA (Master of Fine Arts), LLM (Master of Laws), MArch (Master of Architecture), and MPhil (Master of Philosophy), which are research-led and usually designed for students to progress to a PhD.
- A full-time master’s degree normally takes one year (taught master’s) or two years (research master’s) to complete. Part-time options are also available at some universities.
- MBA courses
- PhDs or doctorates
- Postgraduate diplomas and qualifications: Usually shorter than a master’s and do not involve a thesis or dissertation.
- Professional and vocational qualifications: most awards involve practical training.
As well as undergraduate and postgraduate study, the UK offers many other opportunities to international students:

- **Further education**: This refers to education after secondary school that is not an undergraduate or postgraduate degree. Further education institutions in the UK provide technical and professional education and training to people over the age of 16. Qualifications and training include A-Levels, apprenticeships, traineeships, vocational qualifications and entry level training.

- **Foundation pathway courses**: These are designed for international students to improve their English skills and develop the confidence to start undergraduate or postgraduate study. They provide the opportunity to adjust to the UK’s culture and get used to university teaching.

- **English language courses**: As the home of the English language and with a reputation for academic excellence, the UK is the perfect destination to learn English.

- **Boarding schools**: A boarding school is a residential school where pupils live and study during the school year. There are approximately 500 boarding schools across the UK.

**Transnational education**

Did you know you can gain a UK higher education qualification in your own country? There are various transnational education (TNE) options for you to choose from, including online courses, articulation pathways and joint degrees. Contact your local British Council office for more information.

www.britishcouncil.org

To find out more about course information and other UK study options, visit:

study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/find-course
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Alminda Arumdari, former ICC student from Jakarta

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Alminda Arumdari, former ICC student from Jakarta
Shaping Futures.

Ulster University is located in Northern Ireland, in the UK and has four campuses specialising in study areas of Business, Computing, Life & Health Sciences, Arts Humanities and Social Sciences, Engineering & the Built Environment.

We place a strong focus on employability, with many courses receiving professional accreditation and work placements.

Undergraduate & Postgraduate Study.

- Accounting
- Animation
- Architecture
- Biology
- Biomedical Science
- Biotechnology
- Business Studies
- Criminology
- Data Science
- Engineering
- English
- Finance
- Fine Art
- Geography
- Graphic Design
- Health & Wellbeing
- Health Physiology
- History
- Human Nutrition
- Human Resource Management
- Journalism
- Law
- Marketing
- Media Studies
- Music
- Nursing (Adult)
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Photography
- Physiotherapy
- Politics
- Psychology
- Quantity Surveying
- Real Estate
- Renewable Energy
- Social Work
- Sport
- Stratified Medicine
- Textile Art & Design
Undergraduate study

Applying for an undergraduate degree in the UK is very simple. You don’t need to contact different universities – you can apply for up to five courses at once through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS: www.ucas.com) for a small administration fee and UCAS handles everything else. You will be contacted by UCAS with any offers from your chosen universities or colleges.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

15 October
For courses at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine, science and dentistry

15 January
For most undergraduate courses

March
For some art and design courses

30 June
Late deadline for most undergraduate courses. Applications received after this deadline will automatically go into “clearing”, so you will not be guaranteed your first choice.

While you will be able to apply after the January deadline right up until 30 June, it is better to apply early.

With more than 160 universities and colleges, and many more courses and study options on offer, you can make your UK education as unique as you are. Use the University Finder to find the information you need. study-uk.britishcouncil.org/find-university

YOUR QUALIFICATIONS

You can check the equivalence of your country’s qualifications with those in the UK by contacting the National Recognition Information Centre for the UK: www.naric.org.uk/naric

Personal Statement

You will be required to provide a personal statement as part of your application to study at a university in the UK. This document is an opportunity for you to explain why you would like to study your chosen subject and what skills and experience you have that make you well suited to this field.

Top tips

- The course description on the university website will explain the qualities, skills and experience it requires. Be sure to mention how you match these in your personal statement.
- Talk about why you are applying for this course. Mention which aspects interest you in particular and how the course will support you with your future ambitions.
- As well as articulating why you are academically suited to this course, include any extra-curricular activities you are involved in and previous work experience, if you have any.

For more advice on writing a personal statement, visit www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement
For more information about applying for undergraduate courses in the UK, visit study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/apply/undergraduate

Postgraduate study

Many UK universities handle their own postgraduate applications and you can often apply directly through their websites. Check the course information for instructions on entry requirements and how to apply.

