



LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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An aerial photograph of London, showing the River Thames winding through the city. The skyline is filled with numerous buildings, including the prominent skyscrapers of the City of London. A large, semi-transparent purple and pink graphic overlay is positioned on the right side of the image, featuring several white diagonal lines. In the bottom left corner, there is a large, stylized number '01' in a pinkish-purple color.

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Life in the UK

CHOOSING YOUR UK EXPERIENCE

The UK offers a variety of student experiences:

- **London:** Fast-paced, multicultural city but higher living costs.
- **Southern England (Bristol, Exeter, Brighton):** Milder weather, creative and relaxed atmosphere.
- **Northern England (Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle):** Vibrant student life, friendly cities, lower living costs, cooler climate.
- **Scotland (Edinburgh, Glasgow), Wales (Cardiff, Swansea), Northern Ireland (QUB, Ulster):** Rich in history and natural beauty. Living costs vary.

Consider smaller campuses vs. large city universities.
Smaller cities are more community-focused, while London is more international but expensive.



ACCOMMODATION AND COST OF LIVING

- **Types of Accommodation:**
 - Halls of residence (first-year students, social atmosphere).
 - Private housing (shared flats or houses, more independence).
- **Costs Vary by City:** London is the most expensive; northern cities and Wales/Scotland are cheaper.
- **Utilities & Expenses:** Bills may not be included in private accommodation—budgeting is important.
- **UK Housing:** Central heating is essential; houses may feel colder than in Greece.
- **Timelines:** Depending on your location, you may need to secure housing early on, so check information from your university and be proactive.



FOOD, SHOPPING AND EVERYDAY LIFE

- **Supermarkets:** UK has a mix of budget (Aldi, Lidl) and premium (Waitrose, M&S) stores. Cities will also have a selection of international food shops.
- **Public Transport:** Buses are the main transport in most cities. Some cities, like London, have subways or undergrounds. Walking and cycling are common.
- **Shops Close Early:** Unlike Greece, most shops (except big supermarkets) close by 6-7 pm.
- **Independence & Self-Sufficiency:** Students often move out at 18 and manage their own cooking, cleaning, and budgeting.



STUDYING AND UNIVERSITY SUPPORT

- **Teaching Style:** More independent learning, with a mix of lectures, seminars, and assignments.
- **Assessment:** Essays, coursework, and exams: less emphasis on oral exams than in Greece.
- **University Support:** Mental health, academic writing, and career services available.
- **Work Opportunities:** Part-time jobs are common (up to 20 hours per week on a student visa).



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Choosing a University
 - What part of the UK appeals to you?
 - What type of University do you want to study in?
- Cost of Living
 - Average cost of living in your chosen locations.
 - Accommodation options for your chosen locations.
- Everyday Life
 - Find out the common transport options in your chosen location.
- Studying and support
 - What is the assessment structure for your chosen courses, do they suit your learning style?
 - Top tip: Access University support and careers services as soon as you can.





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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL & THE CITY





BIRMINGHAM



BRISTOL

LONDON

EXETER

WHERE IS
BRISTOL?



WE STAND OUT ON THE WORLD STAGE

54

**RANKED 54TH
IN THE WORLD**

QS World University
Rankings 2025

9

**RANKED 9TH
IN THE UK**

QS World University
Rankings 2025

26

**26 SUBJECTS IN THE
WORLD TOP 100**

QS World University
Rankings by Subject 2024

5

**5TH MOST TARGETED
BY TOP UK EMPLOYERS**

High Fliers Research 2024



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMMUNITY



**30,000
STUDENTS**



**140+
COUNTRIES**



**MORE THAN 32%
INTERNATIONAL**

GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK

More than

200,000
GRADUATES

Across

190
COUNTRIES



Events, opportunities, connections
and benefits for Bristol graduates

A comprehensive range of

SUBJECTS



ARTS



ENGINEERING



SCIENCE



**SOCIAL SCIENCES
AND LAW**



HEALTH SCIENCES



LIFE SCIENCES



OUR FACULTIES: SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

- School of **Chemistry**
- School of **Earth Sciences**
- School of **Geographical Sciences**
- School of **Mathematics**
- School of **Physics**
- School of **Civil, Aerospace, and Design Engineering**
- School of **Computer Science**
- School of **Electrical, Electronic and Mechanical Engineering**
- School of **Engineering Mathematics and Technology**

A photograph of two students in a laboratory setting. The student on the left is wearing safety goggles and a purple shirt, holding a white rectangular object. The student on the right is also wearing safety goggles and a white shirt, looking down at the object. The background shows laboratory equipment and a whiteboard. The image is partially covered by a purple geometric overlay in the bottom right corner.

*Developing the people, the ideas and
the technology to build a better world*

OUR FACULTIES: ARTS, LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- School of **Economics**
- School of **Education**
- School for **Policy Studies**
- School of **Sociology, Politics and International Studies**
- University of Bristol **Business School**
- University of Bristol **Law School**
- Centre for **Innovation and Entrepreneurship**
- Centre for **Academic Language and Development**
- School of **Arts**
- School of **Humanities**
- School of **Modern Languages**

