Bristol Law School

LLM Programmes

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Introduction from the Head of Bristol Law School

JAMES HOLLAND

The School is a dynamic community of staff and students which has established itself over a period of 35 years as one of the largest law schools in the United Kingdom, offering the widest and most comprehensive portfolio of programmes at undergraduate, academic postgraduate, professional qualification and post-qualification (CPD) stages. The School currently holds one of the highest research ratings for law in the ‘new’ university sector and has been rated as ‘excellent’ for its teaching quality by the Higher Education Funding Council for England - one of only nineteen law schools in the United Kingdom to receive such an accolade.

We have also consistently received, since 1993/94, the highest rating available for its Legal Practice Courses (previously excellent now commended in all six categories). Indeed, the School is the only law school in the United Kingdom to have received the ‘double first’ of excellence from both HEFCE and the Law Society (now Solicitor’s Regulation Authority).

The School possesses a vibrant research community with wide provision for postgraduate research by thesis supported by staff members of national and international repute. Research is co-ordinated by the Centre for Legal Research with Research Units in Commercial Law, Environmental Law, International Law and Human Rights, and Criminal Justice, providing the focal point for individual and collective research projects, which feed back into undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

Our student body is drawn from the four corners of the globe, which is a reflection of our international outlook and growing reputation as a centre for excellence in legal education. We offer our students an education that adopts the latest techniques in delivery and skills training, as well as up-to-date and forward thinking curricula which advance into new areas of law appropriate for the twenty-first century.

Our website will provide you with more detailed information about the wide range of activities within the School, as well as staff, student extra-curricula activities, research, international links and information on how to apply for our courses. I hope that you will find them of interest.

With best wishes to you
Introduction from the Director of Postgraduate Schemes

KATE DAWSON

The School offers a comprehensive range of law options unparalleled in most other law departments in the UK. Students may choose to study one of eight taught masters courses that cover a diverse range of legal disciplines and that cater for their individual learning needs. Through the different LLM award routes that are open to students we aspire to educate the next generation of leading practitioners, academics, public officials and employees of non-governmental organisations globally.

The LLM awards overlap with the areas of principal research interest in the School. The interplay between teaching and research is dynamic - the School has a thriving research culture and most members of staff who teach on the LLM Awards actively publish in leading academic law journals. Coupled with the School’s ‘excellent’ rating for its teaching delivery that it obtained from the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) in the UK, this means that students will participate in carefully planned, lively and highly informative seminars. Academic staff are dedicated, accessible and intellectually accomplished, placing a high degree of importance on their teaching.

Our commitment to excellence in postgraduate education is underpinned by the following:

Student Selection

We aim to recruit students who have demonstrated intellectual and academic excellence, from a variety of backgrounds across the world irrespective of whether they have a common law or civilian law background. Therefore there is a rigorous selection process administered by experienced admissions tutors. Admission requirements are detailed later in this brochure.

Academic Staff

The School places considerable emphasis upon the excellence of its teaching provision in enabling students to achieve their maximum potential in preparation for their eventual vocation. Furthermore, it also seeks to achieve the maturation and fulfilment of each student through intellectual enrichment, the acquisition of transferable legal skills and wider social engagement within the community.
Teaching and Learning Process
The teaching of postgraduate students in the Law School is distinctive in two important respects. First, students are taught in small seminar groups, ranging from four to a maximum of twenty people. The School prides itself on the close working relationship that is fostered between students and tutors as a consequence of these small seminar group sizes. Secondly, postgraduate students are taught separately from undergraduate students whereas in some universities in the UK final year undergraduates and postgraduates are taught together.

Physical and Academic Infrastructure
The University has invested heavily in buildings and related resources in recent years on its purpose-built campus. The School has a fully equipped ‘mock’ courtroom with audio and visual facilities, assessment studios and a dedicated pc room. The Bolland Law Library is regarded as one of the finest university law libraries in the south of England. It is the largest subject library at UWE, occupying almost an entire floor of the recently refurbished and extended University Library.
# LLM Award Routes

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Full details of each award and optional modules are contained in the following pages.

