

INTERNATIONAL AND EU STUDENT ORIENTATION

January 2024



Welcome!

The events highlighted below will help you settle into your surroundings and make the most of your time 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 and visit us in the Global Lounge located in:

P Block, Room 2P4 on Frenchay Campus.

Monday 8 January to Sunday 14 January 2024

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
Food Shopping Trip		
<p>Join us on a trip to a 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>Thursday 11 January 14:00–16:00</p> <p>(Repeated Friday 12 January, 14:00–16:00)</p>	<p>Meet us : Outside P Block by the bench on Frenchay Campus</p>

Monday 15 January to Sunday 21 January 2024

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Food Shopping Trip		
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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 you need to help you to settle into student life at UWE Bristol!</p> <p>We will be joined by the University Health Centre team and HSBC and Lloyds banks, so you can register with the doctor and open a bank account at the same time.</p> <p>Join us for a free hot drink and pastries.</p>	<p>Wednesday 17 January 10:00–11:00</p>	<p>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</p>
Global Café: Ask us anything		
<p>Just arrived in Bristol?</p> <p>The Global Student Support team and Global Buddies will be available to provide you with all the support and guidance you may need to help you settle into student life at UWE Bristol!</p>	<p>Thursday 18 January 14:00–15:00</p>	<p>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, 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 19 January 10:00–11:30</p>	<p>Room 5X103, Frenchay Campus</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 20 January 11:00–14:30</p>	<p>Meet us: Outside the M Shed Cafe</p> <p>Book your place: Online store</p>

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Bristol City Centre Tour		
<p>The UWE Global Centre 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. Learn about the famous street art and culture, discover some of the amazing history and so much more!</p>	<p>Sunday 21 January</p> <p>11:30–13:00</p> <p>(Repeated Saturday 27 January, 11:30–13:00)</p>	<p>Meet us:</p> <p>Ka Fei coffee hub (Blue shipping container), Colston Avenue, Bristol BS1 4ST</p>

Starting Block Week One:

Monday 22 January to Sunday 28 January 2024

Event / Description	Date/ Time	Location
Global Centre session		
<p>Join the Global Centre for an overview of some of the 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 22 January</p> <p>11:00–12:00</p>	<p>Room 6X100, Frenchay Campus</p>

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Global Café: Students' Wellbeing Get-2gether		
<p>Get to know the support to international students outside of campus! from Fraud and Cyber Crime projects, free wellbeing helpline, national-wide project of On-Your-Side and much more.</p> <p>A free get-together to connect with new people and make friends from different cultures!</p> <p>Free delicious home-made Bo Lo bun so come early to not miss out! First come first served!</p>	<p>Thursday 25 January 14:00–15:00</p>	<p>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</p>
Navigating your cultural transition to UWE		
<p>This is an event not to be missed to help you settle into your studies at UWE.</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.</p> <p>The session will cover many academic aspects as well as providing information on how your assessments will be marked.</p>	<p>Friday 26 January 9:00–10:30</p>	<p>Room 3X108, Frenchay Campus</p>

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Student Support Fair

The Student Support Fair is open on **Wednesday 24 January** from **11:00 to 16:00** in the **Library Foyer, D Block** just opposite OneZone, 2D59. Come along and find out about all the amazing support available to you to help you make the most of your university experience.

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<p>Global Student Support</p> <p>The Global Student Support team are on hand to provide you with information and advice to help you settle into life in Bristol and the UK.</p>	<p>Wednesday 24 January</p> <p>11:00–16:00</p>	<p>Library Level 2, Frenchay Campus</p>
<p>Immigration Advice Service</p> <p>Learn all about how our professional immigration advice team can support you throughout your studies and the ways that you can contact them.</p>		

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<p>Gradlink</p> <p>Gradlink, the UK's award-winning careers advice and job site for international students and graduates, will be on hand to let you know about this great resource and how it may be of use to you in the future.</p>	<p>Wednesday 24 January 11:00–16:00</p>	<p>Library Level 2, Frenchay Campus</p>
<p>Careers and Enterprise</p> <p>Meet the Careers Services team to find out about what resources are available to you, throughout your time with us, to help with your career planning and progression and gain valuable skills and experience.</p>		
<p>Student Support Advisers</p> <p>Find out about what support a Student Support Adviser will be able to give you throughout your time at UWE, from course related issues, such as module choices, to what to do if you need to take time out from your studies, to so much more.</p>		
<p>Student Experience Coaches</p> <p>A dedicated team who are here to support and empower you throughout your academic journey at UWE. These experienced mentors are committed to helping you thrive, overcome challenges, and reach your fullest potential.</p>		
<p>Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity</p> <p>Join us to discover the support services and resources for students who identify as Black, Asian, and minority ethnic.</p>		

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<p>UWE Feel Good</p> <p>At UWE Bristol, we believe in empowering students and staff to make healthy choices. Visit us to find out what advice and support we provide on a range of health topics and discover our Feel Good events based on four healthy behaviours for your wellbeing.</p>	<p>Wednesday 24 January 11:00–16:00</p>	<p>Library Level 2, Frenchay Campus</p>
<p>UWE Health Centre</p> <p>Not registered with a doctor? Our UWE Health Centre team are here to help you register with the onsite Frenchay Campus health centre and to offer support in navigating the UK NHS health service.</p>		
<p>The Students' Union at UWE Advice Centre</p> <p>Friendly, non-judgemental and confidential advice. Come and see us for advice about housing and academic issues, financial queries, and employment opportunities.</p>		
<p>UWE Sustainability</p> <p>Have a chat with the team and find out about how to live more sustainably and all about the Sustainability Hub on Frenchay Campus.</p>		
<p>The Green Team at UWE</p> <p>Come and have a chat with The Students' Union at UWE Green Team—a friendly and relaxed group of students passionate about creating sustainable change. PLUS get some free wild flower Bee Bombs and sustainable living guides.</p>		

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<p>Opening a Bank Account</p> <p>HSBC and Lloyds bank will be on hand to provide you with advice and information on what you need to know about opening a bank account in the UK.</p>	<p>Wednesday 24 January 11:00–16:00</p>	<p>Library Level 2, Frenchay Campus</p>
<p>UWE Student Money Service</p> <p>Get advice on how to make your money work harder on a student budget including how to manage income, cash flow and expenditure.</p>		
<p>Library Study Skills</p> <p>Explore the number of study skills sessions available to international and European students which take place across all campuses.</p>		
<p>Chinese Community Wellbeing Society</p> <p>We help the Chinese Community in Bristol and the Southwest by offering a free helpline and support service; information, activities, and workshops to overcome cultural and language barriers.</p>		
<p>Visit Bristol</p> <p>Life in a new social, cultural and academic environment is exciting but can feel challenging. Visit us to explore the fantastic opportunities our city has to offer.</p>		
<p>UWE Travel Team</p> <p>It's easy to get from one campus to another and in and around the city centre, as well as going further afield, with Bristol's excellent transport links so come along and find out more!</p>		

Teaching Block:

Monday 29 January to Sunday 4 February 2024

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Helping you navigate the accommodation search		
<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 accommodation for you, however we can help put you on the right track.</p>	Wednesday 31 January 9:00–12:00	Room 3Q87, Frenchay Campus
Intercultural Workshop		
<p>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.</p>	Wednesday 31 January 14:00–15:30	Room 5X106, Frenchay Campus

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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>Thursday 1 February 14:00–15:00</p>	<p>Global Lounge, Room 2P4, Frenchay Campus</p>