

# WELCOME TO THE UK!

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POSSIBLE YOU  
MADE POSSIBLE  
IN THE UK.**



# STUDY UK

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BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND  


# AGENDA

- Destination UK
- What is the UK Higher Education Sector valued for?
- Living in the UK (accommodation and finances)
- Changes from 1 January 2021
- Studying during Covid-19

# DESTINATION UK

# ABOUT THE UK



## The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Four countries – England, Scotland,  
Wales, and Northern Ireland.

### UK population

66.796 million (Switzerland: 8.6 million)

### UK size

244,820 km<sup>2</sup> (Switzerland: 41,285 km<sup>2</sup>)

### England population

56.287 million

### Scotland population

5.463 million

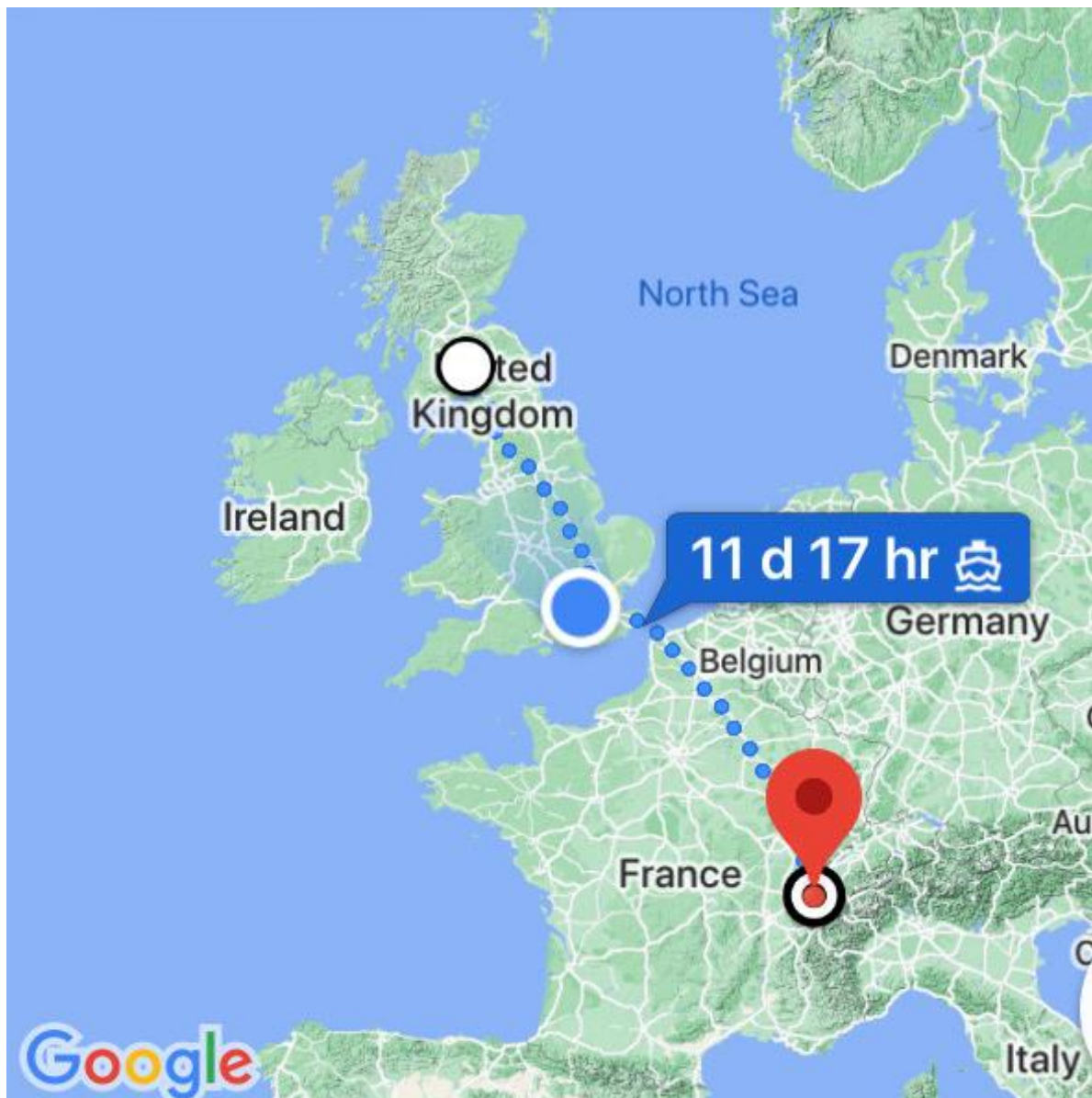
### Wales population

3.153 million

### Northern Ireland population

1.989 million





## Between 1hr 30mins and 2hrs 10 mins to Geneva from the UK

Several direct connections every week  
between UK airports (from £30 / 36  
Swiss Francs)

- Aberdeen, Belfast-International, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Bristol, Cardiff, Doncaster, East Midlands, Edinburgh, Exeter, Glasgow, Inverness, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Southampton





















# WHAT IS THE UK HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM VALUED FOR?

# BREADTH, DEPTH AND VARIETY

- Over 400 universities and higher education institutions to choose from.
- Over 50,000 course combinations
- Locations from busy cities, to pastoral countryside settings, to beautiful coastal towns.
- Choose from our universities, higher education colleges and specialist institutions (such as world-famous art schools and award-winning conservatoires).