Please note that the School of Law reserves the right to withdraw LLM modules prior to the start of each semester, and cannot guarantee that all ‘elective’ modules listed will be offered in a given year.
Introduction

The underlying philosophy is to encourage and require that students develop the ability to critically analyse and evaluate the legal principles relating to relevant legal issues and, where appropriate, to consider the practical application of such principles. To this end the LLM Awards facilitate the development of the student’s academic skills of analysis, reflective study and critical reasoning. The teaching methodologies employed in the various modules are aimed at implementing this philosophy.

Teaching and Learning at Postgraduate Level

Teaching and learning on the taught postgraduate programme is centred on extensive independent research and discussion in the context of seminars facilitated by the tutors. The use of seminars on the LLM is intended to provide students with analytical and reflective skills and postgraduate level expertise. Class contact hours will generally involve six seminars of three hours duration, covering six separate topics for a single (20 credit) module. The programme aims to provide a learning experience that enables students to develop their academic ability through the undertaking of the assessments and the seminar-based study. This will encourage students to develop a critically reflective and research-oriented approach to the study of law.

By comparison with the amount of teaching on an LLB degree, the level of class contact on this programme is low. As a full-time student you may have no more than six to nine hours a week in class; as a part-timer that figure could average out to below three hours, depending on the route you are following. This should not disguise the fact that there is considerable preparation that has to be undertaken for those classes.

Tutors will have high expectations in terms of the volume of material covered for each seminar and the depth in which that material has been covered. Seminars are not a forum where tutors lecture the students – this will probably come as a culture shock to some students from overseas who are used to their education being delivered solely in lecture format. Students will be expected to have thoroughly prepared for each seminar and to actively participate in discussion with their tutors and peers in seminars.

Postgraduate legal education requires students to be autonomous learners – to work independently in mastering, evaluating and analysing rules of law; to critically reflect upon contemporary legal problems, suggesting solutions or alternative approaches; and to communicate complex legal arguments orally and in written form. Greater self-reliance, self-awareness and self-discipline than has been required during your education to date is necessary.
Seminar preparation will require, by way of example:

- general ‘mastery’ reading and research (this is a particular area where you should see a difference from undergraduate study - you will be expected to assimilate and respond critically to both a greater volume of material and often more complex material than in your previous academic experience)
- the completion of specific tasks/problems for discussion
- the preparation of papers for formal presentation

As a guideline, the programme is designed on the assumption that students are able to commit the following minimum hours to their course (including class contact and private study):

- Full-time: 36 hrs per week
- Part-time (fast): 18 hrs per week
- Part-time (slow): 12 hrs per week

**Education Aims of the LLM Scheme**

The postgraduate awards in law have been designed to require and encourage critical analysis of relevant legal issues. Both the breadth and depth of study undertaken and the demands of critical analysis and independent research make the undertaking of a specialised LLM qualitatively and quantitatively distinct from the undergraduate study of law.

Of particular importance to the law postgraduate scheme is independent research and analysis. To this end one of the six taught modules is given over to a ‘Research Methods’ module that provides the student both with the key skills of postgraduate study, and facilitates development of their own research strategies. Moreover, the requirement, in the dissertation, that the student produce a piece of written work which represents a contribution to the corpus of legal knowledge, in terms of the originality of the material considered, or of approach to the material, highlights the postgraduate nature of the programme.

