




Guide to studying in the UK for international schools

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WELCOME *to* HULL

Embarking on a journey to study in the UK is an exciting step towards academic excellence, cultural exploration, and personal growth.

Whether you're a student considering studying abroad or a school counsellor guiding students through this process, this guide provides practical advice, reasons to study in the UK, information about the UK's education system and the application process.

Here at the University of Hull, our dedicated Global Student Recruitment team support international students and counsellors, offering guidance throughout the application process and supporting students as they embark on their journey to the UK. We're proud of our diverse and inclusive university, and we have welcomed students from more than 100 countries to study with us.



Studying in the UK





Why study in the UK?

Studying abroad is an excellent way to develop your confidence, make friends for life, experience diverse cultures and discover more about yourself. The UK is the perfect place to do this whilst benefiting from a world-renowned quality education.

The UK has been a leader in academia for centuries and a degree from the UK is prestigious and globally recognised, giving you an impressive competitive edge. You can also choose from one of the most diverse subject offerings in the world, so you can study a subject you are passionate about.

Studying in the UK can also be financially beneficial, with degrees taking less time to complete than in many other countries, competitive tuition fees, and the opportunity to work part-time whilst you study.

With the Graduate Route visa, international students who have completed a degree can apply to stay and work in the UK for up to two years after their studies – a brilliant opportunity to benefit from the UK's diverse job market, kickstarting your career.

The UK higher education system

Undergraduate degrees

Undergraduate courses in the UK normally take 3 years to complete. Some programmes also offer an optional additional year to undertake a work placement or study abroad, usually between the second and third year.

UK undergraduate course types include:

- BA (Bachelor of Arts)
- BSc (Bachelor of Science)
- BEd (Bachelor of Education)
- BEng (Bachelor of Engineering)
- BMus (Bachelor of Music)
- LLB (Bachelor of Laws)
- MBBS/MBChB (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery)

UCAS lists over 50,000 undergraduate courses: www.ucas.com

Postgraduate degrees

Postgraduate taught degrees are usually Masters degrees, but there are also Diplomas and Certificates. These degrees are taken after students have completed their undergraduate degree. Postgraduate taught degrees normally take one year to complete. You can search for postgraduate taught courses using the FindAMasters website: www.findamasters.com

There are a range of research degrees, including PhDs, Masters by Research, and Doctorates. These vary in length and are typically studied after students have completed a postgraduate taught degree.



How to apply

Applications to UK universities are made online through UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). This platform allows you to apply for up to five courses (at the same or different universities) in one application, saving time.

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Check the entry requirements

- **Academic entry requirements:** Visit your university's website to check you meet your country's and your course entry requirements
 - **English language requirements:** International students are usually required to take a recognised English Language Test or provide other proof of English proficiency – for more information visit your university's website
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Apply on the UCAS website

Register for the UCAS Hub (**www.ucas.com**) and complete the registration questions. You can then start your application.

There are six sections to an application:

- Personal details
- Choices: Apply for up to five courses – choices are not ranked, and universities cannot see other applications
- Education: A list of all your current and pending qualifications
- Employment: Details of any full- or part-time paid employment
- Personal statement: A very important part of your application where you can show your motivation for applying (4000-character limit)
- Reference: Provide contact details for a referee (e.g. teacher or adviser) – your referee will receive an email from UCAS to submit your reference online

Application closing dates

- **29 January 2025:** Equal consideration closing date (or 15 October 2024 for Medicine) – all applications submitted by this date are considered equally by universities. You can still apply after this date until 30 June, however universities can close a course if it is fully subscribed. You are advised to apply as early as possible.
- **30 June 2025:** Applications are accepted until this date if spaces are available

For full details of application dates, visit the UCAS website: **www.ucas.com**

3 Accept your offer

Each university will review your application, you can track your offers in your UCAS account. You then need to accept or reject your offers in your UCAS account.

There are two types of offers:

- **Conditional offer:** You must meet certain conditions (for example, you are awaiting exam results)
- **Unconditional offer:** You have met all the entry requirements

There are two types of acceptances:

- **Firm choice:** This is your first choice
 - **Insurance choice:** If your firm acceptance is a conditional offer, you can choose an insurance choice as a back-up in case you don't meet the requirements of your firm choice
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4 Pay your tuition fee deposit

Some universities require a tuition fee deposit to secure your place, before your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) can be issued (see the next step). The deposit payment is deducted from the total cost of your tuition fees.

5 Receive your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)

Once you have accepted an unconditional offer and paid your tuition fee deposit, your university will provide you with a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS), which you will need for your visa application.

A CAS is an electronic document that confirms to UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) that you have been accepted to study at a valid UK university. It contains your CAS number and details about you and your course.

