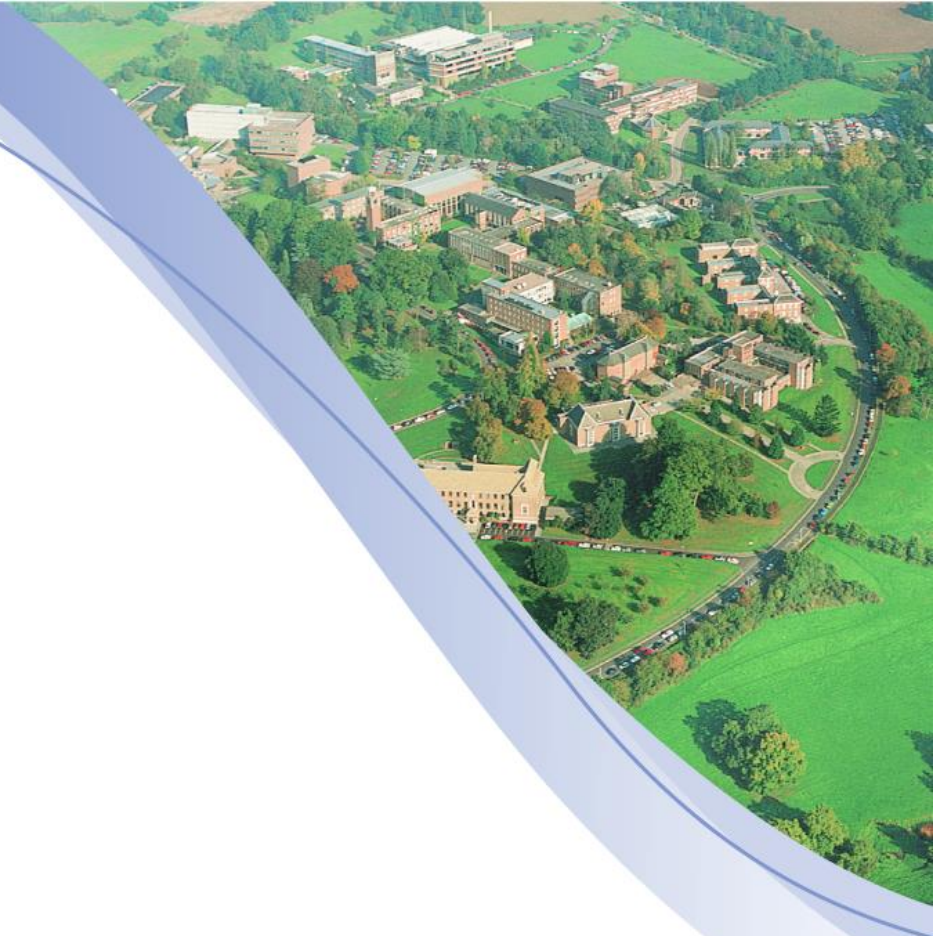




# Introduction to British Culture

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Student Support (Transition and Integration)



