



International Students' Guide



Bradford College
University Centre



**Enjoy studying
in a friendly
atmosphere!**

A very warm welcome to our guide produced especially for international students.

Bradford College welcomes many hundreds of international students each year – the high standards of our courses have gained us a global reputation to which we continually add. We hope that this short guide gives you a flavour of what you can expect on our friendly, dynamic campus.



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College Principal
and Chief Executive

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A close-up photograph of a young woman with long dark hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a teal jacket. In the background, a man in a red shirt is looking down at a table, and there are various items like papers and a chair, suggesting a workshop or classroom setting. A teal speech bubble is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**Welcome
to Bradford**

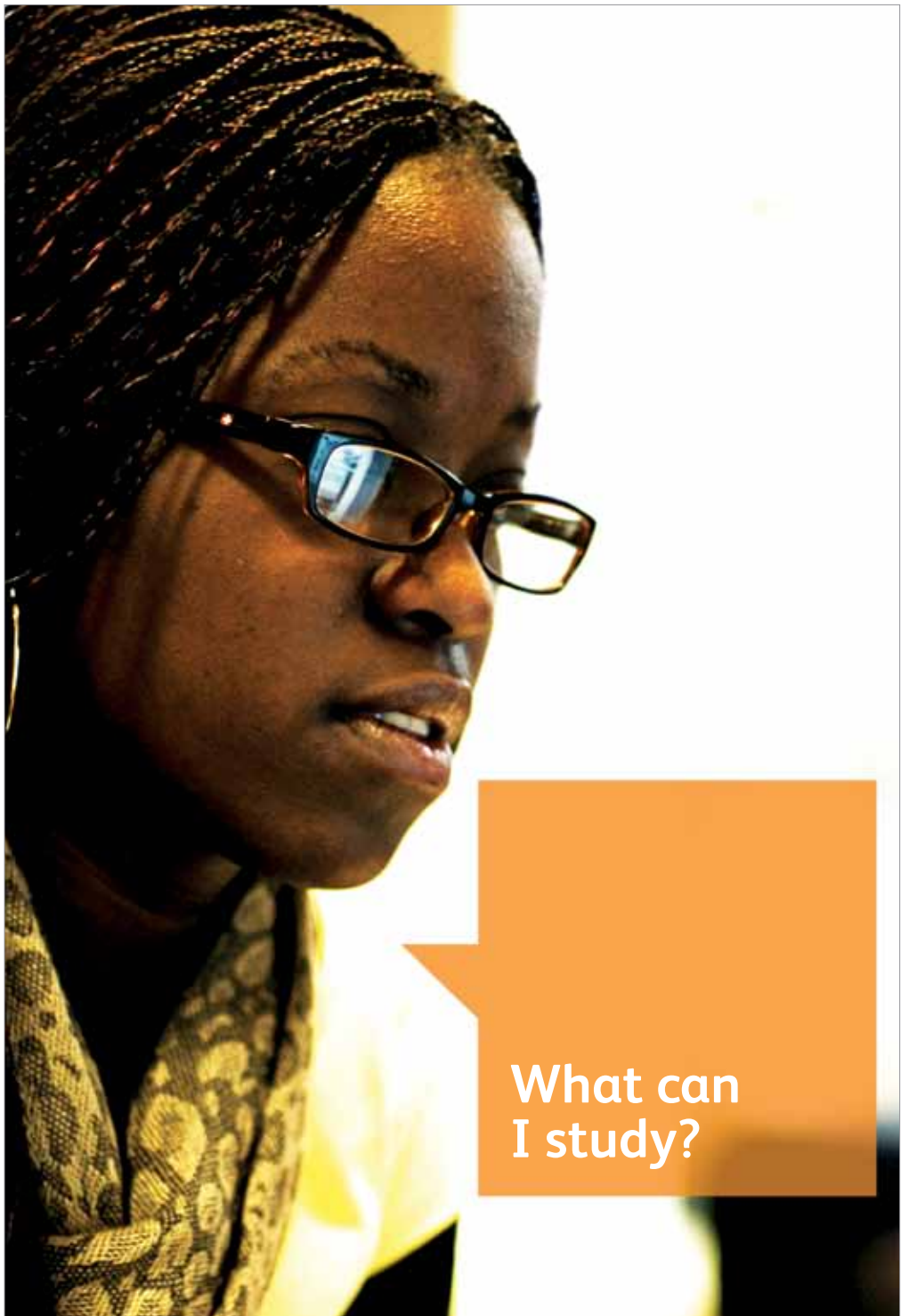


A friendly 21st Century city attracting over nine million visitors a year, Bradford is a culturally diverse and fast growing cosmopolitan city. Centrally located with an international airport, Bradford welcomes students from around the world.

