



United Kingdom

In 2012-2013, 36, 210 U.S. students studied abroad for academic credit in the United Kingdom.

Education System Overview

Academic year: September - May

Major school holidays/break: Mid-October – end October; Mid-December – early January

Major exam period(s): June

Structure of the university system:

- **Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** 3 years
- **The language of instruction in universities:** English and Welsh in some cases
- **Degrees offered:** Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate

Educational Authorities and International Education Resources:

Organization: Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (Universities)
Website: www.bis.gov.uk

Organization: Department of Education (Schools)
Website: www.education.gov.uk

Organization: Register of Regulated Qualifications
Website: <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/>

Organization: Recognised Degree Awarding Bodies
Website: <http://www.bis.gov.uk/policies/higher-education/recognised-uk-degrees/recognised-bodies>

Organization: UCAS Tariff
Website: http://www.ucas.com/students/ucas_tariff/



Organization: Fulbright's List of Briefing Sheets on Selected UK Qualifications
Website: <http://www.fulbright.org.uk/resources-for/us-universities/uk-educational-system>

Know Before You Go

- [How to Apply for Your U.S. Passport](#)
- [United Kingdom Travel Information](#)

U.S. Government-Sponsored Study and Exchange Programs

- [Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program](#)
- [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#)
- [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program](#)
- [Gilman Scholarship Program](#)