

The history of the University of Bolton can be traced back to 1825, boasting a long and distinguished history in providing quality education and proudly placing our students and their needs first. Our modern, friendly, and inclusive campus is just a 5-minute journey from the city centre.

Many undergraduate programmes at the University of Bolton are professionally accredited and delivered in state-of-the-art facilities that meet modern industry standards.

The University of Bolton has been ranked among the top 30 universities in the UK by The Guardian.

The summer school programme for the University of Bolton in 2024 is now open for registration. We welcome you to come to the University of Bolton and experience world-class teaching across our various academic departments.

Programme Overview

Course Length: 3 weeks

Course Date: 3 August 2024 - 24 August

Registration Age: 18+

English Language Level: From beginner

Accommodation (University accommodation - Orlando Village) : The accommodation is just a stone's throw away from the main campus of the university and the city centre of Bolton, making it a convenient base for shopping, dining out, and attending classes. Standard single rooms come with a washbasin, shared bathroom facilities, and kitchen, as well as ultra-fast internet connectivity.

Price: £3,200

* The price includes tuition, accommodation, partial meal costs (approximately 70%), and travel expenses for trips arranged by the course. The fees do not cover flight costs or transportation fees for airport transfers.

Social Activities:

- ✓ Enjoying a welcome meal with new friends from other countries/regions
- ✓ Accommodation and sightseeing excursion to England's capital, London

- ✓ Visiting the stunning Lake District in England
- ✓ Meeting with Bolton Mayor's Office and participating in a guided tour of the majestic Mayor's Parlour at Bolton Town Hall
- ✓ Spending time with our student ambassadors who will provide you with insider knowledge about the university and Bolton
- ✓ Free time to explore Bolton, Manchester, and other nearby areas
- ✓ Participating in social and cultural activities within the university community
- ✓ Enjoying a graduation dinner with your new friends from the University of Bolton Summer School programme (please prepare formal evening wear)

Experiencing British culture allows you to immerse yourself in and understand the customs, traditions, and way of life in the UK:

- ✓ Education: The UK boasts a long history of academic excellence and is home to some of the world's top universities. Education is highly valued, and British universities attract students from all over the globe.
- ✓ Tea Culture: Tea is an integral part of British culture. Britons love their tea, especially in the afternoon. Afternoon tea (including tea, sandwiches, cakes, and scones) is a popular tradition.
- ✓ Sports: Sports play an important role in British culture. Football is the most popular sport, followed by rugby, cricket, and tennis. Britons are passionate about their local football teams.
- ✓ Monarchy and Royalty: The British monarchy is a significant symbol of British culture. The Royal Family, headed by His Royal Highness King Charles III, is respected and admired by many. Royal events such as births and weddings are celebrated nationwide.
- ✓ Music and Literature: The UK has a rich musical heritage, with famous bands and artists such as The Beatles, Queen, and Adele. British literature is also highly regarded, with world-renowned authors such as William Shakespeare, Jane Austen, and J.K. Rowling.
- ✓ Politeness and Etiquette: Britons are known for their politeness and courtesy. They value good manners, say "please" and "thank you," and respect personal space.
- ✓ Multiculturalism: British society is multicultural and diverse, with people from different racial backgrounds and religions. This diversity is celebrated and contributes to the vibrant cultural landscape of the UK.

Course Specialization

Leadership and Management

This short experiential course is designed to teach and enhance individual management and leadership skills, providing you with practical knowledge and techniques to become an effective leader. You will cover various topics such as decision-making, communication, team building, and problem-solving. The course is specifically designed for individuals who wish to enhance their learning and career advancement abilities.

SFX & Creative Technologies

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Medicine & Health

The medical and health short-term courses at the University of Bolton Summer School can provide you with a solid foundation of knowledge and skills in healthcare. Our short-term courses are designed to give you a broad understanding of various aspects of medicine and health. If you are interested in exploring this field, it's a great choice.

The university has established a world-class reputation through the Health and Wellbeing Institute, and a brand new medical school, costing £40 million, is currently under construction at the Royal Bolton Hospital site. It is set to be completed by May 2024 and prepared for approval visits from the Medical Council in June 2024. The programme will welcome its first cohort of medical students starting from September 2025. This is a remarkable milestone and a wonderful achievement in the university's 200-year history.

Taking this short-term course will provide you with valuable networking opportunities. You will have the chance to connect with fellow students, lecturers, and professionals in the field, which can be beneficial for your future career prospects. We will also provide you with key information regarding the requirements from the UK Medical Schools for applicants.

Sports Science

Our short-term experiential course in Sports Science provides you with an integrated approach to science; combining Sports and Biomedical Sciences - integrating knowledge from various scientific disciplines such as physiology, anatomy, biomechanics, and nutrition. This interdisciplinary approach enables you to understand the complex interactions between the human body and exercise, and how to apply scientific principles to optimize athletic performance and promote overall health.

This summer school short-term course in Sports and Biomedical Sciences can serve as a stepping stone towards valuable careers in the sports industry, or as a pathway for higher education in this field.

STEM

The STEM field is rapidly evolving, and this short experiential course aims to keep up with the latest industry trends and advancements.

We will focus on fostering practical skills that are in high demand in the job market and cultivating a broad understanding of STEM disciplines. These subjects may include programming, data analysis, problem-solving, and laboratory techniques. The course is designed to provide you with hands-on experience and practical applications of STEM concepts.

** Each student can only choose one specialization when applying.

Why Choose UoB's Summer School?

Our summer school courses will provide you with a range of potential benefits and opportunities:

- ✓ Rich Academic Experience: The University of Bolton's summer school offers a variety of courses to deepen your knowledge in specific fields or explore new subjects. You'll learn from academic experts and gain valuable insights into the latest tools, technologies, and methods used in your chosen field.
- ✓ International Experience: Participating in the university's summer school provides a unique experience for students from different countries. Not only will you immerse yourself in different cultures, but you'll also interact with people from around the world, enriching your

experience, making lifelong friends, and broadening your global perspective.

- ✓ **Language Learning:** The summer school will offer English language learning. Upon arrival, we'll conduct a brief assessment of your English proficiency, and tutors will provide a tailored course plan designed to improve your English proficiency by the equivalent of 0.5 points on the IELTS scale within three weeks. Improving English proficiency will be part of the summer course's objectives. Immersing yourself in a rich English environment can accelerate your English learning progress.
- ✓ **Socialization:** The summer school brings together students from different backgrounds and countries, allowing you to visit companies and institutions. This provides an excellent opportunity to build a global network of contacts, forge lifelong friendships, obtain job placements and career opportunities, and interact with like-minded individuals.
- ✓ **Personal Development:** Participating in university summer courses can enhance your personal and professional skills. Through interactive learning activities, group projects, and presentations, you can develop critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, public speaking, and teamwork skills.
- ✓ **Cultural Immersion:** Living and studying in different countries allows you to experience new cultures firsthand. You can explore local traditions, customs, cuisine, and landmarks, deepening your understanding and appreciation of different cultures.

UoB Summer School FAQs

Q: During the summer course, what will I be doing?

A: You will be staying in university accommodation - Orlando Village, and you will need to purchase and prepare some of your own meals. However, during the three-week course, we will provide most of your meals at no extra cost.

You will need to purchase your own groceries and prepare some of your meals in the self-catered dormitory. Learning to use the kitchen, being self-sufficient, and in some cases experiencing "adulting" will be part of the experience. There are cafes and restaurants within our campus buildings where you can also purchase meals and snacks.

You will participate in academic seminars hosted by top scholars relevant to your chosen discipline. You will benefit from a range of skill development and social activities, including leadership, sports activities, and more. You will also collaborate with several other participants to complete a group project.

Evening social activities are designed to provide you with various opportunities to meet student ambassadors and other participants, while also exploring more of the university experience and developing further skills. The third week concludes with the University of Bolton Summer School Graduation Dinner - a perfect ending to three weeks that you will never forget. Feedback from summer school alumni often describes the dinner as akin to a celebrity wedding or an Oscars ceremony.

Q: Is the summer course residential or online?

A: The summer school is a residential experience, where participants can explore the campus in person and experience student life firsthand.

Q: What are the student ambassadors like?

A: All our student ambassadors are current students at the University of Bolton, so they fully understand the various choices you're facing right now. They can tell you about their reasons for choosing the University of Bolton and their graduation plans, and answer any questions you have about university life. Some student ambassadors are alumni of the University of Bolton Summer School and are currently studying at the university; after graduation, they will develop their careers at the university or other organizations in the UK. For example, an international student at the University of Bolton came from India, and after obtaining a degree, he found a job at the university and progressed in his academic career to become a vice chancellor. The University of Bolton Summer School is a breeding ground where dreams come true.

Q: If I need to cancel the course, what should I do?

A: If you need to cancel the course, please contact your designated instructor as soon as possible. Refund requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If you cancel your booking on or before 14 June 2024, you will receive a full refund, deducts a £200 administration fee.

Cancellations made on or after 15 June 2024, will not be refunded any fees.

Exceptions may apply:

- Under extenuating circumstances (such as being unable to travel due to illness, bereavement, etc.)
- Visa application rejection - However, refunds will not be considered if the visa application was submitted too late or of the wrong type.

Courses cancelled by the University of Bolton

We require a minimum number of students to run each course. If the minimum number of students is not met, the course will be cancelled, and you may choose another course or receive a full tuition refund.

Unless you have provided explicit consent otherwise, we will refund using the same payment method you used for the initial transaction; in any case, you will not incur any fees for any refunds.

Q: When should I start preparing for my trip?

A: You should start preparing immediately after receiving formal enrolment confirmation and course fee confirmation. This should be at least four weeks before the start date of 3 August 2024. We will also provide a letter confirming your registration at the summer school, including your details, and assist you in applying for a visitor visa to the UK if necessary.

We have a minimum requirement for the number of students enrolled in each course, so we do not recommend booking any flights until you receive your acceptance letter. Any expenses you incur (excluding fees paid to the University of Bolton) will be your responsibility. These expenses will not be reimbursed if the course needs to be cancelled.

Q: Do I need medical insurance?

A: If you are studying in the UK for 6 months or less and hold a standard visitor study visa, you will need to purchase private medical insurance as you will be responsible for any NHS medical services you use. The University of Bolton Summer Courses do not cover medical expenses, and medical costs can be very expensive.

If you already have medical insurance in your own country/region, please check if it can be extended to cover your stay in the UK and explore options offered by UK insurance companies.

Q: Do I need a visa? Where do I apply?

A: You may need a standard visitor visa. Please consult the UK Visas and Immigration before booking for visa requirements.

You can apply for a visa online up to three months before your travel date to the UK, and you should receive a decision within three weeks. If you need guidance on applying for a visa, you can contact your designated instructor.

Please allow yourself enough time to prepare your documents and submit your application, as delays in response may prevent you from joining the course.

If your visa application is rejected, we can refund your tuition fees in full upon providing supporting evidence. However, refunds will not be considered if the visa application is submitted too late or of the wrong type.

Q: How do I get to Bolton?

A: The nearest international airport to the University of Bolton is Manchester. You can easily travel from Manchester Airport to Bolton by coach or train. Please note that unless the group size is 30 people or more, we typically do not arrange airport transfer services.

Q: When do I need to check in/check out?

A: Check-in: You can check in to our accommodation on Saturday, 3rd August, or Sunday, 4th August, before the course begins. The Orlando Village has a 24-hour front desk. If you will be arriving late in the evening, please inform us in advance so we can notify the accommodation team to expect your arrival.

Check-out: You will need to check out of Orlando Village by noon the day after the course ends.

Q: What can I eat in the accommodation?

A: Our accommodation is self-catering, which means you can cook for yourself. The kitchen is shared and equipped with basic utensils. You can purchase any missing utensils at budget stores in the city centre - please ask your student ambassador.

You can buy food at local supermarkets just a short walk from the Orlando Village. You can also dine at any of the restaurants on campus, and there are plenty of dining options around Bolton.

Q: What clothes should I bring?

A: In August, the weather is generally dry, but being in Greater Manchester, it can sometimes rain. The average temperature in August is 19°C, but it can reach highs of around 26°C to 28°C. We recommend preparing for both warm, dry weather and cool, damp conditions.

Pack lightweight, comfortable clothing (that can be layered), sturdy walking boots, socks, trainers, and a raincoat/umbrella. All our courses include outdoor activities, and the weather here can be unpredictable.

You'll be attending a grand dinner, which is a formal event held in a prestigious setting, so make sure to bring appropriate formal attire.

For example:

Women: Cocktail dress/traditional cultural attire/evening gown

Men: Suit and tie/traditional cultural attire/black tie

We welcome and appreciate the diversity of cultural attire from our guests. Feel free to wear clothing that is meaningful to your traditions.

Q: Where can I find the schedule for the courses?

A: Typically, our courses run from Monday to Friday, starting around 10:00 AM and finishing around 4:00 PM, with a break for lunch. In the evenings, we include various social activities. Once your course schedule is finalized, we will share it with you promptly.

Q: What should I bring to class?

A: Most teaching materials will be included in your tuition fees. It may be helpful to bring a notebook or laptop for taking notes if needed. If there are any specific items you need to bring, we will notify you in advance.

Q: Can I travel after the course ends?

A: Many students take the opportunity to travel around Europe after the course ends. To do so, you'll need to ensure your visa (if you require one) is valid for each country you intend to visit. You can check the visa rules for each country by consulting your government's information.

While we can assist you with sightseeing and discuss our own travel experiences in the UK and Europe, we cannot help you with any visa issues or booking transportation or accommodation.