

Parents' Guide

TO STUDYING ABROAD



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Why study abroad?

Welcome to the Parents' Guide to Studying Abroad, a handbook designed to give you all the information you need to make the right decisions on your child's education and future.

The value of an international education

Naturally, we all want what's best for our children. We want them to be economically mobile, globally-minded, ambitious and fulfilled by their careers – most of all we want them to be happy. Studying abroad can help to achieve all these things and set them on the path to future success.

At this stage you may have many questions about studying abroad: is it affordable? Is it safe? What are the benefits? Will my child get homesick? We aim to answer these questions and many more in this comprehensive guide to studying abroad in the UK and US. So, what are the main benefits to studying abroad?

Academic benefits

One of the most popular reasons why parents choose to send their child to study in the UK and US is due to the academic legacy of higher education in these countries, which is reflected in their dominance in global rankings. A degree from a UK or US university will be globally-recognized due to the level of academic rigorousness, research output and employability rankings.

Career benefits

Globalisation is an inevitable part of modern life; affecting businesses, the global economy, technology and the way we communicate. The career benefits of an international education are many and open up a wealth of possibilities for young people entering a competitive, globalized jobs market.

Studying in the UK or US is also an opportunity for your child to improve their English in a native-speaking environment. English is the world's most widely spoken language and used globally in business, entertainment and tourism among other industries. Speaking fluent English will open many doors, professionally, for your child.

Personal growth

One of the major benefits of the study abroad experience for your child is how transformative it can be for their personal growth. It may well be the first time they have been away from the family or even the first time they have been abroad. This can be an emotional time for both of you but it's also an opportunity for your child to develop independence, confidence and personal responsibility.

Studying at a university abroad is a chance to make new friends, take part in extra-curricular activities and join societies. It's an opportunity to broaden their horizons, meet people from different cultures and learn how to thrive in a new environment.

Studying abroad in numbers

97%

of students who studied abroad reported **increased maturity***

75%

of students who studied abroad believed they **acquired skill sets for their career***

Students who study abroad are

20% more likely

to graduate than home students**

Students who study abroad are

50% more likely

to find a job than those who don't.[†]



About INTO - the international study specialists

Every year, we help thousands of international students from around the world achieve their dream of studying in the UK and US. Visit our website below to learn more about us and what we do in the following languages:

[English](#)
[中文](#)
[العربية](#)

* Institute for the International Education of Students Survey 2015

**Student Research and Information, Student Affairs, University of California, San Diego, 2012

† American Institute for Foreign Study, Study Abroad Outcomes, 2013

An introduction to the UK higher education system

The UK is home to some of the world's most prominent and highly-ranked institutions of higher learning including University of Oxford, University of Cambridge and University College London. UK universities are widely regarded for their prestige, teaching quality and research outcomes.

There are more than 130 universities in the UK, with around 50,000 undergraduate courses to choose from.



Application

To apply for a degree course at a UK university, most prospective students use the UCAS system, a centralized online service allowing applications to a number of different courses and institutions.

UCAS operates on a tariff or points system, in which an academic grade is equivalent to a points tally. For example, an A-level grade of B is worth 100 UCAS points. This system helps to easily identify how many points you'll need to be accepted on a university course.

UCAS also offers an online points calculator, so you can work out how many points your child's qualifications are worth and includes an extensive list of international qualifications.

Length

An undergraduate degree in the UK typically lasts three years, with the exception of Scotland where it lasts four years. The length of a degree depends on a number of factors including whether it includes a work placement – known in the UK as a sandwich degree – or a year abroad.

A typical academic year begins in September, with exams beginning around April or May, and finally ending around June or July.

Assessment

UK degrees are assessed using a variety of methods including a combination of written essays, practical assignments, presentations, reports, oral exams and written exams. The methods depend on the subject studied – for instance STEM subjects are more likely to employ practical assignments and lab reports. Most degree subjects in the UK will use a combination of written assignments and exams to help determine final grading.

Grading

A UK undergraduate degree can either be classified with or without honours. The grading system uses a percentage-based scoring for assignments and exams. To work out the final grade, and degree classification, a weighted average is taken from all assessed work with higher weight given to marks from the third year of the course.

- First Class Honours (1st, 1 or I) **70% or higher**
- Second Class Honours;
 - Upper division (2:1, 2i or II-1) **60-69%**
 - Lower division (2:2, 2ii or II-2) **50-59%**
- Third Class Honours (3rd, 3 or III) **40-49%**

Student life

Student life in the UK is a unique experience unlike anywhere in the world. The focal point of student life on campus is the Students' Union. Ran by the National Union of Students (NUS), it's a place for relaxing, studying, eating, drinking and attending student events.

Students at UK universities generally live on, or near campus, in the first year of their degree. These residences are often called Student Halls and living in them not only helps new students adjust to life at university but is also an opportunity to make friends outside of class.

Students usually move to student housing off campus for the remainder of their degree, which also helps them to develop greater independence and time management.

Russell Group

You may have heard the name Russell Group in connection with UK universities but what or who are they? They are a group of 24 elite research-intensive universities considered among the best institutions in the country. [Find out more here.](#)

For more information about studying in the UK, click here



An introduction to the US higher education system

The US higher education system is world-renowned for its academic quality, research output and facilities. Known globally for institutions like Harvard, Yale and MIT – there are estimated to be more than 4,000 higher education colleges across the country.

US colleges offer flexible degree programs that give students an unparalleled level of study options, developing knowledge across a diverse range of subjects.



Application

In the US, students can apply to multiple colleges but each application must be filed separately. Many students use the Common Application to apply online, with each application costing a fee.

Applications to US colleges are competitive so it's important to focus on extracurricular activities, hobbies or part time jobs as part of the application. This helps a prospective student to stand out among other applicants and demonstrate key skills.



Length

An undergraduate degree in the US typically lasts four years. The most common system for dividing an academic year is with sections called semesters. A year is usually split between one Fall semester and one Spring semester. Some colleges use different systems so you should check with the institution to see how they organize their academic calendar.

An academic year begins in September, this is called the Fall intake. At the beginning of their degree, students take a variety of core courses and during their final years their courses become more specific and focused on their major. A major is the focused area of study a student undertakes and ultimately influences what qualification they graduate with. This flexibility means it's easier for students to achieve a double major.

One of the unique features of US degrees is the college transfer. In the US, it's common for students to transfer to another university after a year, especially if their grades allow them to transfer to a higher ranked program.

Assessment

Degrees in the US are assessed using a variety of methods including a combination of written essays, practical assignments, presentations, reports, oral exams and written exams.

US colleges evaluate students grade averages each semester, rather than concentrating on final exams or essays towards the end of a semester or year.

Grading

The most common system of grading in the US is the grade point average (GPA). The GPA system allows the student to be monitored throughout the academic year and evaluate whether the student is improving or struggling in certain areas. The GPA system uses a decimal number system to calculate academic performance, with scores usually ranging between **0.00 and 4.00**. These scores all have an **A-F** grading equivalent which help to calculate the grade point average.

Grading is not standardized in the US so it's a good idea to check with a college to get a detailed breakdown of how students are graded.

Student life

Campus life in the US is highly social, with numerous clubs and societies covering every imaginable subject or hobby. Campus facilities are some of the best equipped in the world, whether you want to play sport or attend live events.

US students generally live on campus in dorms – a room shared with another student from the college. The first year for a student in the US is called Freshman Year – this period will nearly always be spent in dorms with the option to move off-campus later. It's the perfect time to make new friends, settle in to new surroundings and join clubs.

Ivy League

The Ivy League group of universities represent eight of the most prestigious universities in the world. Known for their academic excellence, their sports teams and their highly competitive admissions process. [Find out more](#) about these highly-ranked universities.

For more information about studying in the US, click here





VS.



How do the UK

and US compare?

