

Academic Bulletin for the United Kingdom 2019-20

Introduction

The Academic Bulletin is the CSU International Programs (IP) “catalog” and provides academic information about the programs in the UK.

CSU IP participants must read this publication in conjunction with the *Academic Guide for CSU IP Participants* (also known as the “*Academic Guide*”). The *Academic Guide* contains academic policies which will be applied to all IP participants while abroad. Topics include but are not limited to CSU Registration, Enrollment Requirements, Minimum/Maximum Unit Load in a Semester, Attendance, Examinations, Assignment of Grades, Grading Symbols, Credit/No Credit Option, Course Withdrawals and other policies. The *Academic Guide* also contains information on academic planning, how courses get credited to your degree, and the academic reporting process including when to expect your academic report at the end of your year abroad.

To access the *Academic Guide*, go to our website [here](#) and click on the year that pertains to your year abroad. For general information about the UK Program, refer to the CSU IP website under “[Programs](#)”.

Academic Program Information

CSU IP in the UK is affiliated with five institutions: University of Bradford, University of Bristol, University of Hull, Kingston University, and Swansea University.

Students are selected for a particular field of study and are expected to take all of their courses in that field of study during their year abroad. The fields of study in which students are placed are listed below.

Areas of Study	Bradford	Bristol	Hull	Kingston	Swansea
Accounting	X	X	X		X
Animation	X			X	
Anatomy		X			
Anthropology		X			
Archaeology	X	X			
Architecture				X	
Art				X	
Art History		X			
Biochemistry		X	X		
Biology		X	X	X	X
Business	X		X	X	X
Chemistry	X	X	X	X	X
Child Development/Child and Family Studies/ Early Childhood Education		X	X		
Classics		X			X
Computer Science/Computer Information Systems	X	X	X	X	X
Criminal Justice/Criminology	X	X	X	X	X
Design (Digital /Graphic)			X	X	
Drama/Theatre Arts		X	X	X	
Earth Sciences		X			
Economics	X	X	X	X	X
Education			X		X
Engineering	X	X	X	X	X
English		X	X		
Film Studies/Filmmaking	X		X	X	
Foreign Languages					X
Forensics	X		X		
French		X	X		X
Geography		X	X	X	X
German		X	X		X
Health Science/Studies					X
Hispanic Studies		X			

Areas of Study (continued)	Bradford	Bristol	Hull	Kingston	Swansea
History		X	X	X	X
International Business		X	X		
International Relations		X			
Italian					X
Journalism				X	
Law		X	X	X	
Liberal Arts		X			
Literature			X	X	X
Management		X			
Marine Biology			X		X
Marketing	X		X		
Mathematics		X	X	X	X
Media Studies/Media Communication			X		X
Music		X	X	X	
Nursing					X
Philosophy		X	X		
Physics		X	X		X
Political Science		X	X	X	X
Psychology	X	X	X	X	X
Public Health					X
Religious Studies		X			
Social Sciences					X
Social Work	X		X		
Sociology	X	X	X	X	
Spanish					X
Sports Science					X
Zoology		X	X		

In planning a course of study in the UK, it is useful to have a basic understanding of the structure and practices of the British higher education system. English and Welsh universities offer three- or four-year undergraduate degree programs. The three-year program (“course” in British terms) is usually referred to simply as a bachelor’s degree course. Four-year degree courses, “honors” degrees, are designed to prepare the student for graduate study.

During the three or four years of study for the undergraduate degree, a British student takes courses (“modules” or “units”) in his or her field of study. “General education,” as it is understood in the United States, is not known in the British degree structure. Thus, the British student covers a field of study in great detail, spending two to three times as long in concentrated study as does the typical American undergraduate. It is not surprising, therefore, to find American seniors taking second year subjects in the UK, or to find American graduate students pursuing third and fourth year British undergraduate subjects.

Instruction takes place in varying formats, from large-scale lectures to small seminars to individual tutorials. CSU students will find that they spend fewer hours in class than in California, but that they will be expected to do substantial amounts of background reading in order to follow lectures. They may also find more of an emphasis on writing, and that British universities have high standards for student writing skills.

In the traditional British system, courses run for the entire year rather than by semester or quarter, although there are exceptions. British higher education has undergone a process of change and institutions have converted to “modular” curricula, as well as “semesterization” of the courses. In addition, courses have been assigned credit values to meet the needs of European and American universities.