Many postgraduate courses do not have a fixed application deadline. However, it is always best to apply early to make sure you have the best chance of being accepted – from six months to a year before your course begins.

For more information about applying for postgraduate courses in the UK, visit https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/apply/postgraduate and www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/masters-degrees/applying-for-a-masters-degree

Additional Documents

You may be required to send the university proof of your examination results in the form of certificates or transcripts.

Whilst UCAS can send some results, including the International Baccalaureate, for most international qualifications you will need to send proof to the university yourself.

Check with the university for their policy on receiving proof of results.

What to Include in Your Application?

- personal statement – do note that this will be different in nature to an undergraduate application personal statement. For advice, visit www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/masters-degrees/personal-statements-for-postgraduate-applications
- academic transcripts
- two or more references
- CV
- English language test results
- portfolio, if required
- research proposal, if required
Global scholarships

You can apply for any of the following scholarships, provided they are appropriate for your course.

- **Chevening Award**: Postgraduate scholarships from the UK government aimed at students with potential as future leaders: [www.chevening.org](http://www.chevening.org)

  Chevening provides fully-funded scholarships, leaving you free to focus on achieving your professional goals and enjoying the experience of a lifetime. You will live and study in the UK for a year, during which time you will develop professionally and academically, network extensively, experience UK culture, and build lasting positive relationships with the UK.

A Chevening Scholarship comes with many benefits, including:

- Fully funded tuition fees
- Set living expenses
- Return flights to the UK
- Access to exclusive networking events, internships, trips across the UK, workshops and talks, and volunteering opportunities
- Joining an international network of 50,000 leaders who have benefitted from Chevening since 1983

Costs

Studying in the UK is good value for money and exchange rate fluctuations have made the UK even better value for many international students. UK master’s degrees can also be completed in one year, meaning lower living costs and faster entry into employment.

Use the UKCISA international student budget calculator to help you plan your budget: [international.studentcalculator.org](http://international.studentcalculator.org)

Course fees

Fees for UK courses vary, depending on:

- whether you are from the European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA), or another country;
- where in the UK you are studying (there are different rules for England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales);
- your study level.

Note that fees for students from outside the EU are decided at an institutional level, so you will need to check with the university or college you wish to attend.

Scholarships and financial support

There are hundreds of scholarships, bursaries and grant schemes on offer for students who need extra support to pay for their UK course. Many institutions offer their own scholarships and bursaries – check the university’s website for more information.
Am I eligible?
In order to submit an eligible Chevening Scholarship application, you must:

- Be a citizen of a Chevening-eligible country or territory, and agree to return there for a minimum of two years after completing your scholarship
- Have completed an undergraduate degree that will enable you to gain entry to a postgraduate programme at a UK university
- Have at least two years’ work experience
- Not have previously studied in the UK through a UK Government-funded scholarship

There is no upper age limit.
See our full list of criteria at www.chevening.org/eligibility

Discounts

The National Union of Students card (http://cards.nusextra.co.uk/) and the International Student Identity Card (www.isic.org/get-your-card) offer great student discounts in many shops, restaurants and businesses. Have a look to see if you could save money with one of these cards.

Country-specific scholarships and funding

There are many different scholarships available, some of which depend on where you are from.
For more information please visit study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/-scholarships-financial-support
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**STUDENT VISAS**

**APPLYING FOR A UK TIER 4 STUDENT VISA**

The UK recognises the important contribution international students make, and welcomes those who wish to study at our world-class institutions. Visit [www.gov.uk/visas-immigration](http://www.gov.uk/visas-immigration) for detailed and up-to-date guidance before proceeding with your application.

**TIER 4 AND SHORT-TERM STUDENT VISAS**

There are two categories under Tier 4:

- **TIER 4 (GENERAL)**
  This category is for students coming to the UK for post-16 education. A Tier 4 (General) student must be at least 16 years old.

- **TIER 4 (CHILD)**
  This category is for children between 4 and 17 years old coming to the UK for their education. This route can only be used by those studying at independent schools.

Please refer to our website for more information [www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa](http://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa) and [www.gov.uk/child-study-visa](http://www.gov.uk/child-study-visa).

We also offer short-term study visas for courses that last six months or less (or 11 months if you are studying English language and are aged 18 or over).