3 YEARS
average length



ENTRY
A-levels or
Foundation



CURRICULUM
Focused and
specialized

IELTS
English test

Assessment
Emphasis on final exams



GRADING
Honours Class
System



ACCOMMODATION
Student halls

Knowledge
= DEPTH

4 YEARS
average length



ENTRY
SAT or Credit
Transfer



CURRICULUM
Flexible and
more choice

TOEFL
English test

Assessment
Consistent evaluation



GRADING
A-F CGPA
(4.0) GPA



ACCOMMODATION
Student dorms

Knowledge
= BREADTH

UK
VS.
US
grading
systems

UK Higher Education Grading (%)	High School or A-level Grading	US Higher Education GPA Grading
75-100	A+	4.25
71-74	A	4.00
67-70	A-	5.75
64-66	B+	3.50
61-63	B	3.25
57-60	B-	3.00
54-56	C+	2.75
50-53	C	2.50
48-49	C-	2.25
43-47	D+	2.00
40-42	D	1.50
38-39	D-	1.00
35-37	F+	0.75
30-34	F	0.50
0-29	F-	0.00

The international student journey

So you've heard about the possibility of sending your child to study abroad from a friend or family member and you're now seriously considering the option. The decision to study abroad is a huge one, and there's a lot to consider, but you'll be there every step of the journey to guide your child in the right direction.

Where are you on the journey?



As well as leaving with a high quality, internationally recognized degree, any student that studies overseas demonstrates an ability to adapt and successfully navigate any challenging situation.

Bob Gilmour, Executive Director,
INTO Oregon State University

<p>You've started to consider the idea of studying abroad and looked into the options available to your child.</p> <p>Stage 1 Awareness</p>	<p>You've decided with your child where and what they want to study. You begin to look into the details of different courses and programs, start dates, entry requirements and fees.</p> <p>Stage 3 Gathering</p>	<p>Whilst waiting for your child to receive confirmation of their studies, this is a great opportunity to do further research such as location information or placement opportunities.</p> <p>Stage 5 Post-application</p>	<p>Your child is enrolled and you are gathering all the necessary documentation to ensure they have everything they need for their first day of registration. You can also help them buy suitable clothes and ensure they have enough money to live on.</p> <p>Stage 7 Pre-arrival</p>
<p>You'll start comparing countries, universities, subjects and programs. You'll look into whether your child needs to enrol on an international pathway or English course.</p> <p>Stage 2 Comparing</p>	<p>You and your child have narrowed down the study options and are ready to apply. You start gathering all the documentation you need to complete their application.</p> <p>Stage 4 Applying</p>	<p>Your child may receive several offers at multiple institutions or providers. It's up to you to guide them in the decision-making process, looking at details like scholarships and academic reputation to help make your final decision.</p> <p>Stage 6 Enrolling</p>	<p>Your child is now studying abroad! You can help by keeping in regular touch with them, ensuring that they're not homesick or that they are attending classes.</p> <p>Stage 8 Studying</p>

What is an International Pathway?

INTO explains!

Want to know the difference between an International Foundation and an International Year One? **See page 12** to find out what option is best for your child.

Pre-arrival

As a parent in the study abroad process, pre-arrival might be one of the most important stages. This is the phase between enrolling and studying, giving you an opportunity to organize documents, payment and to ensure your child has everything they need to begin their studies.

Visas

Once your son or daughter has confirmed their place, they will need to start preparing for a visa. Most students will apply for a Tier 4 student visa for the UK or an F-1 student visa for the US. You can check the specific requirements either with your educational counsellor or you can read the latest government advice from the country your child is studying in.

After you've paid the deposit your child will receive a Confirmation of Acceptance for Study (CAS) letter which they will need for registration when studying in the UK. For study in the US your child will receive a Form I-20, which they'll need to schedule a visa appointment.

Visa checklist

- Read the latest government visa advice
- Ensure your child has sufficient funds in their bank account
- Make sure your child submits any medical certificates e.g. TB certificate (UK only)
- Ensure you have all the required financial statements
- Collect all the required documents listed on the CAS letter (UK) or appointment confirmation page (US)
- Make sure your child has their original passport
- Ensure passport is valid for at least six months from course start date

Language level and UK visas

A Secure English Language Test (SELT) may be needed to qualify for a student visa. The most common type of SELT used is the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). This standardized language test is accepted by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) as proof of English proficiency when applying for a Tier 4 student visa. Does your child need a SELT? [Find out more about IELTS here.](#)

Preparing to leave

This stage of the study abroad journey might well be one of the most difficult and emotional as a parent. This might be the first time your son or daughter has been away from home for any length of time, or the first time they've travelled alone so it's a big step for both of you.

It's important to ensure that your child is ready to arrive on time, as registration and induction are key for settling into their new surroundings.

Pre-arrival checklist

- All necessary fees paid
- Funds for trip and living costs
- Accommodation booked and confirmed
- Flights booked
- Send education provider the flight details (if using a pick-up service)
- Visa application completed
- Immunization documents completed
- Check luggage allowance for flight

What visa will they need?

INTO explains!

Want to chat to our advisors about any visa questions you have?
Visit <https://go.intostudy.com/enquiry> and give us a call or fill out the form.

What to pack

Look into the weather or climate of the country they will be studying in as they may need warm jackets or comfortable footwear. Think about what kind of personal items your child might want to take that will remind them of home and help them to settle in to their new surroundings.

Whilst it's rare, luggage can get lost in transit. For this reason you should ensure your child keeps important documents in their carry-on luggage.

Packing checklist

- Passport, visa, ID cards
- Offer letter and/or CAS statement (UK)
I20 form (US)
- English language certificate (if applicable)
- Medical certificates or prescriptions
- Emergency contact numbers
- Bank statement(s)
- Immunization book
- Biometric Residency Passport (if applicable)
- Parental consent letter (for students under 18)



UK student
visa advice



US student
visa advice



Getting settled – your child's first few weeks

When your child first arrives in their new study destination, it's an exciting but daunting time for them. This is a key period for settling in to their new accommodation and the new city they'll be living in, and they may experience some culture shock or homesickness. This is why orientation week, is so important. It will help give your child some structure and the opportunity to meet staff and fellow students.

What to expect from induction week

Induction allows students to acclimatize to their new surroundings. It's also a key time to meet new people and start to make friends. Some of the induction activities you might expect your child to take part in might include:

- Meeting fellow classmates, professors and other support staff
- Placement tests
- Help completing visa paperwork
- Getting to know the campus and facilities
- Help registering and opening a bank account
- Guided trips to local shops, international supermarkets and amenities
- Registering for a doctor
- Guide to local transport

Top tip: encourage your child to participate fully in their induction. They should not be afraid or embarrassed to ask questions. Staff are there specifically to help and answer queries.

Attending classes

It goes without saying that you should encourage your child to attend all classes. Homesickness, culture shock and the transition to university-level academic study can be stressful. Living away from home for the first time, some students may find it difficult to wake up for class and schedule their own time.

The importance of attendance cannot be stressed enough as not only does absenteeism lead to poor academic performance, there may also be visa implications. Students' attendance is monitored regularly by the student support team who will also encourage them to attend classes regularly.

Often, students don't feel comfortable coming forward if there's a problem. As a parent you can help by encouraging them to speak to their personal tutor or student support.

Insurance

Firstly, you'll need to purchase insurance for your child. The cost is usually reflected in the length of study, so make sure to check this beforehand as it will need to be arranged before your child can begin their studies.

Healthcare

The healthcare systems in the UK and US are significantly different, with varying levels of access.

In the UK your child will have access to the National Health Service (NHS) providing that the immigration healthcare surcharge has been paid either as part of your application or separately. You should always check for changes on the UK government website.

The US has a private healthcare system, so your child will also need to buy insurance which is slightly more extensive and costly. Insurance is also a requirement to study in the US and each university requires a specific level of coverage.

Top tip: consider setting up a regular online chat with your child. It may be easier for them to open up and discuss how they are getting on.

Wellness

Being physically, and mentally, fit is incredibly important not only for personal wellbeing and happiness but also for academic performance. Universities are now heavily focused on providing mental health services for students to find a healthy life balance.

You should also encourage your child to stay active and university is the ideal place to do so. Universities in the UK and US are known for their extensive fitness facilities and sports clubs. Whether your child enjoys playing team sports, or just likes to spend time in the gym, there are so many options for staying fit.

Top tip: students often get discounts or free access to gym memberships, so make sure to see what's available at the university your child is studying at.



What insurance will they need?

INTO explains!

Want to know more about what insurance you need to study with INTO?

UK: www.intostudy.com/en/study-abroad/country-guides/uk/health

US: www.intostudy.com/en/study-abroad/country-guides/us/health

Student support

From a parent's perspective, the support your child receives while studying abroad may be one of the most important issues for you. The level of support a student receives will impact on a number of key areas including academic performance, progression, language ability and personal health and happiness. Student support generally falls into the following categories:



Academic support

Personal tutors, teachers, professors and program managers primary focus is your child's academic performance and progress.



Accommodation support

Residential wardens, accommodation services staff and security are there to help your child if they have any issues or questions about their student accommodation.

Still have questions?
Visit:
go.intostudy.com/enquiry



Careers support

Careers officers will help your child with their employability skills, work placements, careers fairs, CVs and career-related workshops.



Language support

Language officers help develop your child's confidence in communicating in English and will also help to translate into their native language where necessary.



Placement or progression support

University placement or progression support officers deal with any concerns related to progression from an international program to a university degree. They help with university applications, personal statements and can even arrange for university faculty visits.



Student support services

If your child needs help with any welfare issues such as emotional or physical concerns, opening a bank account, registering with a doctor, local transport queries or any issues with day-to-day life as an international student, student support are there to help.

'INTO helped my daughter with her application to university and also with access to the university facilities, which allowed her an extra year to familiarise herself with the city and the culture.'

Amelia, Singapore



Where will my child live?

Knowing your child is living in safe and secure housing will be a top priority for you. Accommodation is also usually the biggest expense after tuition fees, so ensuring your child has a quality student residence secured is important.

Sorting out accommodation is one of the first things you will need to do once your child has secured their confirmation of study and there are some different options to consider:

On-campus student residences

This is a popular choice, especially for the first year of study abroad. It's the best way to make new friends and get used to life around campus.

Off-campus student residences

This option offers many of the advantages of on-campus residences but with a short journey to campus. Your child will feel more independent and get to know the area they're living in better.

Private student housing

This can be a more expensive option but ideal if your child wants alternative housing to student residences. Often, in the US, a private apartment can cost less than campus housing.

Homestay (UK)

The most cost-effective option, which involves your child staying with a carefully selected host family who will cook and look after them during their stay. It's a unique experience that will introduce your child to culture of their new host country.

Top tip: it's common in the US to live in shared dorms but if your child wants a single room you should check with the university to see if they are available.

What are student residences like?

Every student residence offers different features depending on the university but here are some of the standard facilities might you expect to find.

Facilities

- Bed and bedding
- Wardrobe
- Desk
- Shared washroom or en-suite bathroom
- Shared kitchen or kitchenette
- Laundry facilities
- Gym or games room
- Study areas
- Outdoor areas

Features

- Wi-Fi
- 24/7 staff
- Security

Student under 18

If your child is under 18, there are dedicated student residences for them to live in. This is because the protection of minors is taken very seriously and extra support is provided for them while studying abroad.

What is INTO accommodation like?

INTO explains!

Want to know more about what kind of accommodation INTO offers? Visit our **Accommodation** pages on www.intostudy.com where we have floor plans, local maps and videos.



'As a parent myself, I know that parents around the globe are placing their trust in us - we have a responsibility to them to ensure that their children are adjusting well and have every support possible to enable them to succeed.'

Dr Sharon Sundue
Vice President Academic Affairs,
INTO North America

What is an international pathway program?

An international pathway program comes in many forms but all have the same aim – to prepare international students for the academic and cultural challenges of studying in the UK or US. If your child wants to study at a top-ranked university or college but doesn't have the language or academic requirements to apply directly, an international pathway is designed specifically to prepare them for progression to a degree program.