You can only obtain a CAS once you have an unconditional offer.


6 Apply for a Student visa

Applications are made on the UK Government website: www.gov.uk/student-visa

 *We provide free and confidential advice to University of Hull applicants on a range of study-related immigration queries to support you every step of the way.*

7 Apply for accommodation

Your university will send you details of their accommodation options, which you can usually apply for once you have received an offer to study. You can also research private accommodation options online.

 *The University of Hull has a range of modern, on-campus accommodation options. All our rooms are single-person with shared kitchens and social spaces.*

8 Arrange travel




Once you have received your Student visa, you can make arrangements to travel to the UK. You can travel to the UK from the start date shown on your visa, which is up to 28 days before your course begins.

9 Pay tuition fees

Most universities provide the option to pay your tuition fees in instalments. The first instalment is usually due when you enrol.



Top application tips

-  *Speak with your referee in advance about your UCAS application. Discuss your goals, chosen courses, and relevant achievements to help them tailor their reference and effectively support your application.*
-  *Check the UCAS website for tips on writing your personal statement. Your personal statement is a chance to get noticed for your unique talents and experiences. It's an important part of the application process as it's an opportunity to talk about yourself and your passions, outside of your grades.*
-  *Some schools, advisers, or agents are registered as UCAS centres, and can support you with your application. Speak with your school counsellor or visit your university's website to find details of approved agents in your country.*

Student visas

Most international students need a Student visa to study in the UK. You can check if you need a visa on the UK Government's website: **www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa**

You should also check with your country's governmental information to confirm if you need a Student visa.

There is a fee to apply for the Student visa. You will also have to pay a healthcare surcharge as part of your application, which allows you to access healthcare in the UK.

💡 *We offer dedicated immigration advice to University of Hull applicants within our International Engagement and Compliance Team to help make the process as easy as possible*

When to apply

You will need to apply for your Student visa within 6 months of receiving your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from your university, and no earlier than 6 months before the start of your course.

You can apply on the UK Government website: **www.gov.uk/student-visa**

What you need to apply

You will need your CAS and your passport. You may also need to provide other documentation – visit the UK Government website for details: **www.gov.uk/student-visa**

After you have applied

If your application is successful, you will receive an eVisa (an online record of your immigration status) from the UK Government. Your eVisa will state the earliest date you can travel to the UK, this is up to 28 days before the start of your course.

Healthcare in the UK

The UK's NHS (National Health Service) is one of the best healthcare systems in the world, offering both physical and mental healthcare services.

International students are eligible to use NHS services. Students are required to pay an Immigration Health Surcharge as part of the Student visa application which entitles students to access the NHS in the UK at no additional cost. This includes at the Doctor's surgery (known as General Practitioner or GP), A&E (accident and emergency), urgent treatment centres, or in a hospital.

You may need to pay for dental and optical treatment as well as medicine prescribed by the doctor and collected from a pharmacy.



About the University of Hull





Why choose the University of Hull?

The University of Hull has provided a supportive learning environment within its beautiful campus for nearly 100 years.

The University boasts a prestigious Gold rating in the Teaching Excellence Framework, for its outstanding teaching. Internationally renowned for its life-changing research, Hull's research in social justice, environmental sustainability and healthcare is globally impactful.

Hull students benefit from strong graduate career prospects, with 95% in work or further study within 15 months.*

*UK domicile full-time first degree leavers; Higher Education Graduate Outcomes statistics, for the academic year 2020/21, published by the Higher Education Statistics Agency June 2023.



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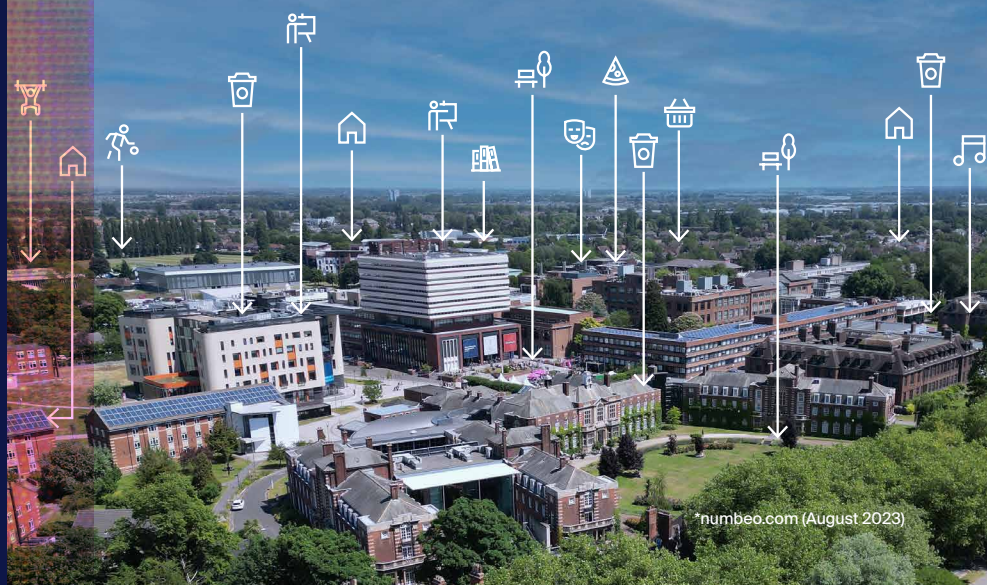
*One campus,
everything you need*

