

N.U.in Scotland Visa Guide 2026

University of Glasgow

Before proceeding, please use [this link](#) to determine whether you require an ETA or a Standard Visitor visa for study purposes based on your citizenship.

Non-Visa Nationals

US citizens and EU/EEA citizens, among many others, are considered non-visa nationals in the UK.

An **Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)** is required for all non- visa national wishing to visit the UK.

The ETA is **not** permission to enter UK but allows travel to the UK. Upon arrival travelers must go through immigration. Airlines will check the ETA before boarding. Failure to present a valid ETA at check in for your flight to the UK will result in you being denied boarding.

- **When to apply:** Apply for the ETA before booking travel. ETA may take up to 3 business days to be approved, please ensure you are applying early to ensure you are approved before you plan to travel to the UK.
- **Validity:** The ETA is valid for entries/exits from the UK over two years, or until your passport expires (whichever comes first). If you get a new passport, you must apply for a new ETA.
 - **ETA is linked to your passport.** Ensure that you are applying using the passport you will use to travel to the UK.

Visa-Required Nationals

If you plan to enter the UK and are a visa-required national, you must obtain the appropriate permissions on arrival in the UK. You can use the e-gates if you are eligible – further information can be found [here](#), however you may still be directed to see an Immigration Officer.

Standard Visitor Visa Requirements

These documents should be carried with you on entry to the UK, in order to satisfy the immigration requirements at the point of entry and if requested by an Immigration Officer. **Please note that the list below is not exhaustive.** All students should confirm supporting documentation requirements directly with the UK consular authority / authorized third-party visa processing company responsible for their country of residence.

1. **A valid passport** with at least one blank page (front and back); your passport should be valid for the full duration of your stay in the UK.
2. **Proof that you are seeking entry as a standard visitor** for study purposes for a limited period not exceeding 6 months.
3. The University of Glasgow will provide you with an admissions letter. Proof of enrolment, as well as a letter verifying that your tuition and housing are pre-paid and guaranteed – can be provided by Northeastern. **Proof of acceptance on a course of study and accommodation details.**
4. **Proof that you intend to leave the UK at the end of your visit and can meet the cost of the return journey.** The Immigration Officer may require you to show a return ticket, so please be sure to carry proof of your round-trip itinerary.
5. **Proof of adequate financial means** to support yourself for your stay. Please note, the University of Glasgow letter may not fulfil the ‘financial’ requirement. It is recommended that you have available copies of your bank statements or your parent’s bank statement of at least last two months from your date of arrival in the UK. The bank statement must show adequate funds are available to support you for the semester in the UK. If you are providing your parent’s bank statement, then you must have a letter from your parent confirming that they will take care of any expenses incurred during your time of studies in the UK and a copy of your parent’s bank statement showing sufficient funds.

6. Only if you are under 18 at the time of your arrival in the UK-written consent to travel from a parent or legal guardian in your home country.

Only present the documents from the above listed document (2 to 6) IF requested by the Immigration Officer at the port of entry in the UK. You must not intend to take employment or engage in business activities in the UK, and you should be prepared to attest to this on entry, in the event that you are asked by an Immigration Officer.

Once you have been issued your eVisa you should then generate a share code (which is valid for 90 days) to avoid potential disruptions when travelling to the UK.

Genuine Visitor Requirements

All visitors to the UK must satisfy the genuine visitor requirements. This means that:

- You will leave the UK at the end of your visit;
- You must not intend to live in the UK for extended periods through frequent or successive visits. You must also not intend to make the UK your main home. The **visitor guidance** lists factors such as the number of visits that you have made over the last twelve months, including the length of stay on each occasion in assessing whether or not your visits to the UK are frequent and successive;
- You must be genuinely seeking to enter the UK for a purpose and activity permitted as a visitor;
- You must not undertake any of the **prohibited activities** for a visitor.
- You must have enough money to support yourself whilst you are in the UK. This includes the cost of your return or onward journey and any permitted activities that you have planned. You will not be able to work or access public funds in order to support yourself. In assessing this requirement, the **visitor guidance** states that your income and savings will be looked at minus any financial commitments that you have. The remaining sum must be sufficient to meet the likely costs that you will incur in the UK and also your reasonable expenditure. Please see **Prohibited Activities** for further details. You can rely on another person to help you demonstrate that you have sufficient funds to cover your travel, maintenance and accommodation whilst in the UK. You must have a genuine professional or personal relationship with this person however, and they cannot be in breach of any immigration laws at the time the decision on your application is made or by

the time you wish to enter the UK as a visitor. This person must also be able to support you for the duration of your visit.

- Any funds that you wish to rely upon must be held in a financial institution permitted under **FIN 2.1 in Appendix Finance**.

Important Reminders for All Students

This document has been prepared based on the information and links provided by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI). **Please check with the UK consular authority in your region/authorized third party visa processing company for the most updated visa requirements and processes for the UK. The information above is intended as informational guidance only and does not constitute legal advice.**

Northeastern University and the University of Glasgow have no influence on the outcome of immigration applications, including the decisions and policies of UKVI, no ability to inquire about an individual immigration application, or to expedite the process for an individual student. In addition, N.U.in employees are unable to provide legal advice to students or families concerning country-specific immigration requirements and/or application processes.

Students are responsible for completing all required applications for immigration permissions or registrations correctly and in a timely manner, and for obtaining any required permissions prior to the program start date. If the student cannot obtain valid permission in time for the program start date, please refer to the N.U.in Withdrawal Policy and contact the N.U.in office to discuss the next steps.