How does studying with INTO work?

Thousands of students around the world apply to study with INTO with the aim of progressing to their chosen university. They study their pathway program with us in our purpose-built Study Centres which gives them access to specialist and personalised support for international students. Under guidance from our staff, they will learn to adjust to the expectations of university in the UK and US.

Don't know which program is right for your child?

INTO explains!

Read more about each option and search for course subjects, requirements and prices at www.intostudy.com/en/study-programs

What programs do we offer?

We offer a variety of different programs for undergraduate, postgraduate and language study. Find out more about each one:



International Foundation UG

A guaranteed route to Year 1 of an undergraduate degree at one of our partner universities.



Undergraduate Transfer Program UG

The UTP is the ideal option for international students who have already completed college or a university-level course but wish to study at a US institution.

International Year One UG

This course provides additional academic and English support to students pursuing a Bachelor's degree in the UK so they graduate in the same amount of time as domestic students.

Direct Entry UG PG

Apply to a university directly for an undergraduate or postgraduate degree program at a UK university.

Graduate Diploma PG

A flexible postgraduate program designed to improve research and study skills for postgraduate study.

Pre-Master's PG

Similar to the Graduate Diploma, the Pre-Masters offers entry to a postgraduate degree at a wide choice of universities.

A-levels

Study a specialised A-level program on a university campus.

Academic English

One of the most popular language course offered by INTO, this course provides intensive English language preparation specifically for academic study at university.



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Graduate Pathway Program PG

This course is designed for international students seeking a Master's degree or PhD but with extra academic and language support.

English Language Program

Designed for students preparing for university study in the US or for general language skills.

Academic English

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KEY:

UG Undergraduate program

PG Postgraduate program

Progression to university

If you've looked at the options and decided that an international pathway program is right for your child, you want to be sure that your investment in their future is a good one.

Successfully progressing from an INTO pathway to a university degree is dependent on a number of factors.

Passing the program with the required grades

Your child will likely have a particular university and degree in mind when they begin their program. Passing the program is only part of progression, your child will also need to meet the academic and language requirements for the degree. INTO provides detailed progression overview tables for each program both online and in our brochures, so be sure to check them.

Meeting attendance requirements

Your child must meet attendance requirements in order to pass the program and progress to university. You can read more about attendance requirements on our terms and conditions page: www.intostudy.com/en/terms

 **90%**

of INTO students in the UK chose to continue to a degree at one of our partner universities

 **97%**

of INTO students in the US chose to continue to a degree at one of our partner universities

Following professional advice from staff

Staff at INTO are there to support your child through this process and they have lots of experience doing so! They are there to advise on a number of progression-related subjects like writing a personal statement for their university application. They are an invaluable source of knowledge and if your child follows their advice, they will have the best chance possible of progressing to their degree.

'My daughter has fully adapted to the environment here, including the language, all very well. I am very satisfied that my daughter has made such great progress in three months.'

Cui, China



'I think INTO has done a very good job as a foundation year, both in academic and social aspects. It's given my daughter a year to explore and familiarise herself with the teaching style.'

Mai, Vietnam



Guide to finance

Investing in a quality international education for your child can be expensive and the cost depends on a number of factors – course type, course length, country of study and many others.

Main costs

- Tuition fees
- Visa fees
- Accommodation
- Insurance
- Text books and enrolment fees
- Living costs e.g. food, travel, clothing and entertainment

Research

Compare costs. It's worthwhile for you and your child to research different programs at different universities and compare the total costs. Look at the length of study – some programs offer shorter study terms, which means your child can get the same quality education for less!

Location

Studying in the US can be more expensive than the UK but it really depends on where your child is studying in the country. You might be surprised between the difference in cost between studying in London and, say, Glasgow. Look at different areas within the country to get an idea of how much student living is there. Many local businesses also offer considerable student discounts.

I would strongly recommend some sort of monthly allowance while they are finding their feet here. Especially if they haven't lived alone or abroad before.'

