

### **Immigration and travel permission for your course (Visitor route)**

Most nationals of countries outside the UK usually require immigration (a visa) or travel authorisation ([ETA](#)) to travel to and study in the UK.

Your course does **not** require a Student Route visa. You should travel to the UK as a **Standard Visitor**.

- **Visa nationals** must usually apply online for a Standard Visitor visa **before** travel.
- **Non-visa nationals** usually do not apply for a visa in advance but must **obtain an ETA** before travelling and will be granted Visitor permission on arrival if they meet the rules.

You can check what category applies to you on the GOV.UK website [here](#).

### **How to apply (before you travel)**

If you need a **Standard Visitor visa**: apply online via GOV.UK [here](#), then attend a Visa Application Centre to submit documents and biometrics (fingerprints and photographs). **Do not travel** until your visa is issued.

If you are eligible to travel **without a prior visa**: apply online for an **ETA** via GOV.UK [here](#).

### **What to carry when you travel**

Border officers may ask to see evidence that you meet the Visitor rules. Bring:

- Your **offer letter** showing the course title, provider, and dates.
- Proof of **course fees paid** or ability to pay outstanding fees.
- Proof of **accommodation** arrangements.
- Evidence of **funds** to cover your stay (living costs and any remaining fees).
- **Return or onward travel** booking.

### **Important conditions of the Visitor route**

- You **cannot** work (including unpaid work or work placements).
- You **cannot** switch to a Student Route visa inside the UK.
- Visitors do **not** pay the Immigration Health Surcharge; you may be charged for certain NHS treatment.

### **Where to find official guidance**

For the application process and required documents, see:

GOV.UK – [Check if you need a UK visa](#)

GOV.UK – [Apply for a Standard Visitor visa](#)

GOV.UK – [Electronic Travel Authorisation \(ETA\)](#)

You can also find university-specific guidance on our [website](#).

