

Study in United Kingdom - Information

The United Kingdom is a country with a long history and culture that you can easily explore. It is undoubtedly the top choice for studies and is always high in the preferences of students for the level and quality of studies it offers, but also for the way of life. Universities in the United Kingdom, especially in England, traditionally welcome thousands of Cypriot students each year. The UK education system is known for its effectiveness, but it is certain that the impressive increase in tuition fees from next year (2021) will discourage the arrival of new students.

Admission to a UK higher education institution requires a Certificate of Higher Education (GCE A-Level or Foundation) and a high school diploma. Also, in fields such as fine arts, graphic design, architecture, etc., prospective students are invited to submit together with their application a portfolio with their work, which is taken into consideration for their admission.

Applications to the competent authority (UCAS) are usually submitted in January. Prospective students are invited to select 5 universities and wait for their response. The students then chose from the positive responses the University of their choice and proceed with the registration. Applications can also be submitted in summer during the well-known "clearance", where universities offer their remaining openings to students who have not yet secured enrollment.

This year (2020-2021) will be the last year of the current fee system, with fees around 9,000 to 12,000 sterling pounds. As of the next academic year (2021) this amount will increase greatly and will be from 13,000 to 40,000 sterling pounds, maybe even more, depending on the field of study and the university. In addition, the student loan scheme will also cease to exist, however more scholarships will be given by universities according to each university's own criteria.

When it comes to student housing, in the UK you can find many organized accommodation units, (student halls) either university owned or private, so the student has many options to choose from. Many universities have their own campus and one can choose to stay on campus or stay close to the city center and go to university by train or bus. The UK public transportation system is very developed and facilitates thoroughly each student. Rental costs start from 350 to 450 sterling pounds for rooms sharing kitchen, up to 800- 900 sterling pounds for studios. The cost of living depends on the city and the lifestyle chosen by each student and costs from 700 to 1000 sterling pounds. Student life in the United Kingdom is very organized. Most universities have their own Hellenic societies, which help students adapt to their new environment, organize events and other interesting activities, making life in the UK a pleasant experience.