# WORLD-CLASS TEACHING



## Excellence across the board

- Highest rated study abroad destination for quality of teaching and research (British Council research 2020)
- Teaching system about debate and thinking for yourself.
- Two of the world's top three universities
- A further 26 of our universities and colleges are among the world's 200 best institutions for learning

**'Suddenly it was not just thinking outside the box, but also up, down and to the side of it, and even which box we were talking about! Discussions and debates were an integral part of the learning process.'**

*Mariana Fulgueiras, 30, from Peru  
MSc in Urban Development Planning  
University College London (UCL)*

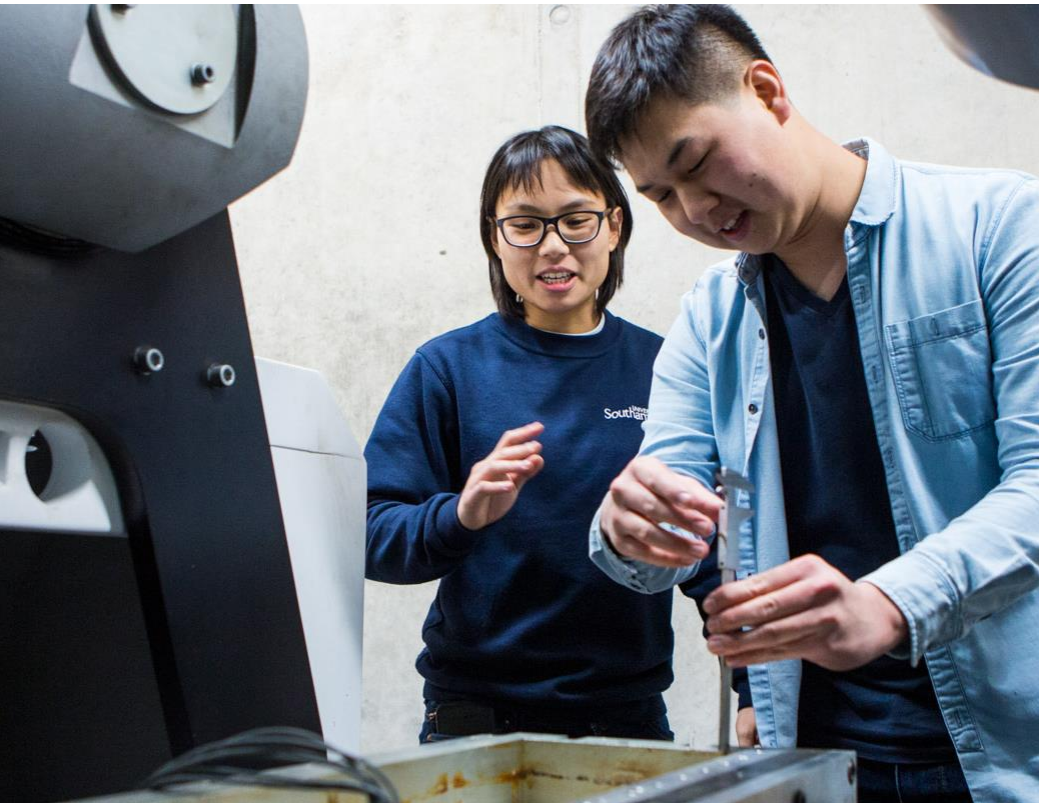
# AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

- 485,645 international students in 2018-19 (1 in 5).
- 10% of world's international students.
- 20% academic staff in the UK are from overseas.
- 90% international student satisfaction.
- **1055 Swiss undergraduate students** (2018-19)
- **2855 Swiss postgraduate students** (2018-19)





# STRONG LINKS WITH INDUSTRY



- The UK is a world leader in technological innovation.
- Many multinational companies are headquartered here: GlaxoSmithKline, Vodafone, Unilever, BP, Shell, Aviva.
- Our universities and institutions maintain strong links with these and many other industries.
- Industry-led learning approaches, practical work and courses that understand current practices and demands.
- With many UK courses, this means you can undertake an internship or a work placement while you study.

