
English at Brunel 2024/2025



“I participated in every trip, such as Cambridge, Brighton, Tate Modern and St. Paul’s Cathedral. I had a great experience with other friends from many countries and enjoyed foods, languages, festivals, and travelling.”



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4 **Welcome to Brunel**

6 We are delighted that you are considering joining our friendly academic and student community at Brunel University London.

12 Home to over 14,000 students from 150 countries, Brunel welcomes many students each year who take part in an English Language programme. By studying at Brunel you will become part of a lively, vibrant and strikingly international community where you'll meet people from all over the world.

We are based on a single campus in west London so you will live and study in one place. The campus is beautifully maintained, set within leafy surroundings, and our excellent facilities give our students a safe and welcoming setting to study and thrive.

We hope to welcome you to Brunel University London very soon.



Discover Brunel



**14,000 students
study at Brunel**



**Top 3rd of
Universities worldwide**

*QS World University
Rankings 2022)*

4,900

**international students
from 150 countries**



**20 mins by car from
Heathrow Airport**



**Affordable
accommodation on
our London campus**



**Over 150 clubs
and societies**



**Best student city
in the world**

*QS Best Student
Cities 2022*



**World top 25 university
for international outlook**

*Times Higher
Education 2022*



**Accredited by the
British Council for
the teaching of
English in the UK**



**40 mins by tube
to Central London**



**Top 100 university
for sports**

*QS World Rankings by
Subject 2021*



English at Brunel

English at Brunel aims to equip you with the English skills necessary for success in the classroom, workplace and beyond. As a Brunel University London student, you will have access to all facilities on our one London campus.



Recognised by the English Language Gazette as a Centre of Excellence



Accommodation on our London campus

97%

average pass rate for pre-sessional courses



Accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK



Small class sizes and individual support



Free airport pick-up, orientation and social programme

What we offer

We run expertly taught English Language classes, catering for a wide range of abilities.

- We deliver the tools for you to improve your English, whether it be for work, academia or personal use.
- We provide a mature, scholastic atmosphere, with access to all that Brunel has to offer, including state of the art teaching and sports facilities, free access to art exhibitions, weekly music, art and pottery classes, lunchtime and evening concerts and performances, and lectures on a wide range of subjects. In addition to on-campus teaching, we can provide fully-interactive online teaching, where you work with your teacher and colleagues face-to-face using the best available online communications platforms.

Social programme

We organise a weekly social programme allowing you to practise your English whilst having fun, making friends and visiting interesting places. Previous programmes have included trips to famous cities in the UK, movie and theatre nights, museum visits, tours of renowned businesses such as the BBC, Sky and Wimbledon, and a range of sports and dance lessons.

Sample timetable

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
9-11am	Reading and vocabulary	Writing and grammar	Listening and speaking in the workplace	Effective presentations	Grammar and vocabulary	Day Trip to a British city
1-3pm	Conversation skills for socialising	Topical discussion	Leading and participating in meetings	Topical discussion	1-hour consolidating learning	
3pm onwards			Film night			

Course content

Your classes will focus on improving the following key skill areas:

- Reading and vocabulary
- Listening and speaking
- Writing and grammar
- Critical Thinking
- Speaking in a variety of work and social contexts
- English for specific workplace contexts
- British and international cultures

How you'll be assessed

At the end of your course, you will have the opportunity to take the Brunel English Language Test (BrunELT), which assesses your ability in reading, writing, listening and speaking. You will receive a certificate to celebrate the progress you have made with us. You can also apply to take IELTS, Pearson PTE Academic or Trinity ISE.

brunel.ac.uk/brunelt

Course start dates and fees

For the latest information on dates and fees, please visit our webpages: brunel.ac.uk/language-centre

Part-time Online English for Professionals

Study English with us at your own convenience while in the UK or in your home country. Study face-to-face online with Brunel Language Centre once a week, or more, and hone your skills in whichever area you wish to improve. This may be anything from Everyday English, English for Presentations, English for Meetings and Negotiating Skills to English for Business, Medicine or Teaching. Whatever your work needs, we are here to help you communicate with confidence. Choose to study in a small group of like-minded people from across the globe or enjoy exclusive one-to-one training. Choose the areas you wish to focus on. You may wish to focus on one or more of the areas below, or do let us know if there is an area not listed that you wish to pursue.

- Pronunciation
- Presentation Skills
- Everyday English
- English for meetings and negotiating
- Grammar and Vocabulary Development
- Reading and Writing
- English for a Specific Career (eg Business, Medicine, Sport, Engineering, Teaching, etc)

Part-time Online English for Beginners

Our online beginners to pre-intermediate courses are designed to bring your English up to a level high enough to join one of our Pre-sessional English or English@Brunel courses.



BRUNEL



Our campus and facilities

Over 14,000 students study on our single-site campus: the largest campus-based university in London. With everything you need in one place, it won't take long for Brunel to feel like home.

Facilities

Our lively campus community provides everything you could need within a 10-minute walk, from a wide choice of restaurants, a welcoming social hub and on-campus accommodation, to world-class sports facilities, a diverse arts centre and active Students' Union.

There are a range of facilities on campus to provide you with all the essentials you need including:

- A medical centre
- A pharmacy
- Shops
- Gym
- Library
- Restaurants and cafés

Take a look around campus on our virtual tour at brunel.ac.uk/virtualtour.

Food outlets

You can enjoy a wide variety of food outlets to help fuel you throughout the day, including 'The Junction', offering a variety of world food cuisines, and Izzi's, our pizza emporium. Our restaurants and cafés cater to a range of dietary needs and also provide halal and kosher options. In addition, our regular market offers street food, fresh fruit and vegetables, bread and home-made cakes. You're never far from a place to sit down and catch up with friends, with plenty of cafés on site, including Costa and Starbucks.

Putting safety first

Brunel is one of the safest universities in the UK. Our security team (including our very own policeman "Brunel Bobby") patrol the campus 24/7 and they are always happy to stop and chat. You'll probably meet them soon after you arrive at Brunel as they provide safety and security briefings to new students that include helpful tips to keep you safe both on and off campus.

Counselling and mental wellbeing

Brunel is committed to supporting students' mental health and wellbeing. Therefore we have a variety of services which are free to all Brunel students. Whether you need practical support from our Mental Health Advisors on the impact on your studies, or you need therapeutic support from our Counsellors, we are available to support you.

Faith and religion

The Meeting House is your Faith and Spirituality Centre. Students can unwind and explore faith and spirituality at appropriate prayer facilities around campus. The team can offer a listening ear, advice and spiritual support. Chaplains from Christian, Muslim and Hindu faiths are available.



Be part of our vibrant community

We have a vibrant student community of over 4,900 international students. There are lots of ways for you to get involved and make new friends.

Our sports community

Our sports facilities rank amongst the best in the UK and are used by some of the world's top athletes, including Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake. There's a huge choice of sport at Brunel, whether you play at the highest competitive level or enjoy it for fitness and fun.

Our facilities include:

- A 132-metre-long indoor sprint track
- Long jump pit, high jump and pole vault areas
- Judo matted area
- Dedicated weightlifting platforms
- Multipurpose weight training area
- Sports massage/ physiotherapy room

Team Brunel, run by the Union of Brunel Students, represents the 50 student sports clubs at Brunel which you can get involved with, ranging from team sports such as rugby and netball, through to individual sports including judo, kayaking and athletics.

Sports Performance Programme

Our Sports Performance Programme offers a full support package to Brunel students who want to develop their sporting careers in key sports such as athletics, futsal, football, netball, rugby league/union and basketball.

The programme gives you access to elite strength and conditioning facilities, extra coaching, fitness sessions and physiotherapy.

Arts and culture

Our campus benefits from a thriving arts and culture scene and we encourage students to develop their creative skills. You can soak up the atmosphere as a spectator or get more hands on and help organise events as well as perform in them. This cultural backdrop to your studies is a great opportunity for you to get involved and feel inspired.

Students' Union

The Union of Brunel Students is very much at the heart of campus life. A charity that is led by students for students, you automatically become a member when you enrol at Brunel. The Union provides a range of facilities including free and confidential advice on everything from money and debt to housing and academic issues. There are over 150 clubs and societies for you to get involved with, NUS discounts and offers at shops, restaurants and retailers across the country, and an on-campus bar and nightclub.

Social

From our campus bar, Loco's to the Academy nightclub there's something for everyone to enjoy. Loco's has everything you could want from a student bar, including pool tables, comfy sofas and a wide range of food and drink – making it the perfect place to hang out with friends. The Union also host lots of evening entertainment from Bingo to Karaoke to Open Mic nights.



Your new home

Having a room on campus is a great way to make friends and immerse yourself in our welcoming community. At Brunel, you can enjoy affordable on-campus accommodation starting at only £121 per week.

Our accommodation

There are 4,500 on-campus rooms across 33 student halls of residence. We have a specific range of rooms to suit different budgets, including en-suite and standard self-catering facilities, specially adapted rooms for disabled students and studios for couples.

All accommodation can be booked online at brunel.ac.uk/accommodation. Take a 360 degree look around our halls of residence for yourself at

brunel.ac.uk/virtualtour/accommodation



Living off campus

If you prefer to live off campus, we can help with that too. There's a wide choice of housing near Brunel, with good bus routes to the campus.

Our University Housing Office is dedicated to students' needs and can advise you about renting local properties in the local area. There are several options available:

- Through the Head Leading Scheme, Brunel Student Homes rents properties from local landlords and then rents them on to groups of students.
- Private landlords advertise properties through Brunel Student Homes. These have to meet minimum requirements.



Accommodation prices

Hall of residence	Cost per week (2024/25 rates)	Number of rooms	En suite (private bathroom)	Standard rooms (shared bathroom)	Studio flats
Bishop Complex	£199.92	704	✓	×	×
Clifton Hall	£149.66	238	×	✓	×
Faraday Hall	£214.27	280	✓	×	✓
Fleming Hall	£178.22	381	✓	×	✓
Isambard Complex	From £199.92	1,350	✓	×	✓
Lancaster Complex	From £199.92	498	✓	×	✓
Galbraith Hall	£178.22	329	✓	×	✓
Mill Hall	£199.92	361	✓	×	×

For more information , please visit: brunel.ac.uk/accommodation



Welcoming international students

We welcome students from more than 150 countries, giving you the opportunity to live and study as part of a diverse, international community.

Home away from home

Brunel is home away from home for our overseas students and this internationalism is reflected in our campus life. We celebrate a wide range of cultural events and festivals throughout the year. With over 150 clubs and societies spanning culture, nationality, faith and religion as well as general interests, there's something for everyone. And if you would like to learn a new language and explore a different culture, we offer free courses in nine languages – including Japanese, Mandarin, Italian and Spanish.

International student orientation

Our international student orientation programme has been designed for you to meet new people, familiarise yourself with the area and complete your registration before your classes start. In addition, we also run a range of fun activities and events for you to get involved with. Past activities have included a British High Tea party and a London sightseeing bus tour.

Airport pick-up

The closest airport to Brunel is Heathrow Airport, as it is only 20 minutes away. There are many ways that you can travel from Heathrow to campus, including a free airport pick-up service that we run as part of the student orientation programme.

Brunel Student Ambassadors

To welcome international students to the UK, our Student Ambassadors will introduce you to life on campus. Student Ambassadors are trained students who use their own personal experience of being a new student to answer your questions and guide you through your first few weeks with us.

Your Ambassadors will be on hand as soon as you arrive here, running campus tours, pointing you in the right direction on and around campus and introducing you to social activities – including the wide range of societies and sports clubs. They can also introduce you to Uxbridge and the local sites. It's the perfect way to meet new people and talk things over with a friendly face.

Social programme

Experience London and beyond, settle into the UK, and learn more about British culture by taking part in our social programme. Book onto a variety of trips and events by completing your booking form prior to your arrival at Brunel.



“The university facilities are excellent and I often go to the library and the gym. Uxbridge is a comfortable town to live in and I can get to the attractions of central London quickly.”

London: the best student city in the world

(QS Best Student Cities 2022)

We are based in London without the stresses and expense of being in central London. By choosing to study with us you will enjoy the best of city life, whilst also being able to experience the beautiful English countryside.

London is a unique and exciting place in which to study and live: it is a true world city. From its famous sights, landmarks, museums and theatres to designer fashion, restaurants, clubs and shopping, it is packed with interest and excitement.

Attractions

Take advantage of the countless free attractions London boasts, alongside those with discounted entrance fees for students. In addition to four UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Tower of London, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and the Palace of Westminster, London also offers a variety of world-class theatres, museums and art galleries.

Events

Over 250 festivals take place in London every year, including Notting Hill Carnival, Somerset House Film Festival, Chinese New Year and various other arts and community events. London also attracts big names from the music and entertainment industry to perform at its many venues in addition to the variety of West End musicals and plays on offer.

Food

Living in London, you will have easy access to food from across the world. You can find everything from American style burgers and fries, to Spanish paella, to Indian or Thai curry.

Supermarkets and restaurants in London cater for an extremely wide range of needs and tastes. Cuisine from all around the world can be easily found, as can halal, kosher and food types to meet all dietary requirements.

Green spaces and parks

London's parks, canals, reservoirs and riversides form an important network of spaces and public places. Enjoy the variety of parks London has to offer including Hyde Park, St James Park, Hampstead Heath and Greenwich Park. The Royal Parks are some of London's most iconic green spaces and landscapes, visited by millions of people every year and home to a wide range of wildlife.

Shopping

London is world famous for its shopping destinations. Experience Europe's busiest shopping street, Oxford Street, where you will find Selfridges, John Lewis, Debenhams and other leading high street names. A visit to Harrods in Knightsbridge is also a must.



The world on your doorstep

London is one of the world's best connected cities. Home to five major airports, and the Eurostar; a high-speed railway service connecting London with major European countries including the Netherlands, Belgium and France. From London you can travel to many key cities in the UK by train. For example, Manchester can be reached in just over two hours, and Scotland in just over four hours.





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