

INTERNATIONAL AND EU STUDENT ORIENTATION September 2023



Welcome!

The Orientation Programme below will help you settle into your surroundings, and make the most of your time at UWE Bristol. The highlighted events provide opportunities to meet your international peers and connect with other students as well as introduce you to life at the University and the UK.

To book your place at any of the orientation events, you must sign up:

Events hosted by the University:

go.uwe.ac.uk/orientation

Events hosted by The Students' Union:

welcome.thestudentsunion.co.uk/events

The Global Lounge is open daily from **Monday to Friday**, between **10:00 to 15:00** (UK time). This is a space where the Global Student Support team and Student Ambassadors will be available to help you with any enquiries. We provide guidance on finding accommodation, we also help with returning to campus queries and help you to navigate your way around UWE systems as well as signposting you to other support services available to you.

Come and visit us in the Global Lounge located in **P Block, Room 2P4 on Frenchay Campus** - see location on our room finder **here**.

Orientation Programme

For students starting in September 2023, we recommend you attend as many activities to get the best possible welcome to the university and to be prepared for life in the UK.

Monday 11 September to Sunday 17 September 2023

***Registration and Welcome** is open on **Thursday 14 September to Saturday 16 September** from **10:00 to 16:00**. Come along and find out everything you need to know about registration whether you're a new or returning student, this is a perfect opportunity to speak to other UWE support services. We are all here to help you make the most of your university experience.

Get involved uwe.ac.uk/life/preparing-and-arrival/registration

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| Bristol City Centre Tour | | |
| The UWE Global Centre are excited to take you on a fabulous sightseeing trip around Bristol! Join us to get to know Bristol City Centre with new friends on an informative and interactive walking tour led by a professional tour guide. From the famous street art and culture, to discovering some of the amazing history of Bristol. | Saturday 16 September 11:00–12:30 (Repeated Saturday 23 September, 11:00–12:30) | Outside P Block by the bench on Frenchay at 10:00 OR Ka Fei coffee hub (Blue shipping container) in City Centre at 10:45 |

Starting Block Week One:

Monday 18 September to Sunday 24 September 2023

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
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| Food Shopping Trip | | |
| <p>Join us on a trip to the local supermarket so you can start stocking up on food and other essential items to help you settle into your new home!</p> <p>Asda is one of the UK's largest and best value supermarket chains where you will be able to buy anything from food to bedding, pots and pans, stationery, clothes and much more!</p> <p>There will also be a chance to check out other available shops surrounding Frenchay Campus.</p> | <p>Monday 18 September 14:00–16:00</p> | <p>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</p> |
| Global Coffee Morning | | |
| <p>A morning welcome from the Global Student Support team who are here to provide you with all the support and guidance to help you to settle into student life at UWE Bristol!</p> <p>Meet our Healthcare professionals, Student's Union Advice, UWE Police Services, Library, HSBC and Lloyds bank and more, who will be here to help you with questions on topics such as registering with a doctor, accessing emergency treatment, finding private accommodation, keeping safe as an International Student, English Language support, and how to get involved in the community!</p> <p>Join us for a free hot drink and pastries.</p> | <p>Tuesday 19 September 09:00–10:00</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Thursday 21 September 09:00–10:00</p> | <p>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay</p> |

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| Visas, Graduate Work and International Student Support | | |
| <p>Join the Global Centre for an overview on the most important things you need to be aware of with regards to your student visa, working in the UK and how to access international and EU student support and guidance throughout your course.</p> <p>This session will be run by members of our Global Student Support, Immigration Advice and Global Employability teams, with the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about being an international student in the UK.</p> | <p>Tuesday 19 September 11:00–12:00</p> | <p>Room TBC, Frenchay</p> |
| Glenside Freshers' Fair | | |
| <p>Glenside Campus is showcasing the very best of what the campus has to offer.</p> <p>Say hello to student-friendly organisations, sign up to societies, see what our sports clubs have to offer and bag yourself some freebies along the way!</p> <p>As well as a whole host of stalls specifically tailored to healthcare students, our Fair also features activities to kickstart your academic year in style.</p> <p>Relax whilst enjoying live music, you will also be able to get a massage and play garden games in our Chill Out Zone as well as claim a free ice cream!</p> <p>Come and say hello to the Global Student Support team while you are there!</p> | <p>Tuesday 19 September 11:00–15:00</p> | <p>Glenside Playing Field, Glenside campus</p> |

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| Boat trip with cream tea | | |
| <p>Join us for a mini cruise down the beautiful River Avon from Bristol Harbourside. This is a great way to see some of the amazing Bristol sights and get to know your peers more.</p> <p>This tour gives you a chance to explore Bristol's iconic graffiti art and vibrant creative culture! All whilst enjoying delicious cream tea.</p> | <p>Tuesday 19 September 18:00–19:00</p> | <p>Book your place: Online store</p> |
| Maximising your grades: A Cultural Conversation | | |
| <p>This is an event not to missed to help you settle into your studies at UWE Bristol.</p> <p>This session will help you to find out a little more about how to maximise your grades as well as other academic support, whilst navigating your way around your new learning environment. The session will cover many academic aspects as well as providing information on how your assessments will be marked.</p> | <p>Wednesday 20 September 10:00–11:30</p> | <p>Room TBC, Frenchay Campus</p> |
| Global BBQ Party | | |
| <p>Welcome to the UK! What better way to celebrate your arrival than with a BBQ party! This is a great opportunity to discover what we have to offer international and European students and start making connections with people from around the world.</p> <p>Be sure to come nice and early so you do not miss out on the free food!</p> | <p>Thursday 21 September 16:00–18:00</p> | <p>Book your place: Online store</p> |