CSU IP students studying at any of the UK universities are expected to follow a curriculum within a single academic area in which they have been selected unless they are permitted to do otherwise by the CSU Office of International Programs and the host university. CSU students will enroll in the number of courses which constitutes a full-time study schedule, normally 120 credit points for the year, and will conform to the academic guidance of their host institution advisors.

All students, regardless of the university they are attending, are required to take:

- The equivalent of 15-16 CSU units each semester (but no more than 19 units per semester).
- Courses (depending on the credit/unit values of courses) within the approved area of study in which they were placed, following the same general plan as their British counterparts.

If permitted by their host university, students may take one elective course outside of their area of study as part of their 15-16 units per semester.

Students should be aware that there is a distinction between first-, second- and third-year courses. First-year courses are usually introductory courses and taken by students in their first year of university study. Depending on course content, these are generally considered lower division courses. Second and third year courses are more advanced and considered equivalent to upper division courses, again, with some exceptions depending on course content.

Academic Calendar

There are some variations in the actual dates of semesters in British universities, but in most universities the first semester begins in mid to late September with a three-week break at Christmas. The second semester usually commences in early February with a three-week break at Easter. The traditional UK academic calendar of three terms has largely been replaced by two fifteen-week semesters. Most courses are now “semesterized” although some still run for an academic year.

Grading and Units

Below is the grade conversion table that is used to convert grades earned at the UK institutions to the CSU.

CSU Grade	Bradford	Bristol	Hull	Kingston	Swansea
A	65 +	65 +	65 +	70 +	65 +
A-	62-64	60-64	62-64	65-69	62-64
B+	58-61	57-59	60-61	60-64	58-61
B	55-57	54-56	56-59	55-59	55-57
B-	52-54	50-53	50-55	50-54	52-54
C+	48-51	45-49	45-49	47-49	48-51
C	45-47	40-44	40-44	43-46	45-47
C-	40-44	----	----	40-42	40-44
D	----	----	38-39	35-39	35-39
F	Below 40	Below 40	Below 38	Below 35	Below 35

The CSU grade of WU (Withdrawal Unauthorized) may be given in some circumstances, e.g. for uncompleted courses. Refer to the *Academic Guide* for additional grade information.

Unit Conversion Guidelines

The following is a table which provides the CSU unit value equivalencies for courses taken in the UK:

Bradford, Bristol, Hull, Swansea	CSU semester units	Kingston	CSU semester units
10 credits	3 units	1 credit	1 unit
15 credits	4 units	4 credits	4 units
20 credits	5 units	8 credits	8 units

For CSU students attending a quarter-based campus: To convert the value of CSU semester units into CSU quarter units, multiply the CSU semester units by 1.5.

Note that the above table applies to academic courses taken at the host university (e.g. Humanities, Sciences, Social or Applied Sciences) and may not apply to some subject areas, e.g. recreation, sports and exercise classes, music instruction, film production, or studio art courses.

Course Offerings

Students are encouraged to consult the university's websites for specific course offerings. Keep in mind that CSU students are limited to the disciplines in which they were placed and sometimes to courses for international students. Note that admission to courses is subject to availability, approval of the host university, and the particular department's prerequisites.

University of Bradford

Below is a table containing CSU IP approved study areas and the corresponding study areas at Bradford in which students can take courses subject to the conditions stated under "Course Offerings." Each semester, students are expected to take all courses in the area in which they were selected except for one course each semester, which may be a course from another area. Click on the hyperlink on the right side of the corresponding areas of study then click on "Curriculum" for a list of available modules. Click on the hyperlink module for a course description.

Areas of study	Relevant courses can be found in the following schools/programs
Accounting	Accounting and Finance (AFE)
Animation	Animation (GAV)
Archaeology	Archaeology (ARC)
Business	Business and Management (SIB)
Chemistry	Chemistry (CFS)
Computer Science	Computer Science (COS)
Criminal Justice*	Criminology and Criminal Behaviour (SAC)
Economics	Economics (AFE)
Engineering**	Engineering Foundation Year
Film Studies	Film and Television Production (FAM)
Forensics	Forensic and Medical Sciences (ARC)
Marketing	Marketing (MAR)
Psychology	Psychology (PSY)
Social Work	Social Work (SOW)
Sociology	Sociology (SAC)

If course information for your year of study is not yet available at the time this publication was published keep checking the university website periodically for updates. Course (module) search can be found on the web at: <https://www.bradford.ac.uk/aqte/modules/>

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**Engineering Students may click on the "Engineering Foundation Year" hyperlink in the above table. In the Overview section, hyperlinks are provided for Chemical Engineering, Civil and Structural Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Biomedical Engineering.

Course Codes and Levels

At the University of Bradford, there are three levels of courses (known as "modules"): level 4, level 5 and level 6. Level 4 modules are considered lower division courses, depending on course content. Generally, levels 5 and 6 are more advanced and are considered upper division courses with some exceptions depending on course content. Level 5 modules will expect higher academic skills than level 4, and assume a wider range of experience on which the student can draw. Most CSU students who have taken several lower division courses in their major will take level 5 and 6 modules as these will usually be the ones that are the most compatible with upper division coursework at the students' home campuses.

For questions regarding courses, registration or the university, contact Ms. Sue Baker at S.M.Baker@bradford.ac.uk or studyabroad@bradford.ac.uk.

University of Bristol

Below is a table containing CSU IP approved study areas and the corresponding study areas at Bristol in which students can take courses subject to the conditions stated under "Course Offerings." Each semester, students are expected to

take all courses in the area in which they were selected except for one course each semester, which may be a course from another area.

Areas of study	Relevant courses can be found in the following faculties and departments:
Accounting	Faculty of Social Sciences and Law: School of Economics, Finance and Management
Anatomy	Faculty of Health Sciences: Centre for Applied Anatomy
Anthropology	Faculty of Arts: Department of Archaeology and Anthropology
Archaeology	Faculty of Arts: Department of Archaeology and Anthropology
Art History	Faculty of Arts: Department of History of Art (Historical Studies)
Biochemistry	Faculty of Life Sciences: School of Biochemistry
Biology	Faculty of Life Sciences: School of Biological Sciences
Chemistry	Faculty of Science: School of Chemistry
Child Development/Early Childhood Education	Faculty of Social Sciences and Law: School for Policy Studies
Classics	Faculty of Arts: Department of Classics & Ancient History
Computer Science	Faculty of Engineering: Department of Computer Science
Criminology	Faculty of Social Sciences and Law: School for Policy Studies
Drama/Theatre Arts	Faculty of Arts: Department of Theatre
Earth Sciences	Faculty of Science: School of Earth Sciences
Economics	Faculty of Social Sciences and Law: School of Economics, Finance and Management
Engineering	Faculty of Engineering
English	Faculty of Arts: Department of English
French	Faculty of Arts: Department of French
Geography	Faculty of Science: School of Geographical Sciences
German	Faculty of Arts: Department of German
Hispanic Studies	Faculty of Arts: Hispanic, Portuguese and Latin American Studies
History	Faculty of Arts: Department of History (Historical Studies)
International Business	Faculty of Social Sciences and Law: School of Economics, Finance and Management
International Relations	Faculty of Social Sciences and Law: School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies
Law	Faculty of Social Sciences and Law: University of Bristol Law School
Management	Faculty of Social Sciences and Law: School of Economics, Finance and Management
Mathematics	Faculty of Science: School of Mathematics
Music	Faculty of Arts: Department of Music
Philosophy	Faculty of Arts: Department of Philosophy
Physics	Faculty of Science: School of Physics
Political Science	Faculty of Social Sciences and Law: School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies
Psychology	Faculty of Life Sciences: School of Psychological Science
Religious Studies	Faculty of Arts: Department of Religion and Theology
Sociology	Faculty of Social Sciences and Law: School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies
Zoology	Faculty of Health Sciences: Bristol Veterinary School

For a list of courses (or units), refer to the “Unit Catalogue” found [here](#). Under the heading, “Browse units by faculty”, click on the faculty (academic division) of the area that you were selected to study and then click on the department to obtain a list of courses offered. On the top table, select the tabs entitled “Level C/4”, “Level I/5” and “Level H/6” from which students will select courses. Carefully read the information below which pertains to these levels. Click on the hyperlink “Unit name” for a course description.

Course Codes and Levels

At the University of Bristol course codes are made up of four letters and five digits, for example GEOG 25040. The letters indicate the subject area. The first digit indicates whether the course (or “unit” as it is referred to at Bristol) is first, second or third level for regular Bristol students. Level C/4 units are considered lower division courses, depending on course content. Generally, Level I/5 and Level H/6 are more advanced and are considered upper division courses with some exceptions, depending on course content. Level H/6 units will expect higher academic skills than Level I/5, and assume a wider range of experience on which the student can draw. Most CSU students who have taken several lower division courses in their major will take Level I/5 units as these will usually be the ones that are the most compatible with upper division coursework at the students’ home campuses. For questions regarding courses, registration or the university, contact Ms. Samantha Finegold at global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk.

