INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

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Peterborough Regional College (PRC) and University Centre Peterborough (UCP) welcomes many international students every year. Students choose to study with us because of our fantastic teaching, our first class facilities and because we are located in the heart of Cambridgeshire.

We offer a range of qualifications to suit your interests and every year we help more and more students to experience the amazing opportunities on offer at our campus and in the UK.

We are a friendly place, offering excellent support and guidance from application to graduation and beyond. This support takes many forms, but most importantly we focus right from the start on helping you work towards your chosen career. International students are important to us and we believe you offer our student community a richness of experience and culture.

At PRC and UCP you will learn from lecturers who are highly qualified and experienced in their fields. Great knowledge isn’t the only thing our staff can offer; they are also friendly, supportive and dedicated to helping you achieve your ambitions. Your ambitions are our ambitions. Our courses will bring you into close contact with expert practitioners, analysts and consultants who will give you valuable insights into the current strategic approaches and practices within your chosen field of study.

We hope this guide provides you with all the information you need, and that you will want to find out more about studying with us.

We look forward to welcoming you to Peterborough Regional College and University Centre Peterborough.

Angela Joyce
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Academic Director
University Centre Peterborough
PETERBOROUGH REGIONAL COLLEGE is a publicly funded institution and has been awarded Highly Trusted Sponsor status by the UK Border Agency. The college shares a unique relationship with its on-campus partner, UNIVERSITY CENTRE PETERBOROUGH. Successful achievement of college pre-university courses enables you to progress to the undergraduate courses at the University Centre.

- Our large education campus is based close to the city centre
- We welcome students from all backgrounds and provide a friendly and supportive environment
- Peterborough is a safe place to study, combining the best of a modern city with a rich historical past
- It has a diverse and multicultural community
London Stansted Airport is located in Essex, 56km from London. 
[www.stansted-airport-guide.co.uk](http://www.stansted-airport-guide.co.uk)  
Tel: +44 (0)870 0000303

Public transportation to and from the airport is reliable and frequent with a choice of trains, coaches, Stansted express, taxis and car hire. Stansted has a train service connecting with Peterborough.

London Gatwick International Airport is the second largest airport for London.  
[www.gatwickairport.com](http://www.gatwickairport.com)

Depending on your budget or the time you have available, there are various ways to travel from Gatwick Airport to the centre of London for onward journeys to Peterborough.

London Heathrow is the world’s busiest international gateway, serving over 64 million passengers a year, flying to over 170 destinations in 90 countries.  
[www.heathrowairport.com](http://www.heathrowairport.com)

The Heathrow Express is a non-stop train service that offers the fastest travel option between Heathrow Airport and central London. From King’s Cross station trains come straight into Peterborough.
WHY CHOOSE TO STUDY WITH US?

1. QUALITY
- UK Border Agency (Home Office) Highly Trusted Sponsor status
- British Council Accredited English Language courses
- Our courses have internationally recognised accreditation
- Highly skilled and professionally qualified teachers, dedicated to your progress
- Our degrees are awarded by Anglia Ruskin University
- International social and cultural programme to help you apply and enjoy your studies
- International Office always there to support you

2. LEARNING
- Pre-university programmes are relevant, vocational courses with the focus on both learning and applying knowledge and skills. This builds a solid foundation for university or career progression
- Undergraduate programmes include Foundation and Honours Degrees. The University Centre offers courses covering a wide range of subject areas
- Small teaching groups ensure a high quality learning experience
- Outstanding individual student support
- Competitively priced course fees for high quality education

3. LOCATION
- 45 minutes by train to London Kings Cross
- 35 minutes by train to Cambridge
- Located at centre of UK transport networks
- Direct access to major airports via road and rail
- Safe, welcoming, multicultural city and college
- Cost of living in Peterborough is lower than many other major cities
- UK’s leading Environmental City

4. WORK
Because we are a publicly funded institution you are allowed to work as follows:
**Term time work**
- 10 hours per week if you are studying at PRC
- 20 hours per week if you are studying at degree level at UCP
- During official college/university holidays full-time work is allowed

5. PROGRESSION
- Students successfully achieving pre-university programmes with the college are guaranteed an interview for an undergraduate programme in relevant subjects at our University Centre here on campus.
SUPPORT & FACILITIES

Moving overseas can be difficult and we want to help you settle in to student life as easily as possible. We have a wide range of support services and facilities to help you feel more at home including:

**Advice, Guidance & Support**
Our dedicated International Team will guide you through the complete process of applying to study with us. They will also help you with your accommodation planning and offer guidance for living in Peterborough.