[www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa](http://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa)

Non-EEA students who apply to come to the UK to study for longer than 6 months will be required to pay a health surcharge. This costs £300 for students for each period of 12 months that you are allowed to stay in the UK. For guidance visit [www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application](http://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application).

**WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR A TIER 4 STUDENT VISA FROM OVERSEAS?**


Indonesian nationals will need:

- **A Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)**
  This is completed online by your Tier 4 sponsor (the institution that has offered you a place on a course of study) and contains details about you, your course, qualifications and confirmation of your English language skills. Your sponsor will give you a unique CAS reference number which you will need to make your application.

- **Tuberculosis (TB) certificate**
  Please check our TB page at [www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa](http://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa) to see if you need a TB certificate.

- **Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate**
  You will need an ATAS certificate if you intend to undertake studies in designated science and technical subjects. Please check the ATAS guidance at [www.gov.uk/guidance/academic-technology-approval-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/academic-technology-approval-scheme) for more information.

- **Suitable travel, reception and care arrangements for children**
  If you are a Tier 4 (Child).

Non-Appendix H nationals will need in addition:

- **Finance**
  You must provide evidence (for example: pages from a bank book) showing that you have enough money to pay for your course fees for the first year and your living costs for each month of your course up to a maximum of 9 months. The fund should show a breakdown of debit and credit of the account and that the money has been kept consistently above the required amount for 28 consecutive days prior to paying the online visa application.

- **English language requirement**
  If you are a Tier 4 (General) student you will need to show that you have a good level of English. The level of English language proficiency you need will depend on the course you are applying for. You may also need to provide a Secure English Language Test as evidence of your English language ability with your application. Test as evidence of your English language ability with your application.

Visit website [www.gov.uk/visas-immigration](http://www.gov.uk/visas-immigration) for more details on the above requirements. Where these documents are not in English you may need to provide a translation.
HOW DO I APPLY FOR MY VISA?

1. Go to www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa to complete your visa application form, book an appointment and pay your visa fee online.

2. Prepare your application package including a printed and signed copy of your application form, your supporting documents, your passport and a passport style photo.

3. Visit the visa application centre to submit your application and biometric data at the time of your appointment. You may also be required to sit a short interview.

For top tips on arriving in the UK please visit www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-arrivals-10-top-tips

HOW LARGE WILL IT TAKE TO GET MY VISA?

UK Visas and Immigration aims to process student visas within 15 working days. You are recommended to prepare and apply for your visa well in advance, but no more than 3 months before the start date of your course of study.

Some countries offer a 5 day priority visa service for an additional fee. Check your visa application centre website for information on available priority services https://www.vfsglobal.co.uk/id/en/

HOW LONG CAN I STAY IN THE UK?

Your visa will be granted for the whole length of your course, with some additional time before the course starts and after the course ends. The maximum amount of time you can spend studying is two years below degree level since the age of 18, plus five years at degree level and above, with some exceptions. Time spent studying as a Tier 4 (General) student when you were 16 or 17 years old, or a Tier (Child) student when you were aged 17 or under is not included.

CAN I WORK IN THE UK?

This will depend on the level of the course you are applying to study and the type of sponsor you have. Further information is on our website www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa

CAN I STAY AND WORK IN THE UK AFTER COMPLETING MY COURSE?

There are a number of options available if you wish to stay in the UK to work after your studies:

- The Doctorate Extension Scheme for students successfully completing a PhD or other doctoral qualifications at a higher education institution
- Tier 2 (General) for those with a graduate-level job offer which pays an appropriate salary
- Tier 1 (Graduate Entrepreneur) for those who want to develop a business idea
- Tier 5 for those undertaking professional training
- Tier 5 (Internship)

Not all further education students are able to extend their visa or switch to another visa route whilst they are in the UK – they will have to leave the UK to make such an application.

For more information on the work routes for graduates visit www.gov.uk/visas-immigration

CAN I BRING MY PARTNER AND CHILDREN WITH ME?

Only the following students will be able to bring their partners and children to the UK:

- Postgraduate students at higher education institutions on courses of 9 months or more
- Government sponsored students on courses lasting longer than 6 months

CAN MY PARENT ACCOMPANY ME WHILE I STUDY IN THE UK?

There is a visa route which allows a parent to accompany a child 12 years or younger and is attending an independent fee paying day school.

CAN I EXTEND MY VISA IN THE UK?