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| Navigating the accommodation maze | | |
| <p>Are you searching for private accommodation in Bristol?</p> <p>Yes! We know it's tough, why not attend this drop-in session to find out what online websites/social platforms we know students have success with. We will guide you and provide you with the relevant tools so you know what to look out for. We will also provide information what Guarantor schemes are available to you.</p> <p>Please note: we are unable to find you accommodation for you, however we are able to put you on the right track.</p> | <p>Friday 22 September 10:00–11:30</p> | <p>Room TBC, Frenchay Campus</p> |
| Introduction to common learning issues | | |
| <p>Come along to an engaging and informative workshop on some of the common learning issues that students face and strategies on how to work around these. The session will include activities, open discussions, and lots of helpful information!</p> | <p>Friday 22 September 12:00–13:00</p> | <p>Room TBC, Frenchay Campus</p> |
| Bristol City Centre Tour | | |
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| Bristol Museum Trip | | |
| <p>Experience the wonderful, diverse, and vibrant city of Bristol and explore its historical collections of art, nature, and outstanding history some magnificent buildings.</p> <p>Join us for a walk around the Arnolfini and MShed.</p> | <p>Sunday 24 September 11:00–13:00</p> | <p>Outside the main entrance to the Arnolfini</p> |

Starting Block Week Two:

Monday 25 September to Sunday 1 October 2023

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
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| Global Coffee Morning | | |
| <p>A morning welcome from the Global Student Support team who are here to provide you with all the support and guidance to help you to settle into student life at UWE Bristol!</p> <p>Meet our Healthcare professionals, Student's Union Advice, UWE Police Services, Library, HSBC and Lloyds bank and more, who will be here to help you with questions on topics such as registering with a doctor, accessing emergency treatment, finding private accommodation, keeping safe as an International Student, English Language support, and how to get involved in the community!</p> <p>Join us for a free hot drink and pastries.</p> | <p>Tuesday 26 September 09:00–10:00 OR Thursday 28 September 09:00–10:00</p> | <p>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay</p> |

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| Visas, Graduate Work and International Student Support | | |
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| Global Café: Meet your Global Buddies with Afternoon Tea | | |
| <p>Come and meet our Global Buddies and find out about their personal experiences as an international student studying at UWE Bristol!</p> <p>This is a great chance to meet new friends from all around the world.</p> <p>You will also enjoy a traditional British cream tea during this session.</p> | <p>Tuesday 26 September 13:00–14:00</p> | <p>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</p> |
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| UWE Freshers' Fair | | |
| Join in and find out about everything that the Students' Union, sport clubs, societies, the University and Bristol itself has to offer. With over 200 stalls there are plenty of things to do, people to meet and freebies to get! Our events and activities are for everyone: whether you are fresh out of school, coming to us as a mature student, or returning for your second or third year. All are welcome! | Wednesday 27 September 11:00–16:00 (Repeated Thursday 28 September 11:00–16:00) | Just turn up! The Students' Union at UWE |
| Intercultural Workshop | | |
| Join us for an interactive workshop where we will explore how our own culture may influence how we view the world and how this understanding may help us better understand each other. | Wednesday 27 September 14:00–15:30 | Room TBC, Frenchay Campus |

Teaching term commences:

Monday 2 October to Sunday 8 October 2023

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
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| City Campus Welcome Fair | | |
| Join us at Bower Ashton where you can find out about all things City Campus with stalls from societies, The Students' Union services, UWE Bristol services and local businesses. Showcasing the very best of what your campus has to offer, the Bower Ashton Welcome Fair is your go-to for everything you need to know about life as a City Campus student. Meet our sports clubs, societies and support services, network with Bristol-based creatives and fill up a bag with freebies along the way. | Tuesday 3 October 11:00–15:00 | At Bower Ashton Campus |

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| Introduction to common learning issues | | |
| <p>Come along to an engaging and informative workshop on some of the common learning issues that students face and strategies on how to work around these. The session will include activities, open discussions, and lots of helpful information!</p> | <p>Wednesday 4 October 13:00–14:00</p> | <p>Room TBC, Frenchay Campus</p> |
| Global café: Secrets to successful studying at UWE Bristol | | |
| <p>Come to our global cafe to look for ways to increase your employability skills and get relevant information about working whilst on a Tier 4 student visa.</p> <p>This is a chance to get inspired about your future and find out about the job opportunities available to you! You will also get the opportunity to meet some of UWE's most successful Global Buddies, PAL leaders, Alumni and hear about their experience whilst studying at UWE Bristol and the career journeys that they followed.</p> | <p>Thursday 5 October 14:30–15:30</p> | <p>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay</p> |
| Bristol Street Food Tour | | |
| <p>Love a cheeky bit of street food or a delicious snack? Then come and join us to explore a Bristol Food Tour that will take you on a mouth-watering journey through one of the UK's best foodie cities!</p> | <p>Saturday 7 October 12:00–14:00</p> | <p>Book your place: Online store</p> |

Teaching Block:

Monday 9 October to Sunday 15 October 2023

| Event / Description | Date/ Time | Location |
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| Got a question, Ask us anything | | |
| Just arrived in Bristol? The Global Student Support team will be available to provide you with all the support and guidance you may need to settle into student life at UWE Bristol! | Tuesday 10 October 12:00–14:00 | Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay |
| Conversation club | | |
| Come along for a fantastic opportunity to meet new people and have informal chats to practise your English in a relaxed atmosphere! | Wednesday 11 October 13:00–14:00 | Room TBC, Frenchay Campus |
| Global Café: Making friends and connections | | |
| Get to know awesome people from around the world. This is an opportunity to connect with new people and make friends from different cultures! We look forward to seeing you at this event! | Thursday 12 October 14:30–15:30 | Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay |