

INTERNATIONAL AND EU STUDENT ORIENTATION September 2024



Welcome!

Welcome! The events highlighted below will help you settle into your surroundings and make the most of your time here at UWE Bristol. The social 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 visit the Global Lounge located in **P Block, Room 2P4 on Frenchay Campus** - see location on our room finder **here**.

For students starting in September 2024, 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.

Orientation Programme

Monday 9 September 2024 to Sunday 13 September 2024

***Welcome Weekend** is open on **Thursday 12 September to Saturday 14 September** from **10:00 to 16:00** at **The Space** in **room 2D11**. 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

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
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>Friday 13 September 11:00–13:00</p>	<p>Meet us: Outside P Block by the bench on Frenchay</p>
Bristol City Centre Tour		
<p>The UWE Global Student Support Team are excited to take you on a fabulous sightseeing trip around Bristol!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>(Look out for the Bristol Street Art Tour on Saturday 28 September, 11:00–12:30)</p>	<p>Saturday 14 September 11:00–12:30</p>	<p>Outside P Block by the bench on Frenchay at 10:00</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Ka Fei coffee hub (Blue shipping container) in City Centre at 10:45</p>

Starting Block Week One:

Monday 16 September 2024 to Sunday 22 September 2024

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
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 you need to help you to settle into student life at UWE Bristol!</p> <p>Meet our Healthcare professionals, HSBC bank and more, who will be here to help you with questions on topics such as registering with a doctor, accessing emergency treatment, and how to open bank accounts!</p> <p>Join us for a free hot drink and pastries.</p>	<p>Monday 16 September 09:00–10:00</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Wednesday 18 September 09:00–10:00</p>	<p>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay</p>
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<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>Tuesday 17 September 14:00–16:00</p>	<p>Meet us: Outside P Block by the bench on Frenchay</p>

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Keeping safe as an international student		
<p>We are excited to welcome the Avon and Somerset Police to share everything you need to know about common types of fraud targeting students. Learn how to spot red flags, safeguard your personal information, and report suspicious activities such as Hate crime.</p> <p>The Home Office will also be here to highlight regulations that may affect your right to remain in the UK and provide top tips on student work rules.</p> <p>Join us for an interactive workshop after to learn about the impacts of crime and how to manage them. Engage in activities like managing your 'stress bucket' and discussing healthy coping strategies. Empower yourself with knowledge and support at this valuable session!</p>	<p>Wednesday 18 September 10:00–11:30</p>	<p>Room TBC, Frenchay Campus</p>
Culture matters– develop your capability to be effective in culturally diverse situations		
<p>Moving and studying in another country can feel like landing on a different planet.</p> <p>Join us for an interactive workshop where we use Cultural Intelligence to explore your behaviour preferences and develop strategies to function effective in a variety of cultural contexts.</p>	<p>Wednesday 18 September 14:00–15:30</p>	<p>Room TBC, Frenchay Campus</p>

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Meet the Global Support Teams		
<p>Join us 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>Thursday 19 September 10:00–11:00</p>	<p>The Careers Lounge, the Library level 2, Frenchay</p>
Bristol Museum Trip		
<p>Experience the wonderful, diverse, and vibrant city of Bristol and explore its historical collections of art, nature, and outstanding history in two of its most important museums.</p> <p>Join us for a walk around the Arnolfini and MShed museums.</p>	<p>Sunday 22 September 11:00–13:00</p>	<p>Meet us: Outside the main entrance to the Arnolfini</p>

Starting Block Week Two:

Monday 23 September 2024 to Sunday 29 September 2024

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Meet the Global Support Teams		
<p>Join us 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>Monday 23 September 10:00–11:00</p>	<p>The Careers Lounge, the Library level 2, Frenchay</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 you need to help you to settle into student life at UWE Bristol!</p> <p>Meet our Healthcare professionals, HSBC bank and more, who will be here to help you with questions on topics such as registering with a doctor, accessing emergency treatment, and how to open bank account!</p> <p>Join us for a free hot drink and pastries.</p>	<p>Tuesday 24 September 09:00–10:00 OR Thursday 26 September 09:00–10:00</p>	<p>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay</p>
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 24 September 18:00–19:00 (17:30 meeting point)</p>	<p>Book your place: Online store</p>

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UWE Freshers' Fair		
<p>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!</p> <p>(Repeated Thursday 26 September, 11:00–16:00)</p>	<p>Wednesday 25 September 11:00–16:00</p>	<p>Just turn up! The Students' Union at UWE</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>Wednesday 25 September 15:00–17:00</p>	<p>Book your place: Online store</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 27 October 12:00–13:30</p>	<p>Room TBC, Frenchay Campus</p>

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Bristol Street Art Tour		
<p>Come and join us to explore Bristol’s amazing street culture and the revealing stories and works on Banksy!</p> <p>This interactive walking tour is led by a professional tour guide. From the famous street art and culture, to discovering some of the amazing history of Bristol.</p>	<p>Saturday 28 September 11:00–12:30</p>	<p>Meet us: Ka Fei coffee hub (Blue shipping container) in City Centre at 10:45</p>

Teaching term commences:

Monday 30 October 2024 to Sunday 6 October 2024

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
City Campus Welcome Fair		
<p>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.</p> <p>Meet our sports clubs, societies and support services, network with Bristol-based creatives and fill up a bag with freebies along the way.</p>	<p>Tuesday 1 October 11:00–15:00</p>	<p>The Hub, A Block, Bower Ashton Campus</p>

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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>Wednesday 2 October</p> <p>14:00–15:00</p>	<p>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, 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>Thursday 3 October</p> <p>11:00–15:00</p>	<p>Glenside Playing Field, Glenside Campus</p>

Teaching Block:

Monday 7 October 2024 to Sunday 13 October 2024

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
Global café: Mapping your Career Future		
<p>Come to our global cafe to look for ways to increase your employability skills and get relevant information about making the most of your studies whilst balancing a busy course as well as your home life.</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>	Wednesday 9 October 11:00–12:00	Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay
UWE Thrive Students: Meet the Key People at UWE		
<p>This event enables international students who have done the UWE Thrive course to meet the key personnel at UWE who can help you to build your employability and get your career moving. For example, meet staff who can help you to get work experience, develop your skills, and build your resume/CV.</p>	Wednesday 9 October 13:30–15:30	The Careers Lounge, the Library level 2, Frenchay

Teaching Block:

Monday 14 October 2024 to Sunday 20 October 2024

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
Global café: Wellbeing Get-2gether		
<p>A get together to have fun and meet new friends. There will be games, sharing, and the opportunity to taste some speciality refreshments.</p> <p>All students are free and welcome to join although spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis.</p>	Wednesday 16 October 11:00–12:00	Room 3P Chill Zone, Upstairs P Block, Frenchay