Yes, you can apply to extend your leave to study at your current sponsor, or at another sponsor, if your current period of Tier 4 (General) leave is sponsored by:

- a Higher Education Institute (HEI);
- an overseas HEI;
- an embedded college offering pathway courses; or

You can make your application online and make an appointment to submit your biometrics at locations throughout the UK.

For more information please visit www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

If you are a Tier 4 (General) student currently sponsored by any other type of institution you must apply for a visa from outside of the UK if you wish to undertake further study under Tier 4.

For more information go to www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa/eligibility

All Tier 4 (Child) students are permitted to extend their visa from within the UK.
University accommodation

Most universities and colleges have their own accommodation office and this should be the first place you go to ask about accommodation. Most institutions provide accommodation for international students in a hall of residence (either full-board or self-catering) or a self-catering shared house or flat. Space is usually limited, so applications for such accommodation should be made as soon as you have been accepted on your course and certainly before the required deadline.

Private accommodation

The accommodation office at your institution may be able to help with this, too. The office may keep lists of private accommodation available in the area, and some offices may even help you arrange a booking.

The most usual type of private accommodation is a room in a house with shared facilities. Renting a furnished house or a flat is likely to be expensive, especially in city centres, and quite difficult to find. A good way of making this affordable is to share with other students. If you do this, make sure you agree beforehand on how you will share costs.

Food

Food is near the top of the list of things you might miss when away from home. But food can be one of the best parts of living in the UK.

In most cities and towns you will find a selection of supermarkets with plenty of choice for students on different budgets. An increasing number of supermarkets offer international food products. The average weekly food shop for one costs around £25.

Living in catered halls at university usually means that breakfast and dinner are provided for you from Monday to Friday. It makes life a lot easier having meals ready and made for you when you need them and it can be a sociable time.

It is also important while at university to build a positive relationship with food and cooking. You can make cooking interesting in a number of different ways. Why not try making something that you have never made before? The beauty of living and studying amongst people from all backgrounds and cultures are the different cuisines that everyone will cook. Why not ask your flatmates for a few tips and learn to make a few quick and easy dishes from a different culture?

LIFE IN THE UK

Whilst studying in the UK, there will be an endless number of ways for you to enjoy yourself, learn new things and make friends. The UK offers an amazing, unforgettable student experience like no other country. Make the most of it.
Leisure time

On campus, the students’ union usually organises all kinds of social functions and there will be many clubs and societies that you can join.

If you are interested in arts and culture, you will find the UK packed with museums, theatres and other cultural attractions just waiting to be discovered.

The restaurant scene in the UK is thriving, and increasingly diverse. Pubs are also popular social destinations for many university and college students in the UK. You don’t have to drink alcohol to go to a pub – you will find lots of non-alcoholic drinks on offer, and many pubs also have food and entertainment such as karaoke, football match screenings, or pub quizzes (weekly events where you compete as a team).

Some of the world’s largest music venues and events are in the UK, such as the O2 Arena in London and the world-famous Glastonbury Festival, but many world-renowned artists and bands also play at UK universities and colleges, and small bars and cafés often host live music and dancing.

Almost every town will have a cinema with films from around the world. Hollywood releases will be easy to find, but major cities also have cinemas specialising in foreign and independent films, and universities often have a student cinema that shows films on campus at student-friendly prices.

If you love sport, the UK offers a range of ways to explore your passion. We’re fanatical about every kind of sport here, and many of our athletes and clubs lead the world. Whether it’s global team sports, like football, or individual sports like athletics, you will find ways to compete in and celebrate the sports you care most about alongside your studies.

UK weather and clothing

Although UK weather is unpredictable, it is rarely extreme. Wear several layers so that you can put them on or take them off as the weather changes, and always carry an umbrella.

In summer, the average temperature ranges from 9–18 degrees Celsius (48–64 degrees Fahrenheit). On occasion, it can reach around 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit) in a heatwave.

In winter the average is between 2 and 7 degrees Celsius (36–45 degrees Fahrenheit), but temperatures can drop below 0 degrees Celsius (36 degrees Fahrenheit). Most houses, buildings, trains and buses have good heating systems. In general, there is little difference between the regions of the UK, but you will experience more snow, rain and wind in northern and mountainous areas.

Most UK towns and cities have a large range of shops selling clothes to suit all styles and budgets. You will see all kinds of fashion at UK schools, colleges and universities, and almost anything goes. Students usually dress casually during the day – jeans and t-shirts are fine – and more smartly if you’re going out in the evening. Very few student bars and pubs have a dress code.