**Personal Tutors**
All students are assigned a personal tutor. You will meet with your tutor regularly and follow a tutorial programme to help develop study skills and to research career and/or higher education opportunities.

**Wellbeing Team**
As part of our commitment to our students’ wellbeing, the Wellbeing Team are available throughout the year and especially in the first few weeks of term. The team includes a counsellor, student liaison officer, careers advisor, nurse, chaplain, personal learning coaches and a team of youth workers.

**Youth Work Team**
The College has a Youth Work Team who run various extra curricular activities which you can become involved in. They also run a breakfast club every morning, and ensure they support students and encourage them to succeed.

**UCP - Student Support Centre**
For those studying at degree level the Student Support Centre is available cater for all student needs. A team of student advisors are here to support you with your academic life and educational needs. From extension to mitigations, to assisting you with finance, accommodation and study needs - they are are to help you.

**Equality & Diversity**
Peterborough Regional College and University Centre Peterborough are inclusive organisations and welcome applications from everybody. The campus has a wide range of facilities and support which are available to everyone.
Multi-faith Prayer & Contemplation Room
The multi-faith prayer room is open to all students, staff and visitors, regardless of faith or beliefs, to use for prayers, meditation or to simply reflect.

Sport and Recreation
If you like to keep active, you may like to check out our well-equipped sports centre which includes badminton, volleyball, basketball, tennis and netball courts, a football pitch and table tennis. A variety of sports activities are run at lunchtimes, and there are a number of sports teams that have regular fixtures against other teams, both regionally and nationally.

Library+
Our Peterborough campus has a well equipped learning resources centre. This includes a drop-in PC centre providing access to the internet, the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) and Microsoft Office, as well as a number of software packages and a developing collection of electronic resources including ebooks. You will also find a wide range of books for reference and loan; newspapers and journals; group and silent study areas; equipment to watch DVDs; photocopying facilities and a selection of stationery for sale. A Library+ induction programme is provided for all students. The Library+ team will be pleased to assist you in your use of the wide range of resources on offer.

The University Library
(for undergraduate students)
The University Library consists of major libraries at the Chelmsford and Cambridge campuses respectively, along with the hospital site at Colchester and the Faculty of Health & Social Care located at Guild House, Oundle Road, Peterborough. The library collections comprise over 350,000 volumes of book stock, over 2,000 journal subscriptions and a growing collection of non-print materials supplemented by document delivery and inter-library loan services. These traditional services are complemented by a rapidly growing electronic library of online information resources delivered via the internet and CD-ROM network and accessible through the university website.
We offer a wide range of courses for international students. If you are planning to come to Peterborough on a student visa, you will need to study a course that is accredited at Level 3 or above (i.e. BTEC National Diploma). Level 3 study involves obtaining detailed knowledge and skills which are appropriate for those wishing to go on to university degrees (with us or elsewhere), work independently, or in some areas supervise and train others in their field of work.

You can also study an English language programme to achieve a qualification equivalent to B2, which is the minimum level accepted by UKBA*. Please visit our website for up-to-date information. You can study English at a lower level if you enter the UK on a Student Visitor Visa or are sponsored by your Government.

We offer a wide range of programmes including:
- English Language
- Study Holidays/Summer School
- Level 3 & 4 (Pre-University)
- International Foundation Programme (IFP)
- Higher National Diplomas (HND)
- Undergraduate programmes (Foundation and Honours Degrees)

We also offer customised corporate training and bespoke programmes for groups of sponsored students here in the UK or overseas.

For example:
- Train the Trainer
- Management Essentials
- Managing Poor Performance
- Presentation Skills
- Coaching for Business Performance
- Women in Management
- Negotiation Skills
- Health & Safety

**Entry Requirements**

All students require an IELTS or equivalent English Language qualification to be eligible for a course. The minimum scores required are:

- **English as a Foreign Language** – IELTS 4.0
- **Level 3 (pre-university)** – IELTS 5.5
- **International Foundation Programme** - IELTS 5.0
- **HND** - IELTS 5.5
- **Foundation/Honours degree** - IELTS 6.0

Please note that all applicants will be interviewed using Skype. If you are in the UK when you make an application you will be invited to the campus for a face-to-face interview.

For more information about courses, including course content and entry requirements, please contact the International Team on: +44 (0) 1733 762292 or +44 (0) 1733 762293 or email international@peterborough.ac.uk
We offer Level 3 pre-university programmes in the following subjects:

- Accountancy
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Applied Science – Forensic/Medical/Biology, Physics, Chemistry
- Art and Design
- Beauty Therapy
- Business
- Childcare and Education
- Children’s Play, Learning and Development
- Computing & IT – (IT, Software Development or Network and Systems Support)
- Construction
- Diploma in Holistic Therapies
- Diploma in Make-up Artistry
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Engineering (Mechanical)
- Food and Beverage Service Supervision
- Foundation Diploma in Art and Design
- Hairdressing
- Health and Social Care
- Hospitality
- Journalism/Publishing
- Media – Creative Media
- Media Production
- Music Practice
- Music Technology (Sound Engineering etc)
- Performing Arts (Acting/Dance/Musical Theatre)
- Photography
- Production Arts
- Sport
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Travel and Tourism
- TV/Film Production
- Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles
International Foundation Programme: 1 year intensive programme

Entry Requirements
• IELTS 5.0 (or equivalent)
• Senior School Leaving Certificate with pass grades
• Interview (minimum age 19)

Programme - Computing with Business
This programme comprises subject specific units, academic skills, English language with IELTS preparation classes and tutorial.

Progression
This is an internationally recognised diploma qualification accredited by CAVA and is accepted by UK universities as a standard entry qualification for degree courses in a variety of subjects. Successful students are guaranteed entry to a relevant degree programme at our partner institution University Centre Peterborough, or can apply to any other UK university.

English Language Programme: 16 hours per week

Option 1
30 weeks from September to June.

Option 2
10 weeks starting September, January or April.

You will need to pay extra for books and exam fees (allow £150-£200). If you wish to study for a short time to improve your English level without taking an exam you will be issued with a Certificate of Achievement from the College.

HND (Higher National Diploma): 2 year programme

Entry requirements
• IELTS 5.5/6.0
• Successful completion of 12 years of secondary school (A level equivalent)
• Interview

Subjects available:
• Advanced Practice in Working with Children and Young Families
• Construction Management
• Civil Engineering
• Engineering

Progression
Students can progress to the third year of a degree programme.

Study Holidays/Summer/Winter School
Please contact us for further details and sample programmes. The programme can be tailored to the needs of the client and the budget available. Our traditional English Christmas experience is proving very popular.

Bespoke Programmes
These are available in any subject (including English language) for groups of students (minimum of 8) for example government sponsored students or corporate clients. Our leadership and management and business courses for managers are very successful.

Training Programmes
These can be delivered in the UK or overseas. The training could be face-to-face or via our extensive Virtual Learning Environment (or a combination of both). All programmes are delivered by qualified tutors with extensive industry experience.
UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMES

Honours Degree Programmes
Subjects:
• Accounting and Finance BSc (Hons)
• Archaeology and Landscape History BA (Hons)
• Bio Sciences BSc (Hons)
• Business Management BA (Hons)
• Computing and Information Systems BSc (Hons)
• Construction Management BSc (Hons)
• Criminology BA (Hons)
• English Literature BA (Hons)
• Integrated Engineering BEng (Hons)
• Journalism BA (Hons)
• Marketing BA (Hons)
• Media BA (Hons)
• Performing Arts BA (Hons)
• Psychosocial Studies BA (Hons)
• Sociology BA (Hons)
• Sports Coaching and Physical Education BSc (Hons)

Progression
UCP is committed to enhancing the employability of all our students, undergraduate and postgraduate, in order to enable them to compete and flourish in a competitive, fast-moving knowledge-based economy. Our courses will help you to develop a wide range of employability skills or enable you to progress onto postgraduate or master programmes.

Foundation Degree Programmes
Subjects:
• Computer Science FdSc
• Crime and Investigative Studies FdSc
• Early Years, Playwork & Educations FdA
• Management FdA
• Public Services FdA

Progression
The majority of our students progress onto top-up degrees i.e. BSc (Hons) Crime & Investigative Studies or BA (Hons) Public Services at Anglia Ruskin University, or BSc (Hons) Computer Information Systems offered at UCP.

Entry Requirements
You will need to have IELTS 6.0 or equivalent and one of the following:
• 2 or more British GCE A Levels or VCE A Levels, BTEC National Diploma/Certificate/Extended Diploma or a qualification with 160-220 UCAS points, or a qualification equivalent to three A Levels such as Access to HE Certificate at merit level
• International Baccalaureate with a minimum of 24 points
• Relevant qualifications obtained in your home country
• A Foundation Certificate from a recognised UK institution
EXPERIENCE PETERBOROUGH

A historic city...

with modern facilities
Peterborough is an exciting place to study, combining the very best of a thriving, modern city with all the traditions and culture of a town with a rich historical past.

Heritage
Peterborough Cathedral is one of the finest cathedrals in England, is the burial place of two Queens and was voted one of the country’s top 10 landmarks.

In the award winning Peterborough museum and art gallery you can discover the rich and varied history of the Peterborough area.

At Flag Fen Archaeological Park you can travel back 3,500 years to discover what life was like for our prehistoric ancestors at the finest Bronze Age archaeological site in Northern Europe.

The annual international Landrover Burghley Horse Trials are held at the magnificent Elizabethan mansion of Burghley House. Burghley and the nearby market town of Stamford are often used as locations for popular films and TV series.

The historic town of Cambridge, with its ancient university buildings and traditional pastime of punting on the river, is easy to reach by a short train ride.

Countryside
Ferry Meadows is a 500 acre country park at the heart of Peterborough. Its lakes, meadows and woodlands make it a popular destination for many visitors.

The Green Wheel provides 45 miles of cycle tracks in Peterborough and the surrounding countryside with some impressive sights along the way.

Thorpe Meadows is home to a sculpture park, riverside walks and a purpose built rowing lake making it popular at weekends.

Shopping
Peterborough has a wonderful choice of shopping venues including Peterborough Garden Park, Serpentine Green Shopping Centre, Queensgate Shopping Centre, which contains over 90 stores, and the thriving city market, making plenty of choice for everyone.

Things to do
The City has a range of restaurants, bars and clubs to suit all tastes and two theatres offering drama, ballet and concerts. If you enjoy sport, Peterborough can offer facilities for bowling, swimming, horse riding, sailing and other water sports, skating, golf and athletics. There is a Nationwide League football team and a National League ice hockey team.
We can help you to find a place to live during your stay in Peterborough.

- **Homestay host** - providing own room, bed and breakfast and evening meal.

- **Self catering with homestay host** - own room in family home where you will provide and cook your own food (these places are limited).

Both types of accommodation can provide you with the perfect opportunity to experience family life in England and practise using your English language skills in everyday situations.

Private rentals are also available to suit all financial budgets.

Please contact the International team on **+44(0)1733 762292** or email **international@peterborough.ac.uk** if you require further assistance with any of the accommodation options.

For students studying at UCP we have a purpose built accommodation block (Taverners Hall), which is approximately a 10 minute walk from the campus.

For more details visit **www.tavernershall.co.uk** or email **info@tavernershall.co.uk**
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I work whilst I am in the UK studying?
If you have a general student visa you can work 10 hours per week whilst you are studying. If you are studying a foundation degree or a degree course you can work for 20 hours per week. You can work full time during official college/university holiday periods i.e. Christmas and Easter.

How will I be taught?
Each course will include a mixture of lectures, seminars, practical work and independent study.

What happens if I don’t get my visa?
Any fees you have paid will be refunded but we will charge you an administration fee of £150 (this will be subject to you producing the visa refusal notice). Please contact us for further information. It may be possible to defer your place on the course for one year.