University of Hull

Below is a table containing CSU IP approved study areas and the corresponding departments in which students can take courses subject to the conditions stated under “Course Offerings.” Each semester, students are expected to take all courses in the area in which they were selected except for one course each semester, which may be a course from another area.

Areas of study	Relevant courses can be found in the following departments:
Accounting	Business School
Biochemistry	School of Mathematics and Physical Sciences
Biology	School of Biological, Biomedical and Environmental Sciences
Business	Business School
Chemistry	School of Mathematics and Physical Sciences
Child and Family Studies/ Child Development/Early Childhood Education	School of Education and Social Science
Computer Science	School of Engineering and Computer Science
Criminology	School of Education and Social Science
Digital/Graphic Design	School of Arts
Drama	School of Arts
Economics	Business School
Education	School of Education and Social Science
Engineering	School of Engineering and Computer Science
English	School of Arts
Film Studies	School of Arts
Forensics	School of Life Sciences
French	School of Histories, Languages and Cultures
Geography	School of Environmental Sciences
German	School of Histories, Languages and Cultures
History	School of Histories, Languages and Cultures
International Business	Business School
Law	School of Law and Politics
Literature	School of Arts
Marine Biology	School of Environmental Sciences
Marketing	Business School
Mathematics	School of Mathematics and Physical Sciences
Media Studies/Media and Management	School of Arts
Music	School of Arts
Philosophy	School of Histories, Languages and Cultures
Physics	School of Mathematics and Physical Sciences
Political Science	School of Law and Politics
Psychology	School of Life Sciences
Social Work	School of Education and Social Science
Sociology	School of Education and Social Science
Zoology	School of Environmental Sciences

A link to their degree courses can be found [here](#). Note that University of Hull’s “module catalogue” was not available at the time of this document was published. Check their website for updates or contact studyabroad@hull.ac.uk.

Course Codes and Levels

At the University of Hull, there are three levels of undergraduate courses (called “modules”): level 4, level 5 and level 6. Level 4 modules are introductory courses and considered lower division courses, depending on course content. Generally, levels 5 and 6 are more advanced and are considered upper division courses with some exceptions depending on course content. Level 6 modules will expect higher academic skills than level 5, and assume a wider range of experience on which the student can draw. The level of the modules is included in the module description. (See below for instructions on how to obtain module descriptions.) If you are a junior or a senior, bear in mind that level 6 modules are by Hull students in their final year of study. Most CSU students who have taken several lower division courses in their major will take level 5 modules as these will usually be the ones that are the most compatible with upper division coursework at the students’ home campuses.

For questions regarding courses, registration or the university contact Mr. Jay Fincham at j.s.fincham@hull.ac.uk or studyabroad@hull.ac.uk.

Kingston University

Below is a table containing CSU IP approved study areas and the corresponding faculty and department in which students can take courses subject to the conditions stated under “Course Offerings.” Each semester, students are expected to take all courses in the area in which they were selected except for one course each semester, which may be a course from another area.

Areas of study	Relevant courses can be found in the following faculties and departments:
Animation	Art and Design: Illustration Animation
Architecture	Art and Design: Architecture
Art	Art and Design: Art and Design History
Biology	Life Sciences
Business Studies (AACSB Accreditation)	Business
Chemistry	Chemistry and Pharmaceutical sciences
Computer Science/ Computer Information Systems	Computing
Criminal Justice/ Criminology	Criminology
Design	Art and Design
Drama/Theatre Arts	Drama, dance, film, media and music
Economics	Economics
Engineering	Engineering
Film Studies /Filmmaking	Drama, dance, film, media and music
Geography	Geography
History	Arts and Social Sciences: History
Journalism	Journalism, language and literature
Law	Law
Literature	Journalism, language and literature
Mathematics	Mathematics and data science
Music	Drama, dance, film, media and music
Political Science	International relations and politics
Psychology	Psychology
Sociology	Sociology

Students may take courses at any of the four Kingston campuses in theory, subject to necessary course prerequisites and availability.

A four-unit course on British Life and Culture is available to all visiting students at Kingston. Lectures are given on various aspects of British life, culture and history followed by visits to places of special interest including Oxford, Bath, Stonehenge, Greenwich, the Globe Theatre, and Parliament. In addition to the lectures and fieldtrips, student must write essays on fieldtrips and a research essay and complete a final examination. This course involves additional travel costs and admission fees of approximately £100.

Most courses are year-long except a few are semester courses, e.g. British Life and Culture and language courses.

A list of courses (known as modules at Kingston University) can be found [here](#). Use the drop down menu for “All subjects” to select the corresponding faculty and department then click on “Find a course”. Click on the academic degree that best fits what you are studying. Then scroll down to “Module listing”. Click on module name for a course description. If course information for your year of study is not yet available at the time this publication was published, keep checking the university website periodically for updates. In the interim, refer to course information from the previous year. If you are unable to find course information, you can request a syllabus by sending an email to: sa-info@kingston.ac.uk.

Course Codes and Levels

At Kingston University, course codes are made up of two letters and four digits, for example EN4002. The letters indicate the subject area. The first digit indicates whether the course (or “module” as it is referred to at Kingston) is first, second or third year module for regular Kingston University students. Year 1 modules (also referred to as Level 4) are considered lower division courses, depending on course content. Generally, year 2 and 3 modules (referred to as Level 5 and 6, respectively) are more advanced and are considered upper division courses with some exceptions depending on course content. Year 3 modules will expect higher academic skills than year 2 modules, and assume a wider range of experience on which the student can draw. If you are a junior or a senior, bear in mind that year 3 modules are taken by Kingston students in their final year of study. Most CSU students who have taken several lower division courses in their major

will take year 2 (Level 5) modules (those with course codes AB2xxx, such as MD2138) as these will usually be the ones that are the most compatible with upper division coursework at the students' home campuses.

For questions regarding courses, registration or the university, contact Mr. Paul Wilkinson at p.wilkinson@kingston.ac.uk.

Swansea University

Below is a table containing CSU IP approved study areas and the corresponding department in which students can take courses subject to the conditions stated under "Course Offerings." Each semester, students are expected to take all courses in the area in which they were selected except for one course each semester, which may be a course from another area.

Areas of study	Relevant courses can be found in the following departments:
Accounting	Management: Accounting
Biology	Science: Biology
Business	Management: Business Management
Chemistry	Science: Chemistry
Classics	Arts and Humanities: Classics
Computer Science	Science: Computer Science
Criminal Justice*	Law: Criminology and Criminal Justice
Economics	Management: Economics
Education	Human and Health Sciences: Education
Engineering**	Engineering
Foreign Languages	Arts and Humanities: Modern Languages, Translation and Interpreting
French	Arts and Humanities: Modern Languages, Translation and Interpreting
Geography	Science: Geography
German	Arts and Humanities: Modern Languages, Translation and Interpreting
Health Science/ Studies**	Health Sciences
History	Arts and Humanities: History
Italian	Arts and Humanities: Modern Languages, Translation and Interpreting
Law	Law: Law
Literature	Arts and Humanities: English Literature
Marine Biology	Science: Marine Biology
Mathematics	Science: Mathematics
Media Studies/ Media Communications	Arts and Humanities: Media and Communication
Nursing	Human and Health Sciences: Adult Nursing
Physics	Science: Physics
Political Science	Arts and Humanities: Politics
Psychology	Human and Health Sciences: Psychology
Public Health	Health Sciences
Social Sciences	Human and Health Sciences: Social Sciences
Spanish	Arts and Humanities: Modern Languages, Translation and Interpreting
Sports Science	Engineering: Sport and Exercise Science

Click on the department area under which you were selected, then click "Modules" and then the applicable "Year/Level" to obtain a list of courses offered. Click on the module name for a hyperlink to the course description. If course information for your year of study is not yet available at the time this publication was published keep checking the university website periodically for updates. To find all subject areas offered, click [here](#) and click on "Subject Area" under Undergraduate Course Finder.

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**To find courses in Engineering and Health Sciences, click [here](#) and then click on Engineering or Health Sciences.

Course Codes and Levels

At Swansea University, course codes are made up of two to three letters followed by three or four digits, for example CLL201. The letters indicate the subject area. The first digit indicates whether the course (or "module" as it is referred

to at Swansea) is first, second or third level course for regular Swansea students. Year 1 (or Level 4) modules are considered lower division courses, depending on course content. Generally, Year 2 and Year 3 (Levels 5 and 6) are more advanced and are considered upper division courses with some exceptions depending on course content. Year 3 (or Level 6) modules will expect higher academic skills than Year 2 (or Level 5), and assume a wider range of experience on which the student can draw. For juniors, bear in mind that Year 3 modules are taken by Swansea students in their final year of study. Most CSU students who have taken several lower division courses in their major will take Year 2 modules as these will usually be the ones that are the most compatible with upper division coursework at the students' home campus.

For questions regarding courses, registration or the university, contact Ms. Kay Llewellyn at k.llewellyn@swansea.ac.uk or studyabroad@swansea.ac.uk.