Some courses require you to wear specialist clothing for health and safety. For example, if you are in a science laboratory, you may need to wear protective glasses and a white lab coat.

The UK is a multi-cultural place and it is common for people to wear clothing associated with their culture and religion, for example a head scarf, kippah, turban, sari or long skirt. In major towns and cities you will find specialist shops selling clothing from around the world, particularly Asian and Middle Eastern clothing.
Exploring the UK

From bustling cities to snow-capped mountains, rolling green hills to highlands and islands, the UK is beautiful and exploring is a must. Its relatively small size and good transport links mean that you can see a lot while you are here. Some highlights include London with its fascinating history, iconic buildings, cutting-edge fashion, theatre and food; northern cities like Manchester and Liverpool, which are well known for their famous football clubs and great nightlife; Scotland’s mix of wild beauty and buzzing cities; the stunning landscapes of Wales’ national parks; and the spectacular coastline of Northern Ireland.

For more information about exploring the UK visit www.visitbritain.com

Religion in the UK

As a multi-faith society, students of all religions can expect to feel welcome in the UK, along with plenty of places to practise their faith. With a history of multi-culturalism dating back hundreds of years, we have well-established communities representing all major religions, and a deep commitment to supporting students’ religious needs on campus.

We are proud to be a very tolerant society in every way, and it is against the law to discriminate against anyone because of their race, nationality or religion. This is one of the most influential reasons international students from all over the world choose the UK for their studies.

Health and safety

With one of the best healthcare systems in the world and low crime rates, studying in the UK is safe and secure.

The UK’s NHS (National Health Service) is one of the world’s most advanced healthcare systems, offering safe and modern treatment.

To gain access to the NHS, you will be required to pay an immigration health surcharge as part of your visa application fee.

The UK is a safe country, with low crime rates and a trustworthy police force. Many institutions have their own security services who patrol campuses. Your institution will usually provide you with information on staying safe on campus.
The University of Birmingham was named as The Sunday Times and The Times University of the Year 2013-14. Our outstanding performance across all league tables was a key factor in this achievement. We are ranked 13th in The Complete University Guide 2020 and 81st in the QS World University Rankings 2020. The University provides an exceptionally high level of teaching across all subjects. Our commitment to teaching has been recognised again, and we have been awarded a Gold rating in the 2016/17 Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).

Birmingham is the UK’s second largest city with first-class cultural, social and sporting facilities. It is a diverse city with a large Muslim population. Located on a stunning 250-acre parkland campus, the University offers a safe, friendly environment with excellent facilities including a sports centre, cafés, restaurants, shop, bank and multi-faith worship facilities. The University is home to one of the largest groups of Indonesian students in the UK, with over 100 this year, and the city has one of the largest PPI groups in the country.

Birmingham is renowned for producing highly employable and successful graduates. In 2018-19, the University was the 3rd most targeted university by top employers (The Graduate Market in 2019), demonstrating our commitment to you and your future. 96% of our graduates are either employed, engaged in further study or travelling within six months of leaving University. The University is ranked top 10 for graduate earnings.

The University of Birmingham is structured into five colleges, each of which is divided into a number of schools and departments. The five colleges are:

- Arts and Law
- Engineering and Physical Sciences
- Life and Environmental Sciences
- Medical and Dental Sciences
- Social Sciences

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Birmingham is the second largest city in The UK and also good environment to live. It is also known as the home of second biggest Indonesian population in the UK. When I first came here, the Indonesian community welcomed me with great enthusiasm.

Not only does the Indonesian Community make me feels like home, but also my classmates and people I live with in student accommodation that are very nice and helpful. It’s a melting pot for students from all over the world where we can share knowledge and experience.

Amorettya Minayora  
MSc International Business

Find out more what Amorettya and other students from Indonesia think of Birmingham here:  http://tinyurl.com/UoBIndonesia

The Birmingham Foundation Academy really helps me to improve my English. It not only teaches us about modules we need for next year but also the study skills such as writing skills and critical thinking. The BFA helps prepare students to adapt to University life; so that students will be prepared and able to survive for the next 3 years in University.

Tiara Utomo  
BFA student

Find out more about the Birmingham Foundation Academy at  www.birmingham.ac.uk/bfa
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- Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS): www.ucas.com
- Unistats: The official website for comparing UK higher education course data
  unistats.ac.uk
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