

# Studying in the UK

The United Kingdom is one of the world's top destinations for higher studies. Studying in UK Universities offers international students a lot more than other English-speaking countries– a tradition of academic excellence over hundreds of years, a choice of prestigious institutions across the country, and a plethora of academic courses. The cost of education for an international student in the UK is often lower than in the USA and some other countries.

UK universities provide internationally recognized degrees, and offer more opportunities, with over 55,000 postgraduate- taught courses and research opportunities. Well- respected centers of learning such as Oxford and Cambridge attract the best and brightest, though there are many other universities that offer virtually equivalent standards of education. According to the British Council, international students in the UK are typically allowed to work up to 20 hours a week during the school term, and full-time when school is off-term. The UK has a multicultural society with a wide representation of racial, ethnic and religious diversity. Its melting pot of traditions and cultures attracts students from many countries.

## **Requirements**

Before you can study in the UK, you will need to make sure that your English language skills are up to a good standard. There are a number of ways that you can improve your proficiency in English, and you can choose what works best for you.

Testing is compulsory in at least one of the following:

Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Cambridge ESOL

Cambridge English exams are also accepted by most UK universities as proof of English competency.

### **Cost**

Tuition costs for study in UK institutions ranges from £7,000 to £29,000 a year.

Expenses such as accommodation, food, clothing, entertainment, and telephone bills will vary depending on the town you choose to live in. Studying in the UK on scholarship is a viable option for those wishing to work and study, if their visa status permits them to do so.

### **Duration**

Bachelor's Degrees take 3 years, while Master's Degrees take between 1 to 2 years. The 4 Year Sandwich programme offers a Master's for 1 year and a Ph.D. for 3 years. Although Sandwich programmes are becoming more popular, most degrees in the UK require a 3-year course.

When you consider the shorter time to obtain a degree, your costs will be significantly lower as compared to other countries that require 4 or even 5 years for a degree!

### **Intake month**

UK universities have two major academic intakes in a year. The Fall semester starts in September and offers most courses, and is more sought after than the Winter semester that starts in January.