In terms of the substantive law examined, the postgraduate scheme requires students to develop the ability to analyse critically relevant legal provisions and evaluate the impact of such rules and principles both upon the study of academic law and on the practical application of such principles. Consequently, the law postgraduate scheme facilitates the development of the student’s academic skills of analysis, reflective study and critical reasoning. The teaching methodology employed in each module ensures the implementation of this philosophy.
In summary, the scheme aims:

- to offer an academically coherent framework for the pursuit of advanced study in law;
- to offer Awards which are built on staff expertise, and which offer students academic interest and vocational relevance;
- to enable students to enhance and develop their knowledge of a specialised area of legal study;
- where appropriate, to enable students to look reflectively at their own professional practice;
- to require students to develop greater intellectual autonomy within a graduate learning community;
- to provide a core element of research training for all students, enabling them to act as independent researchers.

**Assessment**

Students are required to submit an essay (three to four thousand words in length) and undertake an oral examination (twenty minutes in duration) in each module. There is also the dissertation (fifteen thousand words) that is submitted at the end of the academic year.
LLM Structure

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**Part-Time**

For the part-time student, the law postgraduate programme intends to be flexible whilst maintaining the academic rigour of the programme. A part-time student will be required to complete the programme within two or three years, and may undertake as many modules as individual circumstances permit in any one year.

All part-time students must take Research Methods in the first semester in which they are enrolled on the programme (other restrictions are indicated by the use of ‘pre-requisite’ requirements on individual modules).

The likely progression for a part-time student will be as follows:

**Two Year Part-Time Route**

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**Three Year Part-Time Route**

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**UWE-Münster Referral Scheme**

For students admitted under the terms of the UWE-Münster referral scheme, and who, by virtue of their prior studies of the common law are exempted from two modules on the LLM, the following routes to an LLM are applicable:

- **Pathway One**: Students may study in Bristol for the whole academic year, and can study in one of two ways.
  1. They would study three modules in term one, plus one module in term two, plus the dissertation ie 3+1+D.
  2. Alternatively they would study 2+2+D.
“During my time at UWE I was able to experience the life of a British student first hand and to see how different it is from that of a German student. The classes were rather small, which allowed for a highly interactive approach with plenty of room for discussions. The faculty’s staff was always helpful and was trying to assist students in their research whenever they had any kind of question.

Moreover, UWE provides its students with world-class research resources, including an excellent library, computing and printing amenities. An outstanding sports centre, brand new accommodation facilities and a rich variety of social events complete the great experience of the post-graduate study at UWE.

Furthermore, Bristol’s night life and its unique internationality exceed all expectations. UWE’s funding opportunities have allowed me to upgrade my legal skills and to significantly improve my career opportunities. I am very grateful to UWE’s law faculty for providing me with the assistance to make my exciting experience possible.

Dimitri Slobodenjuk
Lord Templeman Scholar 2006/7
LLM European Business Law
Pathway Two: Students would only study in semester one in Bristol (September-December) and then return to Münster for semester two at the beginning of February each year after the first set of assessments. The pattern would be 3+1+D in all LLM Awards offered.

This pathway has the advantage of being split between UWE campus (semester 1) and Münster (semester 2). Students returning to Münster would be taught by lecturers from UWE Bristol who will visit during the Easter period and early summer (June) each year to teach the modules and conduct the assessments.

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LLM Structure

UWE - Vietnamese Universities Partnership Scheme

For students admitted on the Vietnamese Universities Partnership Scheme the pattern of study will be:

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In Semester 1 students will study Research Methods and two other modules at their home University in Vietnam. The modules studied in Vietnam will be selected based upon the LLM award that the student is enrolled upon and also by the Vietnamese University's preferences.

For example

LLM in International Trade Law in partnership with Ho Chi Minh City University of Law

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This partnership scheme has the advantage of being split between the home Vietnamese University (semester 1) and UWE campus (semester 2).

Students the have the option of taking their dissertation at UWE or returning to Vietnam to complete their studies.
"My exchange to the UWE in Bristol was a once in a lifetime opportunity which was the most memorable and amazing experience I have ever had.