**‘It’s so practical and there are so many options for placements. Where I’m from, you can’t go into a research centre until you’ve already got the degree. In the UK it’s like “Why not join us for your scientific project?”’**

*Simran, 20, Malta*

*MEng Chemical Engineering, University of Bath*

# LEADING IN SCIENCE AND INNOVATION



## The UK is:

- one of the world's trusted and most innovative countries
- consistently at the forefront of science, culture, finance, politics and more
- the birthplace of many world-changing events, from the Industrial Revolution to the invention of the World Wide Web
- a small country which exerts enormous global influence
- ranked at #1 for the impact of its scientific research
- home to the Russell Group – universities renowned for world-leading research.



# CAREER PROSPECTS AND EXPERIENCE

- UK graduates are among the most employable in the entire world;
- majority of international students say they progressed more quickly in their career and earn more than their peers who studied elsewhere;
- graduate route: can work in the UK two years after studying



# LIVING IN THE UK



# ACCOMMODATION

- University accommodation (19% all UK students)
- Own room
- Catered / self-catered
- Common rooms, bars, gyms...
- International halls
- Mixed / single sex
- Rent paid separately to tuition fees
- Private halls – luxurious (but expensive!)
- Private / rented accommodation
- Homestays – check those registered with British Council



# COST OF LIVING

Studying in the UK is good value for money, and average living costs here are lower than in both the USA and Australia.

## You can expect to pay:

- £800 – £1,300 a month, to cover rent, bills, food and other living costs
- from £10 a month for a mobile phone contract
- around £2.44 for a cup of coffee, from a high street café
- Between £20-40 a month for a gym membership.

Costs differ depending on where you live in the UK.

London and other major cities are more expensive.

**£1 = 1.18 Swiss Francs**





# CHANGES FROM 1 JAN 2021

# CHANGES POST- JAN 2021



**Arrive in the UK before 1 January 2021**

No changes; apply for EU Settlement Scheme to stay longer than 30 June 2021 (if you want to remain in the UK beyond 30 June 2021 and keep 'home fee status' beyond this date)

**Arrive in the UK after 1 January 2021 and start your course before 31 July 2021**

Changes to immigration status, no changes to fee status

**Arrive in the UK after 1 January 2021 and start your course after 1 August 2021**

Changes to immigration status and fee status (for studies in England, Scotland and Wales)



# APPLYING FOR A UK VISA



EU / EEA / Swiss students will need to apply for a visa to come to the UK from 1 January 2021 for **> 6 months**

- Applications open 5 October 2020.
- Most people can apply via a smartphone app.
- Apply up to six months before course start (after your offer has been confirmed).
- Cost: £348 + Immigration Healthcare Surcharge (for full NHS access)
- Enables you to remain in the UK for up to two years after you have completed your studies (Graduate Route).
- If you're a UK national, from the Republic of Ireland, or you have successfully applied for the 'EU Settlement Scheme', you don't need a visa.
- <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/moving-uk/student-visas>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-points-based-immigration-system-eu-student-information>

# POINTS BASED SYSTEM (PBS): THE STUDENT ROUTE

## Study

CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies)

## Financial

The university will determine this

## English Language

The university will determine what English tests they will allow

IELTS is the main agreed qualification

Points type	Requirements to be met	Number of points
Study	Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) requirement Course requirement Approved Qualification requirement Level of Study requirement Place of Study requirement	50
Financial	Financial requirement	10
English language	English language requirement	10



# STUDYING DURING COVID- 19

# A SAFE ENVIRONMENT



All UK universities are working hard and following government guidance to be ready to welcome students in 2020.

Each of the four UK countries taking their own approach to reopening up the country after lockdown.

Information and guidance will vary across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Please visit:

**England** - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

**Scotland** - <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19>

**Wales** - <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

**Northern Ireland** - <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19>



# BLENDDED LEARNING AND STUDENT WELLBEING



- 97 per cent of universities preparing to deliver some in-person teaching this autumn term.
- Large audience teaching (lectures) will be delivered online, in cases supported by online discussions.
- Face-to-face study in small groups will be made safer through 'bubbles'.
- Courses with practical teaching sessions will be delivered in a safe way with physical distancing and personal protective equipment.
- Many UK institutions developing exciting and innovative examples of high-quality online learning
- A programme of mental health support for students during Covid-19 has been created by Student Minds, the UK's mental health charity for students.
- UK government provided Covid-19 guidance for cleaning of non-healthcare settings, covering student accommodation and other spaces within the community.

**For full information, check your university or institution's website.**

# STUDY UK EUROPE: 19 OCTOBER – 13 NOVEMBER

## Register now...

- Book private online meetings with more than 60 UK universities
  - 13 of top 20 universities in UK
  - Leading Scottish and Welsh universities
  - Russell Group universities
- Join presentations about UCAS, personal statements, visas, student finance and more
- Discover newly-released scholarships for EU students

Link to  
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