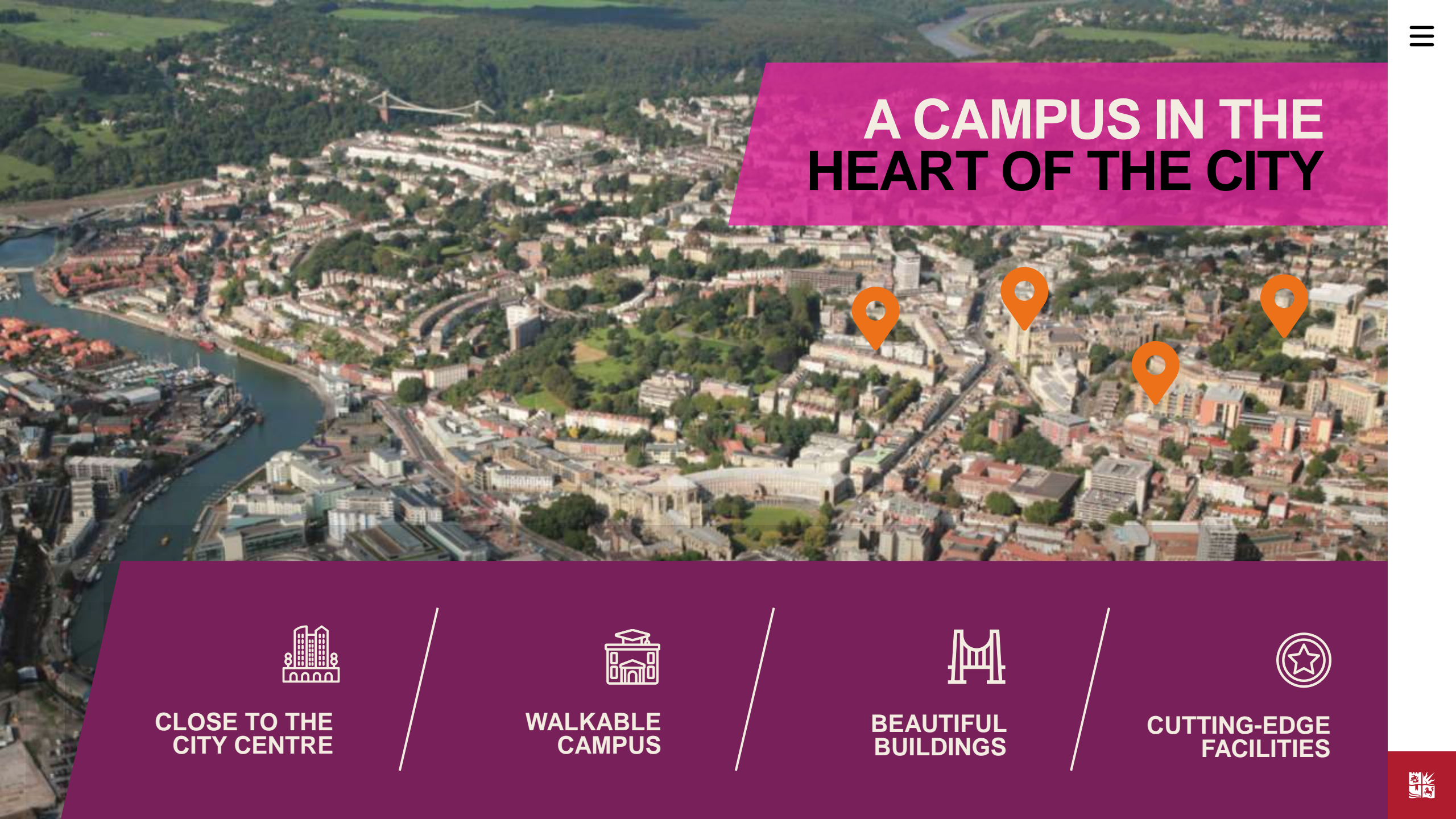
*Understand the past, interpret the
present and shape the future*

OUR FACULTIES: HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES

- School of **Biological Sciences**
- School of **Biochemistry**
- School of **Cellular and Molecular Medicine**
- School of **Physiology, Pharmacology and Neuroscience**
- School of **Psychological Science**
- Bristol **Dental School**
- Bristol **Medical School**
- Bristol **Veterinary School**
- School of **Anatomy**
- **Population Health Sciences**
- **Translational Health Sciences**
- **Health Professions Education**



*World-class research that directly
informs your education*



A CAMPUS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY



**CLOSE TO THE
CITY CENTRE**



**WALKABLE
CAMPUS**



**BEAUTIFUL
BUILDINGS**



**CUTTING-EDGE
FACILITIES**



BRISTOL LANDMARKS

HARBOURSIDE

A wide-angle photograph of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol, England. The bridge's massive stone towers and suspension cables are prominent, spanning a lush green valley. In the foreground, three young women are sitting on a grassy hill, looking towards the bridge. A low green hedge separates them from the bridge's base. Other visitors can be seen walking near the bridge. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds.

BRISTOL LANDMARKS

CLIFTON SUSPENSION BRIDGE



BRISTOL LANDMARKS

ROYAL YORK CRESCENT

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BRISTOL ACCOMMODATION & SUPPORT



Specialist international
**CAREERS
SERVICE**



Year-round **events**, careers
fairs and workshops



Careers support for
3 years after graduation



Industry links and
professional mentoring



Help to **set up**
your own business



Funding opportunities with

THINK BIG SCHOLARSHIPS



**Undergraduate and
postgraduate funding**



£6 million+
available for 2025



**Exclusive Think Big
Development
Programme**



A HOME AWAY FROM HOME



Range of
University
accommodation



24-hour security
and support



International accommodation
guarantee (subject to conditions)



STUDENT SUPPORT

Every step of the way



WELCOME PROGRAMME



PERSONAL TUTOR / SUPERVISOR



VISA ADVICE



WELLBEING SUPPORT



GLOBAL LOUNGE



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Social events and
cultural celebrations



Space to study, relax
and **meet new friends**



Welcome events for new
international students



A world of opportunities with
BRISTOL SU

350+
student clubs



**Sports and
fitness** for all



**Student networks
and communities**



**Country and
cultural societies**



**Volunteering
projects**





THANK YOU.
ANY QUESTIONS?

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