The best part of my experience in the UWE was meeting some incredible people from all over the world who will remain lifelong friends. The exchange students I met were all really friendly and enthusiastic to make the most of all the great opportunities I was given. The professors, tutors, librarians in UWE are so amicable and hospitable. The library is more than excellent. Regardless of the fact that Ulink Bus is always late, I would definitely recommend you to UWE for an exchange, as it was such an amazing university to study and live in, and I will definitely return there for a law research degree."

Phuoc Nguyen
LLM International Trade 2007/08

“When I just arrived, the warm welcome of the University created a cosy feeling despite the chilly winter wind made me freezing on that date.

The support system is wonderful. UWE staff are very helpful, they’re friendly and always willing to help even more than you ask for. All lectures and tutors are great at guiding. They make significant contributions to your research. UWE library and resource system are fabulous for studying and researching purposes. Everything you need are just clicks, it will then take you to mountains of information, data and knowledge from the past to the present of all over the world. It’s the best system I’ve ever known.

The international environment at UWE will help you to experience the lifestyle and multi-cultural aspect of friendship coming from all parts of the world. Bristol is a nice and peaceful city where you can find smiling faces everywhere on the street. I really enjoy my time here. You can come and explore it by yourselves.”

Quyen Hoang
LLM International Trade 2007/08
LLM Award Specification

**LLM in Commercial Law**

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**Semester 1**

Two modules from:
- Contract Law in Comparative Perspectives
- EC Competition and Trade Law
- European Employment Contracts
- International Contracts

**Semester 2**

Three modules from:
- International Commercial Disputes
- International Financial Crime
- International Insolvency Law
- International Intellectual Property
- Information Technology Law

Those students on LLM in Commercial Law Award will work at the leading edge of scholarship in the area of commercial law. They will be expected to show a critical awareness and appropriate knowledge of the operation of judicial, legislative and administrative action in relevant domestic, European and International contexts.

Thus by studying commercial law subjects the successful candidate will develop a broad, contextual and critical understanding of law relevant to business which will particularly benefit any student wishing to go into commercial practice. Students must study research methods, in addition to 5 other optional modules and undertake a dissertation on the subject of their choice.
LLM in Criminal Justice

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Semester 2

Three modules from: Collective Security
Gender and Crime
International Criminal Law
International Financial Crime
Issues in Criminal Evidence

The Criminal Justice degree provides students with the opportunity to study key issues in the criminal justice processes and related law and practice. The award takes a socio-legal approach, to ensure that substantive legal provisions are understood in their social and political context. The study of criminal justice is informed by two external frameworks: human rights discourse (particularly as found in the European Convention on Human Rights - ‘incorporated’ by the Human Rights Act 1998); and the theoretical work of Herbert Packer, in particular his due process and crime control models.

Upon successful completion of the award, students will understand a variety of theoretical approaches to the study of criminal justice, and be able to make judgements concerning the ethical and value issues involved; they will enjoy a critical knowledge of the relevant law, practice and processes which is informed, as appropriate, by doctrinal and socio-legal research; finally, they will be able to make critical evaluation of relevant law and practice, and proposals for reform.
LLM in European Business Law

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Semester 2

Two modules from: International Financial Crime
                 International Intellectual Property
                 International Public Procurement Law
                 World Trade Organisation Law

The LLM in European Business Law examines the impact of European Union Law on the international, European and national business communities. As well as Research Methods, students in the first semester undertake the foundation module ‘Law of the European Institutions’, and consider the issue of ‘EC Competition and Trade’. In the second semester students undertake. European Internal Market and Liberalisation and may opt for two further modules from the list provided.

The Award is particularly designed for those students who are currently working, or wish to work, in a highly competitive business environment either in a European or non-European company, as in-house or independent business lawyers.
LLM in Industrial and Commercial Law

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Semester 1

Two modules from:
- Contract Law in Comparative Perspective
- International Contracts
- EC Competition and Trade

Semester 1

Three modules from:
- Information Technology Law
- International Commercial Disputes
- International Financial Crime
- International Insolvency Law
- International Intellectual Property

Those students on LLM in Industrial and Commercial Law Award will work at the leading edge of scholarship in the area of Commercial and Employment Law. They will be expected to show a critical awareness and appropriate knowledge of the operation of judicial, legislative and administrative action in relevant domestic, European and International contexts.

Those students undertaking this Award will examine the issue of legislative and common law regulation of the business enterprise. By examining both the requirements imposed by employment law, and certain commercial law issues, the successful candidate will develop a broad, contextual and critical understanding of the business enterprise.
After completing the BA (Hons) in Law I found myself becoming fascinated by financial crime law. With the realisation that money laundering and the proceeds of crime amounted to an estimated $3 trillion industry and argued by some to be the world’s third largest industry, I found the need to study the area extensively and the LLM was the perfect way to achieve that goal. However I found it important to study other legal subjects and so the Industrial and Commercial LLM was the ideal amalgamation of two related areas: employment and commercial law.

UWE offers students magnificent support, and the teaching goes far beyond anything I had experienced on undergraduate programmes. The LLM offers the ability to question and criticize legislation and legal theory.

The LLM program is ideal for anyone seeking a wider and more detailed academic legal understanding and for those wishes to enter commercial practice.

Leo Hodgson, LLM in Industrial and Commercial Law

Since my graduation in law, in 1996, I have dreamt about doing a LLM programme in International Law abroad. Twelve years later I could say that I am delighted to realize that dream, especially through the University of the West of England (UWE), where I had a great time as an international student.

While still an applicant I have received all the support from the LLM Programme Director and Programme Leader, who were extremely kind providing me with all necessary information about the course and its modules. During the one-year course the experience as a student was not different. All the professors were very professional and at the same time really helpful and friendly. The professor’s diverse background and nationality, and their particular insights and experience largely contributed for the excellence of the course, emphasizing its multicultural nature.

The LLM programme is innovative and includes interesting modules, such as Natural Resources Law and Globalisation, bringing into the debate actual, fundamental and global legal issues. The seminars encourage us to develop not only research skills but also to enlarge our presentation skills.

The UWE is a modern university and I am glad that I could rely on its excellent resources during the entire course. It’s functional and well-equipped library and classrooms, and its research facilities are a good example.

The university and the professors also encourage extra-curricular activities as a way to broaden the students’ view. And I can testify it by saying that this year our class had the unique and valuable opportunity to travel to Geneva and visit the World Trade Organization.

The LLM in International Law allows the student to examine aspects of the international legal regime. It provides, in addition to the Research Methods module, students with a foundation module: ‘International Law and Institutions’, which examines the key legal principles and rules which underpin the international legal system. In addition, students may elect to undertake modules from those listed below. The Award is designed for those students with an interest in international law, who wish to develop a contextual and critical understanding of key issues in the contemporary international legal regime.
LLM in International Economic Law

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**Semester 1**

Two modules from:
- International Contracts
- International Law and Institutions
- Globalisation

**Semester 2**

Two modules from:
- International Commercial Disputes
- International Financial Crime
- International Intellectual Property
- Natural Resources
- Shipping Law
- World Trade Organisation Law

‘International Economic Law’ is a discrete discipline within Public International Law, concerned with trade, investment and public procurement. Agreements such the International Convention on the Settlement of Investment Dispute (1967) and the Treaty establishing the World Trade Organisation (1994) have led to the emergence of an increasingly sophisticated system of trade and related rights. This system governs relations between states, and states and individuals, and is of growing relevance to students and academics globally.
At UWE we incorporate a variety of innovative teaching and learning methodologies including problem based; facilitated; and, situated learning.

Last April, students studying World Trade Organisation Law had the opportunity to travel to the World Trade Organisation in Geneva. During this 3 day visit the students were given presentations by the WTO staff and had the opportunity to ask questions not only about the law itself but also about working in the WTO, internships, etc. Moreover, the students could use the WTO library and bookshop and were allowed to sit through an inter-governmental meeting which happened to take place whilst we were there.

