

Get ready for the PGCE International

We hope that you are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto the **PGCE International** programme. I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us in September.

The programme staff are looking forward to meeting you but in the meantime please do get in touch if there is anything that you need.



We look forward to meeting you.

Juliet Edmonds
Programme Leader

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you on the 31st of March when your course will start.

You can only access the course if you have registered. When you get your UWE login details, go to the MYUWE registration page to register. For more information, see the 'Registration' section below.

You will be required to engage with your programme induction, during which you will be involved in a range of activities including:

- familiarisation with your programme and modules
- learning how to engage with online learning
- familiarisation with the university and facilities
- information about where to get info, help and assistance

Information about how to register will be sent to you at a later date.

Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about registration, induction and the start of teaching on our [Preparing and Arrival](#) webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the [library](#), [study skills](#), [academic support](#), [health and wellbeing support](#) and much more.

Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the [MYUWE](#) platform where you can register. Note

that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Registration for April programmes will only be open from March onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our [Registration](#) website.

Essential information

Please share the [Schools' agreement](#) with your setting and return it to me at Juliet.Edmonds@UWE.ac.uk. You will need to do this before you start your first module.

Know what to expect

This course is **100% online**. In the first month of the programme, you will meet your Programme tutor and academic tutor. This person (who will be one of the teaching team) will arrange tutorials with you before assignment submission and will be able to answer questions as we go through the programme. These tutorials will be arranged, and links provided through the announcements on the virtual learning environment, and you will be sent email to your UWE email account.

Your programme is structured as follows:

- Each module is 30 credits and has 10 units of learning.

- Each unit is timetabled for two weeks.

- Each unit has 5 steps; Steps may include lectures, readings, activities, written tasks and some group discussion.

As a guide, you will be expected to spend approximately 5 hours a week on directed activities and independent study.

It might be useful to spread your study over the week to allow for reflection on tasks And please do read ahead as some tasks will take place in setting.

The course is designed for you to explore ideas in theory and practice, in your school/setting so in some weeks the activities will involve your reflection on some school/setting practice. This should be part of your daily activities, but it would be helpful if your Line Manager is aware of your requirements so that they are able to facilitate this for you.

We are aware that there may sometimes be issues with accessing practice experience due to COVID-19 restrictions. In this case, please keep your UWE Bristol tutor up to date with any issues so that we can help support you with your study requirements. The course usually requires a minimum of 60 days logged in an educational setting.

Check key dates – Your programme dates for 2024/2025 are scheduled as follows:

Module	Teaching Dates Start	Finish	Assessments
Learning and Teaching	31 st March	15 th August	Assessment A 9 th July Assessment B 19 th February
Contextual Enquiry	1 st September	29 th January 2026	Assessment A 10 th December Assessment 4 th February

Engage with your programme

Read around your subject

You are not expected to purchase any texts for the programme because all reading material will be available online for you. In advance of starting the programme, you may wish to read around teaching.

You can access your reading material in the [Programme reading list](#) once you have registered.

Refresh your study skills

If you are returning after a break or are new to study, it might be helpful for you to look at the '[Prepare for Study](#)' information which guides you on what to expect from studying at university.

Library support for online learners

[Academic skills - Library support for distance learners](#)

Referencing and plagiarism

[Academic skills - Referencing and plagiarism](#)

Planning and structuring writing

[Academic skills - Planning and structuring](#)

How to write critically (essential for master's modules)

[Academic skills - How to write critically](#)

Be prepared

Information on IT services can be found at [IT Services - Study | UWE Bristol](#), which includes important information to support any online learning at home.

You can contact our department technology support for access issues to this programme specifically at edutech@uwe.ac.uk.

All students are provided with an Office365 account, which gives access to Outlook, Word, Excel, OneNote and PowerPoint, and 1TB of secure online storage.

Please note that UWE systems are configured for Windows although many of our students use Apple products or others.

Your coursework will be delivered via Pebblepad.

Please note if you are joining from China: Recent accessibility tests were run on 3 telecom providers in China (Unicorn, Mobile and Telecom). There was only an issue (firewall blocking) accessing Blackboard on Telecom. Of course, the option to use Firefox as your

default browser is available. This open-sourced browser has been thoroughly tested by Blackboard. Furthermore, Firefox is also available as a mobile app (www.firefox.com.cn) and Blackboard app is also available through the Play Store if you are using an Android phone.

[Blackboard App Help](#)

Before your course starts, we suggest you test your network via [Speedtest](#). You should ensure you have access to a >10Mb line. Preferably a hard-line (ethernet) connection, as WiFi can be temperamental.

Connect with others

Twitter: [@uwebristol](#)

Sign up to our news emails acenews@uwe.ac.uk,

Facebook: [UWE Bristol](#), [Bristol Inter-disciplinary Group for Education Research](#)

Access support

Check information on our [Disability webpages](#) so you know what actions you need to take. [Contact Disability Service](#) and myself to let us know if you need any additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies.

International students

[The Global Student Support Team](#) offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact the Programme Leader: **Dr Juliet Edmonds** via email at Juliet.edmonds@uwe.ac.uk

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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