How do I open a bank account?
We will provide an introduction letter for you and help you to do this.

How do I register with the police?
If you need to register with the police we can help you to make an appointment to do this.

How do I get to Peterborough Regional College / University Centre Peterborough?
The campus is located within a 10 minute walk of the city centre and close to a network of motorways and trains. Your international welcome pack will contain maps.

What do I do if I am ill?
Most illnesses and other problems can be treated by the Doctor (GP). As soon as possible after you arrive in Peterborough you should register with a local GP. You will need to produce your passport and a letter from the College before you can register. If you need help finding a GP the College will be able to advise and offer assistance.

Will I have to pay for medical treatment?
If your course of study is for sixth months or more, you will qualify for NHS treatment from the beginning of your stay on the same basis as anyone who is a resident in the UK. Treatment is usually free but you will have to pay for any medicine prescribed by your GP (approximately £7.65 per item) and dental treatment.
WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

Eiry Hernandez from Venezuela
I am Eiry Hernandez, I am from Venezuela. I came here in order to improve my English skills. I have been here for two years. Last term I studied ESOL/ENTRY 3 and now I am studying ESOL/FCL Level 1. I like the atmosphere in this college the staff are friendly and helpful. The teachers are very kind, friendly, and professional with a high level of education. During the lesson they really help you improve your accuracy, fluency and pronunciation. I enjoy studying English very much and I am motivated and when I finish my English course I would like to go to the University to do a Master about Electrical Power.

Shahzad Akbar from Pakistan
My name is Shahzad Akbar and I came to Peterborough from Gujrat, Pakistan. I already held a Diploma of Associate Engineer from Pakistan (which is just below National Diploma level) and I wanted to improve on this qualification. PRC allowed me to study full-time English language alongside some units of the National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, so that I could then go on to study a degree in engineering. Even though my English level was already at IELTS 5.5 it was really beneficial for me to study that first year of English. The help and support from staff at PRC is amazing. The tutors are always willing to help, even out of class time if needed. I would not hesitate to recommend PRC or UCP to anybody.

Rizwan Malik from Pakistan
I am Rizwan Malik and I am from Pakistan. I came to Peterborough Regional College and studied English as a foreign language for 2 years. I wanted a better education so after completing my English I chose to do a BTEC National Diploma in Engineering. The education here is really good with lots of one-to-one time with the tutors. This is very different to Pakistan and much better. I get lots of help and really enjoy it here. I have now been accepted onto a degree course at several universities but I think I will stay and study at the University Centre Peterborough which is on the same site as the College.

Chun San Lo from Hong Kong
My name is Chun San Lo and I am 20 years old and I come from Hong Kong. I came here to improve my English language level as English is the business language in Hong Kong, so it's very important to me to speak English well. I enjoy studying at the college as the teachers have time to help me if I don't understand something. I am not afraid to ask for help as the teachers are friendly and approachable. The students in my class are from many different countries and I can make friends with them and learn about their cultures and traditions. When I complete my studies at the college I would like to study at degree level in either ICT or Mechanical Engineering at the on campus University Centre before I return home to Hong Kong.
HOW TO APPLY

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You will need to include the following information:
- A copy of your passport (photo page and visa stamps)
- Evidence of your English language ability
- Copies of your educational certificates (including transcripts)

Please ensure that you have a bank account in your name as you will need this when you apply for your visa. If you meet the requirements for the course you have chosen, you will be interviewed by Skype. Please send us your Skype username.

Step 2

If you have a successful interview we will:
- Send you an offer letter
- Request a deposit payment for your tuition fees
- Offer information and guidance for your visa application
- Request a copy of your bank statement
- Send you a CAS statement

We strongly advise you to read the information on the following website before you apply for your visa.

www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying/adult-students/apply-outside-uk/

Step 3

When your visa has been issued:
- Please inform us as soon as possible
- Check that the details on your visa are correct i.e. personal details and dates
- Send us a copy of your student visa
- Let us know when you expect to arrive in the UK
- Send us the balance of your tuition fees
CONTACT US

If you have any questions please get in touch with us:

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