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n impressive 70 UK universities feature in the QS World University Rankings® 2014/15, with four currently ranked among the world's top six.

The University of Cambridge and Imperial College London are currently ranked joint second in the world, while the University of Oxford and UCL (University College London) are tied in fifth place. King's College London (KCL) and the University of Edinburgh are also in the global top 20, and the University of Bristol and University of Manchester are both within the top 30.

>> UNIVERSITIES IN THE UK

UK - THE PREFERRED DESTINATION FOR

STUDYING ABROAD

students, the UK overall lags only behind the

considerably larger US - unsurprising given the

strong global reputation enjoyed by UK universities.

chosen subject. If you are applying to

more than one institution (as is usu-

al), make sure not to mention any by name, as they all will receive the

same personal statement. The UCAS

website has a lot of tailored advice

for writing personal statements, but

as a rule-of-thumb, international stu-

dents are encouraged to mention

why they want to study in the UK

rather than in their home country,

how their studies will help them in

the future, and describe their English

language skills (perhaps by mention-

In terms of popularity with international

UCAS website before completing

and submitting your application. The

website has all the details on how to

apply, what to include, how to track

to your chosen universities. It also

dents, including information about

>> UK UNIVERSITY APPLICATION

All students are required to write a

'personal statement' explaining their

reasons for wanting to study their

has a guide for international stu-

visas, student finance and more.

REQUIREMENTS

your application and how to respond

Higher education in the UK varies depending on the constituent state (England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland), though the systems are fairly similar. Undergraduate degrees at universities in the UK typically last three years, although courses in Scotland are usually a year longer. Some UK universities also offer fast-track undergraduate courses .

>> APPLYING TO UNIVERSITIES IN THE UK

The UK has a centralized university admissions service which handles all undergraduate applications - the University and College Admissions Service (UCAS). This is used by both domestic and international students to apply for courses at universities in the UK. You'll need to register on the THE ECONOMIC TIMES, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014

ing any English courses or tests they have taken).

>> UK TUITION FEES The level of UK tuition fees varies depending on your home country. EU students are charged

the same as students from within the UK, while those from outside the EU typically face higher fees. Maximum undergraduate tuition fees at public universities in the UK also vary depending on the region: for England and Wales, universities can charge up to £9,000

(US\$14,840) per year, for Northern Ireland it is £3,575 (US\$5,900) and Scotland does not charge tuition fees at undergraduate level for domestic



or EU students (except those from the other three parts of the UK).

>> UK STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

There are many financial support options for international students who wish to study in the UK. EU nationals may also qualify for help from Student Finance England(SFE).

>> STUDENT ACCOMMODATION IN THE UK

Most international students who study in the UK live in accommoda-



The UK is the second most popular choice for international students worldwide (second only to theUnited States). The quality of education in the UK is assessed by official bodies such as the Quality Assurance Agency, guaranteeing that institutes in the UK maintain the long-standing tradition of excellence in education.

>> LOWER COSTS FOR HIGH VALUES

Tuition costs in the UK are significantly lower than in the US and other countries. This is true for both European and non-European students. Since high expenses are among the top concerns for international students, you can put your mind at ease knowing this!

>> YOU CAN GET AMAZING PLACEMENTS!

Studying in the UK will boost your profile by a lot! An international perspective is often just what employers are looking for, especially in big prestigious companies. Whether you're going into business, engineering, medical science, or any other discipline- a UK degree will increase your chances of employment as well as your potential salary!

>> IT'S FUN TO STUDY IN THE UK!

Universities and colleges in the UK offer a

10 Reasons Why Studying in the UK is Right for You!

Are you interested in studying at one of the best places in the world?

wide selection of courses and programs at many levels. You can choose from oldfashioned, traditional schools to modern, state-of-the-art institutes and anything in between. You can study in the big city or in the country-side, the choices are all yours!



>> MULTICULTURALISM AND TOLERANCE

The UK is well known for supporting a multicultural community. The UK is tolerant to all religions and to people from all over the world. As a matter of fact, the international student body in the UK contains students from China, India, Greece, Ireland, USA, Germany, France, Malaysia, Nigeria, Hong Kong,

>> ENGLISH- THE LANGUAGE OF THE WORLD

English is recognized as the world's most popular language, and is widely used all over the world. Getting an education in