Bradford College is a welcoming, friendly place to study with a good reputation for offering outstanding support to our students in all areas of College life. With a history of delivering quality education for over 175 years, Bradford College has provided students worldwide with an excellent learning experience. The College has over 24,000 students from 60 countries worldwide.

The College has an extensive range of student facilities including The Students' Union, various student enrichment activities, restaurants, café bars, hair and beauty salons, well stocked libraries and IT workshops. Not only do all students have access to the web but the College has wireless hotspots. The opening of our Trinity Green campus in September 2008 offers students the use of fantastic sports facilities which have been included in the London Organising Committee Pre-Games Training Camp Guide for the Olympics in 2012.





What can
I study?

Bradford College offers affordable, internationally recognised qualifications in Higher Education, Further Education, Access Courses and A Levels. Courses are offered in a wide range of areas including:

- Business & Management
- Computing & Information Technology
- Finance
- Law
- Marketing
- Media
- Technology
- Games Development
- Engineering & Construction
- Beauty Therapy
- Fashion Design & Textiles
- Art & Design
- Music
- Catering & Hospitality
- Education, Early Years & Teaching
- Health, Community & Social Care
- Public Services
- Ophthalmic Dispensing
- Sport
- Travel & Tourism

The College offers students the opportunity to progress from Further Education courses to Higher Education courses, and our degrees are awarded by Leeds Metropolitan University – one of the UK’s leading universities.

English Language Centre

Accredited by the British Council, our excellent English Language Centre offers a full range of English courses throughout the year, including:

- General English
- Academic English
- English Plus
- IELTS Preparation
- General English Summer School
- Pre-Sessional Academic English Summer School

English Language support can also be built into your timetable to help you as you study. Students on Tier 4 General Student Visas will work towards a range of English Language exams, including IELTS and Cambridge examinations. The English Language Centre is member of English UK, English UK North and Education UK.

To find out more visit the College’s website: www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk



The International Centre

Bradford College’s International Centre offers dedicated support to international students from the moment you apply right through to your graduation. Our friendly staff can offer you specialist advice and support to assist you in your studies. We encourage all our international students to use the Centre as a place where you can discuss everyday student issues, seek specialist information relating to visa renewal, course applications, banking and police registration.



What will
life be like
for me?

The College campus is located in the heart of the city. It has fully equipped lecture theatres, excellent libraries, a medical centre, skills centre, computing facilities, language centre and students' union. In September 2008 the new Trinity Green Campus opened which houses an excellent sports centre.



The Students' Union offers a superb range of facilities, including a student lounge, playstation tournaments, a big screen TV and light refreshments. You will also have the chance to join some of the many student societies and meet people with the same interests as you. National Union of Students (NUS) membership gives you lots of privileges including discounts and special offers only open to NUS members.

The College offers an exciting range of student activities including a variety of sports, dance and, for those who enjoy outdoor activities, we are ideally situated for rock climbing, canoeing and walking in the spectacular Yorkshire Dales. If you choose to go into the city you will find a vast array of theatres, museums, leisure facilities, restaurants, cafés and bars to keep you entertained.

During the day

A popular attraction for students is The National Media Museum, located just across the road from the campus. One of the 'must see' features is a huge IMAX screen which shows a first-rate selection of films, many in 3D. The 'Pictureville' cinema hosts the annual Bradford Film Festival which is one of the most significant events on the European film festival circuit.

Eating out

If you are eating out in Bradford you are spoilt

for choice. In addition to many traditional English restaurants you will find Thai, Mexican, Italian, Greek, Chinese and many more. Bradford is also internationally renowned for the quality of its Asian restaurants and authentic curries. Student discounts are common so eating out is very affordable.

Nightlife

The lively nightlife is prominent in the city's 'West End'; with a vibrant array of bars, restaurants and nightclubs, you can be sure you will be well catered for. There are student bars, cafés, a wealth of clubs (many offering special student nights and discounts) and an abundance of music, all on your doorstep.

A night at the theatre

If you enjoy the theatre, the world famous Alhambra Theatre is just a two minute walk away from the College and features everything from the Royal Shakespeare Company to ballet, pantomime, modern dance and poetry.

Beyond Bradford

A short journey by rail or the motorway will take you to Manchester or Leeds, both big cities with plenty to do, with some of the best shops in the UK and a great nightlife. Being in the centre of the UK means you can easily and quickly travel to anywhere: to Scotland, to submerge yourself in its rugged beauty and isolation, or to the non-stop excitement of London.



**Where will
I stay?**

There is a large variety of accommodation for students and making arrangements is easy. Our Accommodation Services can provide you with all the advice and guidance you need ensuring that you make the right choice. For more information please contact our Accommodation Services on +44 (0) 1274 436400.

The College offers two types of accommodation:

Halls of Residence

Accommodation Services can offer en suite rooms within Halls of Residence. This option requires you to sign a 42-week contract and you must put down a deposit.

Home stay accommodation

This involves you living locally in a house owner's own home, as a lodger or as part of their family. This accommodation gives students from overseas the opportunity to experience family life in the UK. Students under 18 years old must reside in this type of accommodation, although it is also highly recommended for students who may not have lived away from home before.

Private rented flats, houses and bedsits

Some students choose to live in privately owned, rented accommodation often sharing with other students. This type of accommodation is advertised locally and also in the local newspapers, such as the Telegraph and Argus at:

www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk

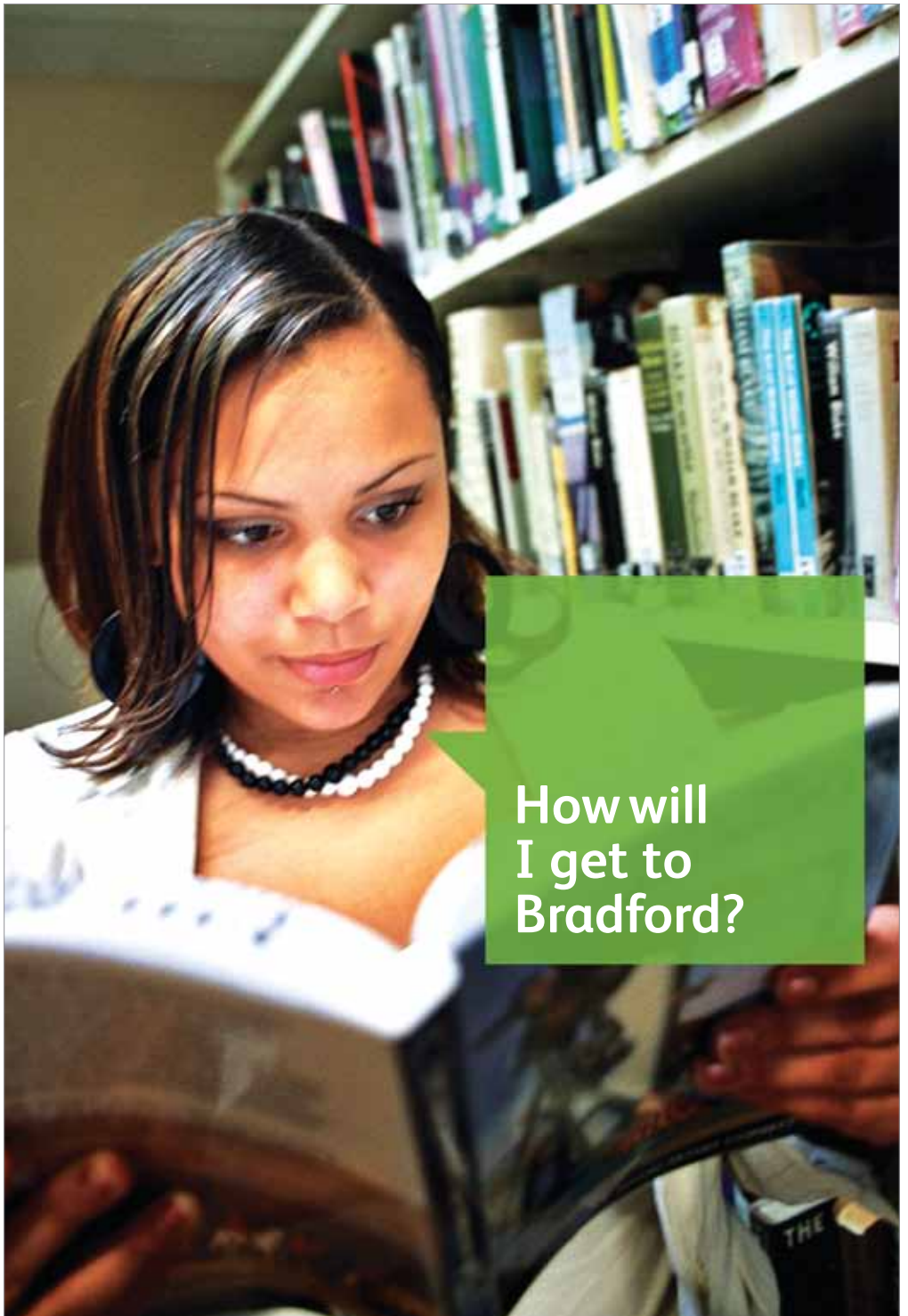
Accommodation Services

☎ **+44 (0) 1274 436400**

✉ **accommodationservices@bradfordcollege.ac.uk**



Laisteridge Lane Halls of Residence



How will
I get to
Bradford?

Getting to the UK

Once you have accepted a place to study at Bradford College you will need to make your final arrangements for travelling to the UK.

If you are travelling to the UK by air, you will probably arrive at either London or Manchester. If you arrive in London you can easily get a connecting flight to Leeds Bradford airport. We also offer a free meet-and-greet airport collection service for new students arriving at Manchester International Airport and Leeds Bradford International Airport.

Find out more details and the online booking form on our website:

www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk

During induction week in September we run the International Orientation Week which gives you the opportunity to meet staff, explore the campus and city, make new friends and have some fun before your studies begin!

Tuition Fees

All tuition fees are charged on an annual basis.

The account details for tuition fee deposit payments are as follows:

Account Name: Bradford College
 Bank Name: Barclays Bank Plc
 Account Number: 00129135
 Sort Code: 20-11-81
 SWIFT Code: BARCGB22
 IBAN: GB50 BARC 201181 00129135

Bank Address:
 10 Market Street, PO Box 224
 Bradford, West Yorkshire
 BD1 1NR, United Kingdom

You can also make payments online, through our website:

 <https://epay.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/deposits/>

Please ensure the student's full name is used as the payer's reference.

Immigration

If you are not a British citizen or a citizen of one of the European Economic Area (EEA) countries, you may need a visa to enter the UK. Check out the website www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/ for more information.

Bradford College is an approved education provider, licenced by the UK Border Agency to sponsor international students under Tier 4. You will require a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) letter from Bradford College to apply for your entry clearance. You can find the Tier 4 visa application form, guidance notes and updates on the UK Border Agency (UKBA) website:

 www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk

Further information can be found on the UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) website:

 www.ukcisa.org.uk

Easy steps to getting started

Step 1

Decide on a course

Visit our website for course information:
www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk

Alternatively, you can request a prospectus by emailing us:
international@bradfordcollege.ac.uk

Step 2

Complete your application form

You can complete the form in this guide, or complete the online application form on our website at www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk.

Step 3

Send us your qualifications

After completing the application form, please return it to the address on the back page of this guide, together with copies of your certificates (including details of IELTS/TOEFL or equivalent qualifications) and transcripts. If you've applied for Art & Design courses, please also send your portfolio, and we need personal statement and references for postgraduate programmes.

If you've applied online, you can email copies of your qualifications to int.applications@bradfordcollege.ac.uk

Please note, we cannot process applications without qualifications. Your application will then be processed by one of our Course Tutors and our International Admissions Team will contact you with a decision in due course.

Step 4

Receive your offer letter

Once you've received your conditional offer letter, you just need to meet the requirements of the letter, including payment of your tuition fee deposit. When these have been met, we can issue you with your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) letter, which you will need to apply for a visa.

Futher Information

The College offers a scholarship scheme for international students, which is available to students who are progressing onto their second or third year of study only. The College does not offer scholarships to first year students. For more information on other scholarships available from external sources please visit the British Council website at www.britishcouncil.org.uk

The College does have partnerships with a number of education agencies around the world. For more information please contact the International Centre via email at international@bradfordcollege.ac.uk