

# STUDYING & LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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consists of England, Wales, Scotland (which together make up Great Britain) and Northern Ireland. UK degrees have a global reputation for quality and employers worldwide recognise a UK degree as a sign of high academic standards.

- The 2013/14 QS World University Rankings found that **employers worldwide consider UK graduates among the most 'employable'**. From a global survey of 27,000 graduate employers, **five UK universities were ranked in the top 10**.
- According to the Tracking International Graduate Outcomes study (BIS, 2011), UK-educated international graduates achieve markedly **higher average salaries** than if they had been educated at home.
- One of the reasons employers value UK qualifications is the **focus on skills for the workplace**. The UK ranks second in the world for university-industry collaboration (Annual Innovation Report, BIS, 2012).
- The UK is a **multicultural society**, and UK campuses are international communities. By studying in the UK you'll gain an **international perspective**, learn about **new cultures** and socialise with **students and teachers from around the world** – valuable experience for a career in an international company.

Each year, thousands of international students successfully gain a visa to study in the United Kingdom. **The UK government welcomes international students**, and there is no limit on the number of student visas that can be issued.

UK immigration and visas are managed by the UK government. Please check [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration) for more information.



## Living in the United Kingdom

Living costs and tuition fees do vary greatly across the UK. Before you enrol in a course, it is recommended that you contact your chosen school, college or university for full details. It's best to ask exactly what is included in their fees, and if there are any additional costs to consider.

The British Council runs 'pre-departure briefings' in many countries for students who are planning to study in the UK. At these events, British Council

staff give you advice about what to pack, travelling to the UK, settling in and much more. For further details on these briefings, visit [www.educationuk.org](http://www.educationuk.org). Your chosen UK school, college or university may also run pre-departure briefings in selected cities around the world. Education UK and the British Council also organise regular events where you can meet face-to-face with representatives from UK schools, colleges and universities.



## Exploring the United Kingdom

Stonehenge

Studying in the UK is a chance to discover unique culture, in the cities and in the countryside. Across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, there's so much to do and see. It is very easy to travel around the UK, by car, public transport, or even by plane, and it is also a convenient base from which you can explore Europe. The UK countryside is truly beautiful, with snow-topped mountains, rolling green hills, colourful floral gardens and ancient forests. There are many cultural festivals and events throughout the year, and music is a national obsession with hundreds of live gigs very day! If you are a history lover, you are never far from an ancient castle, grand country house, world famous museum or breath-taking art gallery. Travelling through the UK has something to offer for everyone who dreams of a memorable international experience.

### Useful sites:

**Studying and living in the UK:**

[www.educationuk.org](http://www.educationuk.org)

**UK Visas and immigration website:**

[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration)

**Exploring the UK:**

[www.visitbritain.com](http://www.visitbritain.com)