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Universities in the UK

Universities in the UK 英国的大学

Study in Britain 在英求学

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习。

Universities in Britain are a **magnet for overseas students**. There are currently over 200 000 from outside Britain studying at British universities. The largest single group is Chinese students. There are currently 50 000 in the UK. The British government expects the total number of overseas students to be around 900 000 by 2020, and also thinks that a quarter of these will be Chinese.

But why is the UK such a popular destination for university students? Well, the quality of your course is **guaranteed**. All courses are assessed by an independent system, so you can be assured that your course is officially approved and has wide international recognition.

The British education system is very flexible in order to provide for the needs of a modern, complex society. It is also **cost-effective**. Degree courses are usually 3 years long, which is shorter and more intensive than in other countries. There are lots of **scholarships** available.

You normally need 3 A-levels, which are the exams taken by people leaving school at 18, in order to enter an **undergraduate degree** course. You also need an IELTS score of at least 5.5, but many universities offer **foundation** or access courses to prepare students for their studies.

British universities offer a **personalised** but independent approach. The **emphasis** is on creative and independent thought, which helps develop the skills you will need to compete in the **global job market**. Tutors not only teach but also provide support and **guidance**. As a result, international students have a very low **drop out** rate and very high pass rates.

It is very simple to become an international student in the UK. The British Council offers a free and **impartial** service to anyone who is interested in studying in the UK, and an organisation called UCAS assists you in finding a course and making an effective application.

The UK is a **dynamic** and **cosmopolitan** place. The countryside is beautiful, and the theatres, museums, architecture and rich history make it a **fascinating** place to live and study. Why not give it a go?



Glossary 词汇表

magnet 磁铁

guaranteed 确保的

recognition 承认

degree 学位

undergraduate degree 本科学位

personalised 个人化的

global job market 全球就业市场

drop out 辍学

impartial 公正的；不带偏见的

cosmopolitan 大都市（的）

overseas 海外

assessed （得到）评定；鉴定

cost-effective 划算的

scholarships 奖学金

foundation 大学预科

emphasis 重点；强调

guidance 引导

pass rates 及格率；通过率

dynamic 充满活力的

fascinating 具有魅力的

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Chinese students make up the largest group of international students in the UK. True/False
2. The number of overseas students will rise over the next 15 years. True/False
3. By 2020, 50 % of overseas students will be Chinese. True/False
4. British degrees are not recognised outside of the UK. True/False
5. You can get a scholarship to study in the UK. True/False

2. Reading Quiz 2 阅读 第二部分

Answer the following questions about the text. You should write a short answer (1 to 6 words).

根据课文回答下列问题。请把回答限制在一到六个词之间。

1. How long do most British degrees take to complete?

2. Who can you get advice from about studying in the UK?

3. What kind of service do many universities offer to prepare students for their studies?

4. Who provides support and guidance?

5. Who can help you make an effective application?

3. Summary Completion 句子填空

Complete the summary with words from the box.

从下表中选词填空

assessed	emphasis	global	magnet	rates
cosmopolitan	foundation	guaranteed	overseas	scholarships

British universities are a 1. _____ for overseas students. There are over 200 000 2. _____ students studying in the UK, and 50 000 are from China.

British courses are 3. _____ by an independent system. Therefore, the quality of your course is 4. _____.

Courses are cost effective, and take less time than in many other countries. The British Council can tell you about 5. _____.

You will need 3 A-levels and an IELTS score of at least 5.5 to enter a British university, but you can also do a 6. _____ or access course to prepare you for your studies.

British universities use a personalized but independent approach. The 7. _____ is on creative and independent thought. This will help you compete in the 8. _____ job market.

Overseas students have very high pass 9. _____, and get a lot of support and guidance from the tutors.

The UK is a fascinating, dynamic and 10. _____ place to live and study. Why not give it a go?

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with 大学 in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与大学有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

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STUDY	TUTOR	SCHOLARSHIP	UNIVERSITY	DEGREE
PASS	LEARN	FOUNDATION	COURSE	LIVE

Answers 答案

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Three years

2. Who should you speak to about scholarships?

The British Council

3. What do many universities offer to prepare students for their studies?

Foundation or access courses

4. Who provide support and guidance?

tutors

5. Who can help you make an effective application?

UCAS

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

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