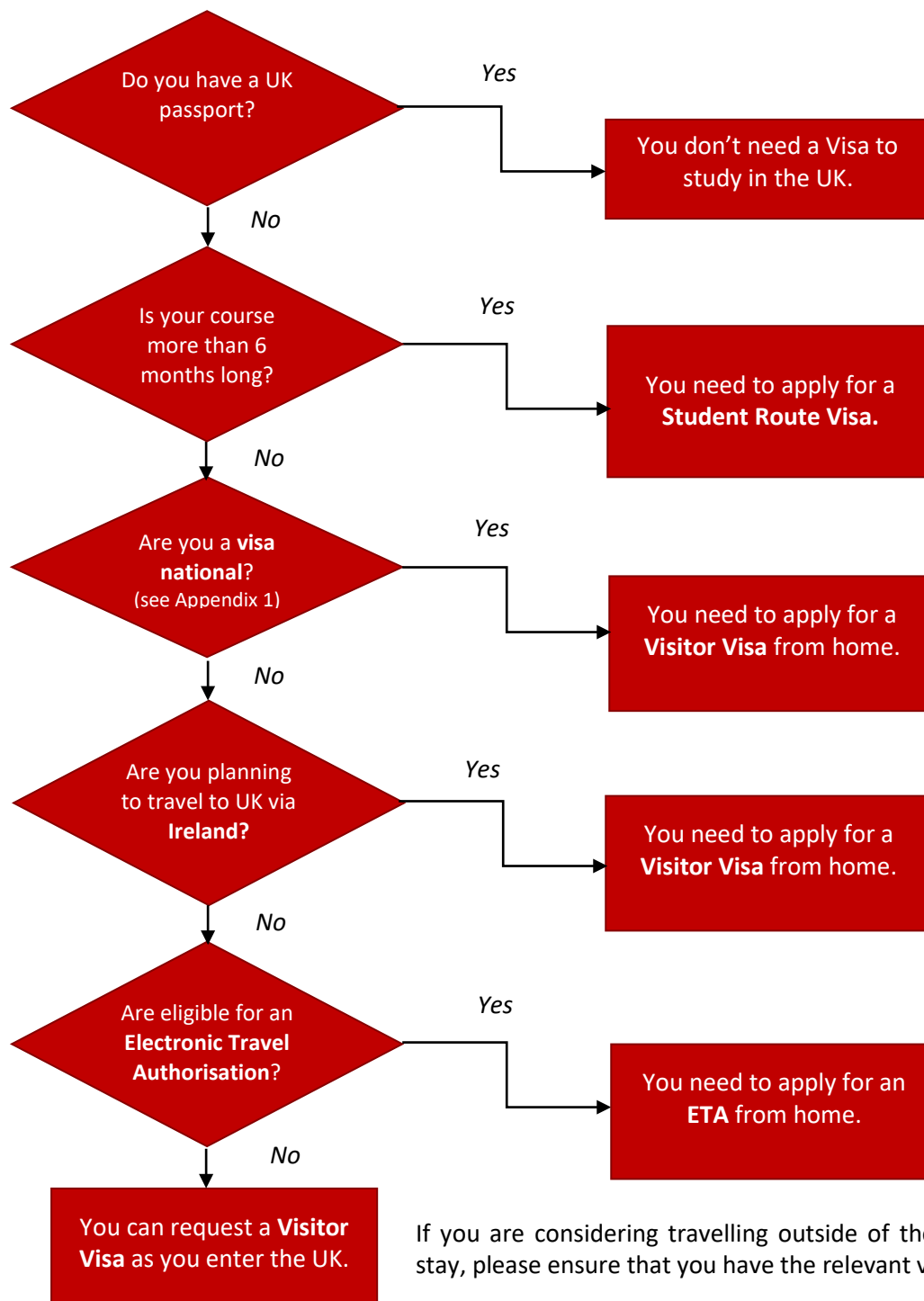


# Standard Visitor Study Visa guidance for Study Abroad Students 2024-2025

Check to see if you need a visa and, if so, how you should get one, by following the flowchart below. We suggest you also consult [this Government link](#).