Madonna Fieldhouse,
Head of Student Services,
INTO City, University of London

Scholarships

Academic scholarships are a great way to reduce the cost of tuition fees and make an education abroad more affordable. However, scholarships are extremely competitive so they should not be relied upon to fund your child's education. There are a number of scholarship options, some are provided by the university and INTO offers a number of limited scholarships. It's worth doing some research to see what kind of financial aid is out there, as early as possible in the process

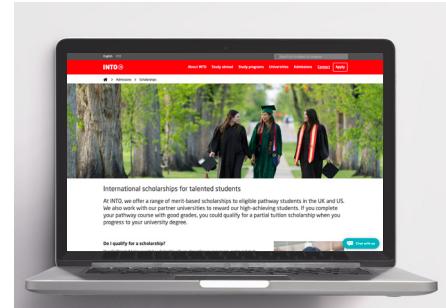
How to budget

If your child is living away from home for the first time, they may not have experience of independently managing their finances for day to day living. Giving your child the knowledge and confidence to manage their money is vital to them settling and succeeding abroad, especially early on. You could even consider arranging a monthly allowance, especially for the first few months, to give your child some financial constraints.

If you're not sure where to begin, our 'How to budget' video series will guide you and your child through the basics.



Top tip: be on the lookout for additional costs such as textbooks, equipment fees and social events and include these in your overall budget



INTO scholarships

At INTO we offer a range of scholarships for students in the UK and US. These scholarships are generally awarded to high-performing students and can be very competitive.

Scholarships are usually divided into pathway or progression categories. This means a pathway scholarship covers the fees for an INTO pathway course, whereas a progression scholarship usually covers the fees for the university course your child progresses to.

To find out more about scholarships, visit our dedicated scholarships page [here](#).

How to pay your INTO fees

INTO explains!

You can pay by bank or credit card via INTOPay, our secure online payment system. You'll receive a link for INTOPay and instructions in their offer letter.

To find out more about paying fees with INTO or INTOPay, [please visit our website](#).

Why choose INTO?

Studying abroad is a life-changing experience for you and your child, especially if it's their first time away from home. Here at INTO we have over 10 years' experience in international education, building trust with both our partner universities and the students in our care.

Our university-validated preparation programs help students to progress to some of the best universities in the UK and US. From the very beginning we're there to offer the support and guidance they need to succeed!



Regular progress reports

Your child's Personal Tutor will keep track of their progress, provide written reports and help them settle in to academic life.



Experience university classes

They'll learn alongside university students for certain academic modules at some of our centers.



Free language preparation

Help improve their English skills before they start the program with our free online Get Ready for English course.



All the support they need

Language advisers, extra one-to-one and group academic lessons, online support, and helpdesk and revision sessions are all available if they need additional help.



Latest learning technologies

An enhanced learning experience with classes taught through tablets, resources available online before and after lessons, and industry-standard computing facilities.



Socialize and learn on campus

A chance to adapt to university life, make friends quickly and take advantage of university facilities.



University validated programs

Our programs are tailored to each university partner.



Personalized expert teaching

Our teachers are experienced in working with international students and are happy to answer their questions and help meet their goals.



Tailored programs

Regular intakes with flexible course lengths to suit their academic or English level.

How to apply

An application in 5 easy steps:

1.

Fill in the [online application form](#) with your child's chosen course and university. You'll receive a confirmation email to let you know that we've received the application and information on providing the documents we'll need to assess the application.

2.

Set up My Account to send us the required documents. This will be your child's student account that allows them to securely and easily submit documents to us.

3.

Once you've submitted the documents, you'll receive a reply from one of our enrolment services team within two working days. If any additional documents are required, this is when you will be asked to supply them.

4.

Your child will receive an offer letter, with information on tuition fees and accommodation deposit. Once you have paid the fees and met any offer conditions, we'll send you the documents needed to apply for a visa.

5.

They apply for a visa. If you have any questions about the visa, please [get in touch](#) - our support team are happy to help!



What is My Account?

INTO explains!

INTO's My Account is an interactive account area that allows applicants to submit, modify and track applications.

Features like the document upload tool, application tracker and contact advisor option gives you complete visibility and control.

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