FROM YOUR ROOM TO YOUR
LECTURES IN UNDER A
10-MINUTE WALK

Our beautiful single-site campus is convenient and safe for students, with 24/7 security, and you can walk from your on-campus accommodation to your classes within minutes!

Everything you need is on our campus, including a 7-storey library, gym and sports centre, coffee shops (including Costa), a mini-supermarket, pub and even a nightclub. Unlike some universities where facilities are spread across a city, our campus brings everything together in one place. This means less time commuting and more time enjoying university life in a vibrant, close-knit community.

Our Students' Union offers over 100 societies, sports clubs and volunteering opportunities – whether you want to try something new, pursue a passion, compete in sports, or develop new skills, the clubs and societies provide fun experiences and are a fantastic way to meet new people.





The city of Hull

- Hull is a vibrant city in East Yorkshire, England, offering a
- blend of history, culture and enriching student life.

The city is famously the birthplace of William Wilberforce, a leader in the movement to abolish the slave trade, whose legacy is preserved at the Wilberforce House Museum. Hull is also a hub for arts and culture, hosting the annual Freedom Festival, Hull's award-winning international arts festival which is inspired by William Wilberforce's legacy. This unique festival fills the city with thought-provoking performances, music and exhibitions.

Music lovers will enjoy the Humber Street Sesh, a lively annual festival showcasing local talent from across the region. Students can also explore free museums such as the Ferens Art Gallery, which has impressive collections of contemporary and classical art.

With its friendly atmosphere, affordable living, variety of cultural events, and proximity to the beautiful Yorkshire countryside, Hull offers international students a unique and enriching place to study and live.

Hull is conveniently located and easily accessible by flights and trains, with direct train links to London (2.5 hours), Leeds and York (1 hour) and nearby airports in Humberside, Leeds and Manchester. Due to our central location and our excellent transport links, Hull is the perfect place to explore the rest of the UK.



By car

Humberside Airport – 30 mins

Leeds – 1 hour 10 mins

Lincoln – 1 hour 10 mins

Sheffield – 1 hour 15 mins

Nottingham – 1 hour 45 mins

Liverpool – 2 hours 30 mins



By train

Leeds – 55 mins

Manchester – 2 hours

Birmingham – 2 hours 30 mins

London – 2 hours 40 mins

Newcastle – 2 hours 30 mins

Edinburgh – 3 hours 45 mins



By plane

Amsterdam – 1 hour 10 mins



By ferry

Rotterdam – 12 hours overnight



Travel times based on Google Maps



Undergraduate degrees

At Hull, it's all about choice. Whether you want to combine two subjects, study abroad for a year, or gain hands-on experience as part of your degree, you'll find plenty of options here.

The University of Hull provides a diverse range of subjects across three faculties:

- Faculty of Arts, Cultures and Education / Business, Law and Politics
- Faculty of Science and Engineering
- Faculty of Health Sciences

Some of our most popular courses include Business Management, Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science, Education, Law, Politics, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Engineering, and much more!

For the full list of undergraduate courses, visit: www.hull.ac.uk/undergraduate

We also provide Medicine, through Hull York Medical School. You can find out more on the Hull York Medical School website: www.hyms.ac.uk

Student support

We're here to guide you towards achieving your academic, career, and personal aspirations. We support you from the moment you join us at the University of Hull through to even after you've graduated.

All our student services are in the Hubble Centre in the heart of our campus, as well as through our online student portal – so you can get support wherever you are in the world.

Our comprehensive support includes:



Supporting your academic success

- Personal academic supervisor for guidance and advice
- Study skills services including researching, writing, referencing, presenting, and ICT



Building your career readiness

- Lifelong career advice and support, from your first day at Hull to every step of your future
- Placements, internships, volunteering, career fairs, and study abroad opportunities



Nurturing your wellbeing

- Active Wellbeing Programme, 24/7 confidential helpline, and wellbeing app packed with podcasts, playlists and advice
- Our experts in mental health, disability, and learning differences offer tailored advice, guidance, and interventions



Financial advice


- Our financial support team provides advice on a wide range of money-related queries, and works closely with other support teams

Money and budgeting

Tuition fees

Undergraduate tuition fees at the University of Hull are £17,500 per year for arts courses and £20,000 per year for science courses for September 2025 entry. Please visit the University of Hull website for up-to-date information: www.hull.ac.uk



Living costs

 *Did you know? The UK can often be a more affordable study option for international students.*

Studying in the UK can be good value for money and the average costs are lower than in the USA and Australia.

Plus, Hull is the most affordable city in the UK,* meaning your money goes further, allowing you to focus on your studies and enjoy student life.

Average price of...

		London	Hull
	Monthly rent (one-bed city centre flat)	£2,113.79	£572.50
	Restaurant meal (budget)	£20	£10
	Monthly gym membership	£54.62	£26.36
	Cinema ticket	£15	£6.50
	Pint of lager in a pub	£6	£3.15

* numbeo.com (August 2023)

Scholarships

We offer a range of scholarships and fee waivers for international undergraduate students. Our scholarships change every year, please visit the University of Hull website for full details of our scholarships and studentships and how to apply: www.hull.ac.uk

Fairer Future Global Scholarship

The University of Hull has 10 scholarships offering a **50% tuition fee discount for three years of undergraduate study**.

This scholarship has been designed around the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. They are aimed at prospective students who seek a fairer future for all.

To be eligible, applicants need to have an offer of study for an undergraduate course at the University of Hull.

Studentships

This award is given as a **£2,000 tuition fee discount** against the cost of a full-time, undergraduate programme for each year of study from eligible countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East and North Africa.

Talented Athlete Programme

Each year, the University offers a **tailored financial offer** to high performing athletes. The scholarship also includes fitness centre membership, rehabilitation support, bespoke development support and more.



Working in the UK on a Student visa

Working in the UK can be a rewarding experience, and many international students at the University of Hull choose to take on part-time jobs, work placements, volunteering, or internships alongside their studies.

International students can work up to 20 hours per week during term time, depending on their course – you can check what hours you can work on your eVisa.

During the University's published holiday periods (Christmas and Easter), the restriction on the hours you can work does not apply, and you can work up to full-time hours during this period.

You can also work full-time after your programme end date (as confirmed on your student record) until your Student visa expires, provided you have no further requirements for your studies at the University.



Staying in the UK after graduation

After you have completed your degree, you can switch to a Graduate visa to stay in the UK for at least 2 years after successfully completing your course.

Find out more about the Graduate visa on the UK Government website at www.gov.uk/graduate-visa

Testimonials



"My future career goal is to become a barrister, and studying for my Law degree brings me one step closer to my end goal. The costs were competitive, and when paired with the expertise of the lecturers, the ongoing support, the location, and the security of studying at an internationally recognised institution, choosing the University of Hull was a no-brainer!"

Celinsong Berry, Canada
LLB Law

"Studying at Hull has been transformative! I've opened up so much and taken on important roles, like being a student ambassador and a course representative. Hull's welcoming and inclusive atmosphere has allowed me to thrive both academically and personally."

Mahinour Ahmed, Egypt
MEng Computer Science
(Software Engineering)



"The university's excellent industry connections and job placement programmes provided invaluable real-world experience. The city is vibrant yet affordable, and there is a diverse and welcoming student body. Studying at Hull has changed me for the better. I have learnt various skills that will help me in my future as I grow and learn every day."

Aryan Joshi, India
BA International Business



"I have met people from diverse backgrounds and gained a deeper understanding of different cultures. I have also discovered more about myself – how I want to be seen in the world, how to value my knowledge and skills, and how to express myself freely. Hull has not only transformed me but continues to do so, pushing me every day to become the best version of myself."

Eren Curtseit, Romania
MEng Computer Science

"Studying at the University of Hull has been a transformative experience, both academically and personally. It has helped me develop my independence, cultural awareness, academic and professional growth, communication skills, and resilience."

Halima Atanda, Nigeria
BSc Robotics and Artificial Intelligence with Industrial Placement



"I appreciate the global networking opportunities provided by such a diverse campus. Coming to Hull has been eye opening. The shorter undergraduate course length compared to the US was a big draw for me. The ability to start my career a year early is the professional boost I needed to set me apart from the competition."

Luke Russell, US
BSc Mathematics

"Studying at the University of Hull has helped me become more independent and step out of my comfort zone. Hull is such a wonderful city, known for its rich culture, affordability and friendliness. I can also easily travel to other cities due to Hull's great location and transport links."

Phuc Trong Nguyen, Vietnam
BA Business Management with Logistics and Supply Chain



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