## Lancaster University Study Abroad, Exchange and Erasmus+ Students

### Do you need a visa for study?



If you are considering travelling outside of the UK during your stay, please ensure that you have the relevant visa.

## Standard Visitor Visa (Study): What do you need to know?

- As a first step, consult this [Government link](#) to confirm your visa needs.
- A Standard Visitor prohibits work, whether paid or unpaid.
- You **cannot** undertake an internship or work placement.
- You **cannot** extend your permission to stay in the UK from within the UK.
- The immigration permission granted for student visitors is six months maximum.
- If you are a **non-visa national** (see Appendix 1), you can choose to obtain a Standard Visitor Visa in your home country/country of residence, or request it upon arrival in the UK, free of charge.
- If you are a **non-visa national** (see Appendix 1) but you plan to fly into Manchester **via Ireland**, you are required to obtain your Standard Visitor Visa in your home country, or country of residence. *If you don't, you will have to leave the UK again and re-enter to get your visa stamp.*
- If you are a **visa national** (see Appendix 1), you are required to obtain your Standard Visitor Visa in your home country, or country of residence.
- If you are a national of Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, or the United Arab Emirates, you can apply for an **Electronic Travel Authorisation** (ETA) remotely for £10. Please consult this [Government link](#) for more information.
- If you are participating in the PSE or Study Start Programme, you will need to count your stay length from the start date of these programmes.
- Upon entry into the UK, if you do not receive a stamp in your passport then you will need to keep a copy of your boarding card to show at your international check-in session.
- To check whether you need to pre-apply please click consult this [Government link](#).

## Applying for your visa before you arrive

- To apply for your visa, you will need an unconditional offer from Lancaster University which was given to you when you were accepted. You will need to provide passport photographs and documents showing that you can provide for yourself financially while in the UK.
- When applying for a Standard Visitor Visa, you will need a letter showing that you have been accepted to study at Lancaster University and a Standard Visitor Visa letter. *These were emailed to you by the Lancaster University Global Experiences team after you were accepted.*
- To apply for a Standard Visitor visa online, start [at this application portal](#).

## Applying for your visa as you enter the UK

- You will need to produce all the documents listed below to support your application to enter the UK as a student to the Border Force Officer when you arrive at the port of entry to the UK.
- Documents required: Unconditional offer letter, Standard Visitor Visa letter and evidence of your finances (we recommend £1023 per month you will be in the UK).
- **IMPORTANT: You must ask to be admitted as a 'student' at the UK border - you will need to make a special effort to talk to the Border Force Officer to explain that.** If you do not have a stamp on the visa in your passport showing your entry date, then you will need to provide us with your boarding card to show the date you entered the UK.

**Appendix 1: List of Visa National countries** (please check this [Government link](#) for a fully updated version of the Visa National list)

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Algeria
- Angola
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Belarus
- Benin
- Bhutan
- Bolivia
- Bosnia Herzegovina
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Cape Verde
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- People's Republic of China\*
- Comoros
- Congo
- Côte d'Ivoire (formerly Ivory Coast)
- Cuba
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Djibouti
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Eswatini (formerly Swaziland)
- Ethiopia
- Fiji
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Georgia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guinea Bissau
- Haiti
- Honduras
- India
- Indonesia\*
- Iran
- Iraq
- Jamaica
- Kazakhstan
- Kenya
- Korea (North)
- Kosovo
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Libya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Moldova
- Mongolia
- Montenegro
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Myanmar (formerly Burma)
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Niger
- Nigeria
- North Macedonia (formerly Macedonia)
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Russia
- Rwanda
- São Tomé and Príncipe
- Senegal
- Serbia
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Africa\*
- South Sudan
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Suriname
- Syria
- Taiwan\*
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Turkey\*
- Turkmenistan
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan
- Vanuatu
- Venezuela
- Vietnam\*
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe