



New College  
of the Humanities

# N.U.in England Visa Guide 2021 (for programmes less than 6 months in duration)



## Non-Visa Nationals Guide

This information is for U.S. citizens and other non-visa national students who do not require a visa, if their course of study is up to six months in duration. **IF YOU REQUIRE A VISA**, please refer to our Visa-Required Nationals Guide.

### Do I need a visa for N.U.in England?

If you are U.S. citizen or have a passport issued by a **non-visa national country**, who wishes to come to study on a programme (such as The N.U.in England program) for up to six months, then you can request to entry to the UK as [a Standard Visitor](#) on arrival in the UK and you do not need to apply for a visa. However, there are still some requirements which you need to meet.

### How can I check if I require a visa?

All students should check to see if they need to obtain a UK visa prior to travelling to the UK or if they can obtain the appropriate permission at the UK border. You can check [here](#) if you require a visa to enter the UK as a study abroad student for up to six months. This tool also provides an overview of the applicable visa process and details about supporting documentation requirements.

### Can I work or extend my visitor permissions in the UK?

Students entering the UK as Standard Visitors will not be allowed to work. They cannot claim benefits or have recourse to public funds and cannot extend their stay beyond 6 months from within the UK. You must leave the UK upon completion of your course and will likely need to apply for a visa from your country of nationality for any further studies.

### What if I hold a European Union (EU) / European Economic Area (EEA) / Swiss passport?

Post Brexit and under the new immigration rules, all EU, EEA and Swiss nationals are considered non-visa nationals for a visit to the UK for up to six months. Therefore, the same non-visa national immigration rules apply to the EU, EEA or Swiss nationals. This means they do not need to apply for a visa from their home country if they are coming to the UK to study on a course for up to six months. EU, EEA and Swiss nationals can also apply to enter as [a Standard Visitor](#) on arrival to the UK to study a course for up to six months.

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## COVID-19 related requirements

Currently there are requirements for having a negative covid test and completing a locator form prior to travel as well as self-isolation and testing once in the UK. The UK also currently has a '[red list](#)' of countries that you must not have visited within the 10 days prior to travel to the UK.

These requirements are changing regularly so please ensure that you are aware of the prevailing requirements prior to travel. Information can usually be found [here](#).

## Entry to the UK

If you plan to enter the UK as a Standard Visitor, which allows you to study with a program for up to six months, then you can 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 below list is not exhaustive.** All students should confirm supporting documentation requirements directly with the British consular authority responsible for their country of residence.

NCH will provide you with the documentation listed with an asterisk (\*). NCH will send these to you after you have submitted your valid passport copy within your N.U.in portal. Please allow at least 5-7 business days for processing.

1. **A valid passport** with at least one blank page (front and back); your passport should valid for the full duration of your stay in England.
2. **Proof that you are seeking entry as a visitor** to study for a limited period not exceeding 6 months.\*
  - a. NCH will provide you with proof of enrolment, as well as a letter verifying that your tuition and housing are pre-paid and guaranteed.
3. **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 NCH 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 parents bank

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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. **Contact details of 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.

## 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. See [Prohibited activities](#);
- 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 British consular authority in your region for the most***

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***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 New College of the Humanities (NCH) have no influence on the outcome of immigration applications and no ability to contact UKVI 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 advice to students or families concerning immigration requirements and/or application processes.

Students are responsible for completing applications for immigration permissions or registrations correctly and in an effective 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.