This trip not only gave an insight to the workings of the WTO but also made the study of WTO Law more interesting and stimulating. As most would agree it is one thing to read the law from books and another to see it in action. The quality of papers that the students produce and the 100% pass rate of students who are enrolled on the WTO Law Module are a testament that a learning activity as this can motivate students and improve the learning experience of both students and tutors.

**Umut Turksem**  
Award Leader, LLM International Economic Law
LLM in International Human Rights

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One module from: European Human Rights and Crime
               International Environmental Law

Semester 2

Three modules from: Collective Security
                  Gender and Crime
                  International Criminal Law
                  International Humanitarian Law
                  International Law and Children’s Rights
                  Natural Resources

Human rights law has never been a more important area of study for lawyers the world over. This postgraduate degree in International Human Rights law covers a wide range of international and comparative developments in human rights law. The course is taught by academics drawn from the Human Rights research unit in the School of Law. It enables students to study International Human Rights Law and specialise in areas of contemporary importance such as International Criminal Law and Collective Security.
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**Semester 2**

Three modules from:
- Information Technology Law
- International Commercial Disputes
- International Financial Crime
- International Intellectual Property
- International Public Procurement Law
- Natural Resources
- Shipping Law
- WTO Law

The volume of international trade has increased substantially during the post-war period, and most rapidly in the last decade. The involvement of law in this process is both significant and complex. Students of this named Award will study public international laws in the pursuit of trade liberalisation, which have resulted in the reduction of tariff and other barriers to trade; and private laws concerning international contracts.

"The only thing I can say about my LLM is that it was really useful in different ways. I improved my English, I got new legal knowledge that I apply in my job everyday, I met people from different countries and that provided me a better understanding of the world and new skills to treat them.

In addition, Bristol is a small wonderful city with a lot of fun and you can travel to a lot of places in Europe with Easyjet for less than 40 pounds (Booking with some time in advance of course). An experience I would recommend to a person who wanted work hard, have fun, travel and take advantage of a good university."

Daniel Jiménez, LLM International Trade Law
Research in the School

The School possesses a vibrant research community with staff members of national and international repute. Within the School, there are research units in Criminal Justice, Commercial law, Environmental Law (sponsored by Burgess Salmon solicitors), International Law, Human Rights Law and Legal Education. Recent publications by members of the School who teach LLM courses, include:


The Bristol Law School welcomes applications to the LLM scheme. In order to apply, applicants must complete the relevant parts of the University’s application form, and satisfy the relevant admissions criteria.

**Entrance requirements**
The School prefers candidates to have an upper second class honours degree in law (LLB (Hons)) or equivalent. Students with lower second class honours degrees will be considered. Non law graduates may be admitted if they have relevant work experience. Admissions tutors are advised by the University’s admissions department regarding the nature and quality of academic qualifications obtained by students from institutions abroad. This ensures there are equal opportunities for overseas students.

**English Language**
All students whose first language is not English must be able to provide recent evidence that their spoken and written command of the English language satisfies UWE’s English language proficiency requirements. This may take the form of substantial education (usually at least 12 months) or work experience (usually at least 18 months) conducted in English, no more than three years prior to the date of enrolment. Alternatively, applicants must provide an English language qualification recognised by UWE. This must have been awarded no more than three years prior to the date of enrolment. IELTS: an overall grade of 6.5 with a minimum 6 in listening, reading, writing and speaking. TOEFL: Paper-based: 600 plus 4.5 in the Test of Written English (TWE) Computer-based: 250 plus essay rating of 4.5.

**UWE-Münster Referral Scheme**
Prospective candidates should apply via Professor Thomas Lundmark (University of Münster).

**Application Deadlines**
In the year in which the applicant wishes to commence their studies applications must be received by the University by 31 August. As the various parts of your application must come from several sources, it is your responsibility to make certain that all required materials reach the University by the deadline.

**Fees**
The fee for the LLM is set annually and you should consult either the web-site (www.uwe.ac.uk/law/postgraduate and/or http://law.uwe.ac.uk/pg) or contact the School for details.

**Application Forms**
All applications must be completed on the standard University application form. The form can be obtained from the web-site or by e-mail/writing to: LLM Administrator, Bristol Law School, UWE, Bristol., Bristol. BS16 1QY. The United Kingdom. E-mail: LLM@uwe.ac.uk
Bristol’s prime position at the junction of the M4 and M5 motorways provides easy access to every part of the country. London, Birmingham, the Welsh hills and the Devon/Somerset coast are all easy to reach from Bristol.

The University’s Frenchay Campus is less than a mile from the motorway, and Bristol itself is the hub of an excellent network of public transport.

**Rail** - Bristol’s two intercity railway stations serve destinations throughout the country. You can be in London in 90 minutes, and in Birmingham just as quickly.

Rail travel times from Bristol to:

- Cardiff: 47 mins
- London: 1 hr 30 mins
- Birmingham: 1 hr 30 mins
- Southampton: 1 hr 54 mins
- Plymouth: 2 hrs 10 mins
- Nottingham: 2 hrs 50 mins

**Air** - Bristol International Airport at Lulsgate provides flights to destinations throughout the UK and Europe; and Heathrow is very conveniently reached by road or rail.

**Road** - Frequent coach services from the city centre take you economically and very quickly all over the country - you can be in London in around two hours.

**Distances from central Bristol by road**

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Local Transport

We work closely with local bus companies and the Students’ Union to provide the best possible public transport services to the Campuses. All new students are given information on bus routes, timetables and discount tickets, and the Student Accommodation Service aims to help students find accommodation near bus routes. Two new cycle paths have recently been constructed in north Bristol, with further paths in the planning stages, and more and more people are choosing to get on their bikes. Car parking is by permit on all Campuses.
Bristol

Bristol is a city that can be anything you want it to be; a place where you can relax, socialise, or develop new interests. There are historical buildings, areas of natural beauty, and a vibrant mix of cultural activities and events.

By the docks in Bristol you can eat, drink or read at waterfront cafés and bars, shop at outdoor craft stalls or simply watch the world go by. Two of the major attractions of this area are the Watershed Media Centre and the Arnolfini - both contemporary art and cinema complexes with an extensive and varied programme of mainly arthouse film and gallery and dance events.

Each year Bristol hosts the St Paul’s festival, a celebration of black music and culture, the Hotwells Carnival, a smaller event of parades and streetside entertainment, and the Bristol Community Music Festival - a two-day event of folk, jazz, classical and pop music and dance, with appearances from well-known bands.

Bristol is a city for those who love the arts - there is cinema for all tastes, with large multiplexes as well as the independent Arts Centre Cinema in King’s Square. Theatres range from the historic Theatre Royal Bristol (Old Vic) to smaller theatres such as the QEH, Redgrave and New Vic and more informal pub theatre. West-End musicals and pantomimes take place at The Hippodrome, also an important venue for opera and ballet.

The Bristol sound - If music is your thing, you will be spoilt for choice. An exciting range of bands and musicians is to be found in local venues. Portishead, Tricky and Massive Attack all started out here: who knows what other talent is waiting to emerge.
After dark - Bristol is famous for its nightlife and dance music. Student nights at Bristol’s many clubs guarantee you a great atmosphere and great company at prices that won’t tax the overdraft.

The international dimension - Bristol is a cosmopolitan city, with numerous live arts activities from around the world. Food shops and restaurants also reflect the different communities living locally: there are Chinese supermarkets, halal butchers, and specialist shops selling food from West Africa, the Caribbean, Greece, Italy and the Indian sub-continent.

The Bristol International Students Centre organises a full programme of social events for international students. Check out their website at www.bisc.org.uk

Find more information on Bristol at:  
www.venue.co.uk  
www.bristol.digitalcity.org  
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