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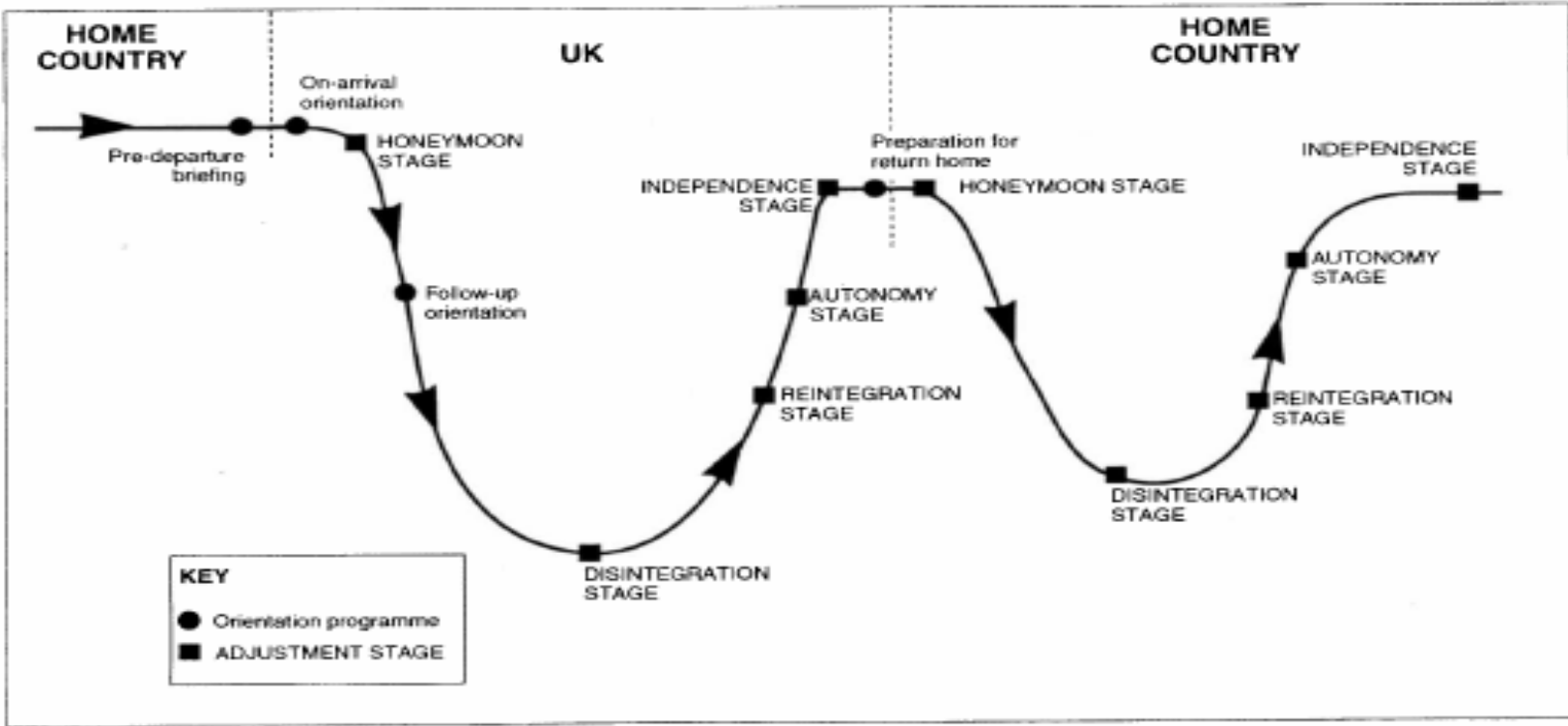
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Culture shock!!!



# Culture Shock... eh?

◆ W-CURVE: stages of adjustment experienced during orientation



Adapted from "Orientated for Success", edited by M. Barker, Australian International Development Assistance Bureau, 1990.

# The basics

- Punctuality
- Queuing
- Polite conversation: the weather!
- Carry an umbrella
- Reserved or uninterested?
- Regional differences
- Uncomfortable conversations:  
Brexit, money, politics, relationships (especially sex!)

# Language

- Hi, how are you? Do we mean it?
- Hello
- Politeness: Please, thank you, SORRY!
- Body language and comfortable space
- Colloquialisms and Exeter shorthand
- Insult like a brit  
Check out Anglophenia on Youtube



# Food

- Terrible reputation but very delicious!
- UK foods: Chips, fish and chips, roast dinners, cornish pasties, cake, cream tea
- Drinking and pub etiquette
- When and what to tip
- Seagulls...



# Popular culture

TV: Great British Bake Off (channel 4)

Strictly Come Dancing (BBC1)

Gogglebox (channel 4)

News at 10pm (BBC1)

The Crown (Netflix)



IWT: what was different or difficult for you when you were settling in?

What do you like about British Culture so far?

Any questions/Comments?

