

UK - UK VISAS AND IMMIGRATION GUIDANCE

ONE SEMESTER STUDENTS

Students coming to study for one semester will usually come to the UK on a Visitor visa or with Visitor immigration permission, although they can apply for a Student visa if they would like to work while they are in the UK. They should be aware that if they decide to apply for a Student visa there are additional English language requirements.

If they are coming to study as a Visitor the need to apply for a visa in advance will depend on whether their nationality is on the UK [Visa national list](#), see below.

Visa Nationals: If their nationality is on the [Visa national list](#) they will need to apply for and receive their Visitor visa before travelling to the UK. They will need to provide their formal acceptance letter from the university for their Visitor visa application. This letter will be emailed to them in June for September starters, and November for January starters.

Non-Visa Nationals: If their nationality is not on the Visa national list they are considered a 'non-visa national' and they will not need to apply for a Visitor visa before travelling to the UK. This includes EU/EEA/Swiss nationals. They can instead enter as a Visitor on arrival to the UK. This will be automatically granted if they enter the UK via an eGate at a UK port or are permitted to enter by a Border Force Officer. All students should carry a print-out of their formal acceptance letter from the university with them to present at the border if required.

ONE YEAR STUDENTS

Students coming to study for one year must apply for a [Student Visa](#). They must receive the visa before traveling to the UK. We will provide a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement by email to the student, this will include information about the student, their programme of study and their CAS number which is their unique reference number provided by UK Visas and Immigration. When they complete the Student visa application form they will need to provide their CAS number and enter information onto the form which is provided in their CAS Statement.

Always refer to the information provided by your Host University and check the latest information available on the official website: <https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration>