

## UNITED KINGDOM

### HOST UNIVERSITIES

#### Bradford

- Bradford is located about 200 miles north of London.
- Bradford is one of the ten largest cities in Britain (pop. 450,000), but it is still compact enough to be easily manageable and is also set among some of the most spectacular countryside in England.
- The University of Bradford has a student population of approximately 7,000.
- See [www.bradford.gov.uk](http://www.bradford.gov.uk)

#### Bristol

- Bristol is located 116 miles west of London on the Bristol Channel.
- A port city, Bristol is the largest city in the south west of England with a population of nearly 500,000.
- The University of Bristol is one of Britain's great traditional universities (with academic rankings similar to those of better known Oxford and Cambridge) with a student population of 12,000.
- See [www.about-bristol.co.uk](http://www.about-bristol.co.uk)

#### Hull

- About 170 miles north of London, Hull is situated in northeast England on the Humber Estuary, the busiest shipping region in the UK.
- Hull has a remarkably spacious and easy-paced feel and manages to maintain the civilities of a country town, while offering the amenities that one would expect from England's 10th-largest city: shopping malls, restaurants, cafés, theatres, concert halls, clubs, pubs, museums, etc.
- The University of Hull has a student body of approximately 13,500.
- See [www.hullcc.gov.uk](http://www.hullcc.gov.uk)

#### Kingston

- Kingston University is located in Kingston upon Thames, 12 miles southwest of London.
- Kingston is a popular suburb of London, which can be reached by train in about 20 minutes.
- Kingston University has a student body of about 13,500 and hosts international students from 90 different countries every year, representing 10 percent of the student population.
- See [www.kingston.gov.uk](http://www.kingston.gov.uk)

#### Sheffield

- Located in central England about 160 miles north of London, Sheffield is England's 5th largest city but still maintains fame for being England's greenest city, surrounded by natural wonders, including the Sherwood Forest (of Robin Hood fame).
- The University of Sheffield enrolls close to 22,000 students.
- See [www.sheffieldcity.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldcity.co.uk)

#### Swansea (Wales)

- Often described as, "the best located university in Britain," Swansea University is situated on acres of parkland and is only two minutes walk to a three-mile stretch of sandy beach.
- Swansea is Wales' second largest city with a population of about 200,000. It is an important commercial center and a growing tourist destination.
- Swansea University enrolls approximately 10,500 students.
- See [www.swansea.gov.uk](http://www.swansea.gov.uk)

**WORLD WIDE WEB**

Bradford	<a href="http://www.bradford.ac.uk/external/">http://www.bradford.ac.uk/external/</a>
Bristol	<a href="http://www.bris.ac.uk/">http://www.bris.ac.uk/</a>
Hull	<a href="http://www.hull.ac.uk/">http://www.hull.ac.uk/</a>
Kingston	<a href="http://www.kingston.ac.uk/">http://www.kingston.ac.uk/</a>
Sheffield	<a href="http://www.shef.ac.uk/international/">http://www.shef.ac.uk/international/</a>
Swansea	<a href="http://www.swansea.ac.uk/sao/">http://www.swansea.ac.uk/sao/</a>

**SUBJECTS AVAILABLE**

Archaeology, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Classics, Criminal Justice, Drama, Economics, Engineering and Computer Science, Geography, History, Literature, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Theology. *OTHER ACADEMIC FIELDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS ISSUE, CONTACT OIP BEFORE THE STUDENT COMPLETES AN APPLICATION.* Students should not expect to be able to take courses in several different departments to meet GE requirements, for example. This will not be possible.

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

In Britain, students concentrate their studies in one field. Likewise, IP students are assigned to a specific department at their host universities and are expected to concentrate their studies in the single area.

Students must be aware that the OIP makes university campus assignments based on academic and administrative considerations. Students may state a preference of assignment (in the Statement of Purpose) , but must be willing to accept the assignments made by OIP.

The UK program is an academically challenging program requiring substantial preparation and good writing skills regardless of program. Most students with adequate background will be seniors during their year overseas, and juniors may wish to defer their applications.

Students should try to complete all required and recommended courses before departure.

Course descriptions are available on the IP website ([www.calstate.edu/ip](http://www.calstate.edu/ip)) in the IP Bulletin. Students are advised to maintain flexibility in their program planning.

Undergraduate students are required to carry a minimum academic courseload of 15 units per term and a total of 30 semester/45 quarter units for the academic year.

Graduate students are not eligible.

**ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION**

Once IP students have been selected and their selections have been confirmed by the host institutions in the UK, they will each receive a welcome letter containing specific information about arrival, orientation, housing, and other such matters. All IP students are required to attend the orientation program provided by their host institution. Each orientation is slightly different, some are one-day programs, others are five-day programs, but all acquaint students with the university and the local community. Some of the host universities post information about orientation on their website. Oftentimes, students are instructed to fly into London and take a bus or train to the university. These kinds of details will be provided in the welcome letter the student receives.

**CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT**

IP students can join the student unions, which offer a variety of recreational services to students, and will help them get to know the local students. They may also want to join an "interest group."

The British are somewhat more reserved than Americans are, so students shouldn't be too pushy in their attempt to make friends. The Brits are some of the nicest people you will meet, but you may have to make the first move because of their reserved nature.

Don't make the mistake of thinking that just because the language is the same that the culture is the same. It's not.

There are many different British accents, but after awhile you don't notice them as much and American accents begin to sound funny. Some accents are difficult to understand sometimes, namely Scottish and Irish.

Students should read up on American current events. Most Europeans are aware of the current news here, and students may feel embarrassed if they can't participate in conversations about the US intelligently.

### **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

There is no CSU Resident Director in the UK. Instead, IP students work directly with the exchange program offices at the host universities. Students will receive a welcome packet from their host university announcing the orientation program and giving them instructions about housing, registration, arrival, and other such matters.

Students may express a preference in their application for one of the host universities, but must accept placement at any of the universities to which they may be assigned by OIP.

The weather is very unpredictable; it can change from hour to hour. From November through February, the weather gets colder and colder. It rains a lot. However, the rain tends to be more of a mist accompanied by wind.

All applicants should apply for a passport at the same time they apply to the IP Program.

**Entry Clearance** - Students studying in the UK on the IP program are required to obtain an Entry Clearance prior to departure. Students are advised to apply eight weeks prior to departure. Instructions about how to apply online for the Entry Clearance will be included in the IP Participant Guide.

### **HOUSING**

Once IP students have been selected and their selections have been confirmed by the host institutions in the UK, they will each receive a welcome letter containing specific information about arrival, orientation, housing, and other such matters. Some of the host universities post information about accommodations on their website. IP students may choose between self-catering flats or houses and rooms in residence halls with or without meals. Students will make their housing arrangements before they leave.

### **CALENDAR (APPROXIMATE DATES)**

Application deadline	February 1
Notification of acceptance	Early April
Program Start	Mid to Late September
Program End	Mid June