



New College  
of the Humanities

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



### Visa Nationals Guide

This information is for visa national students who must obtain a visa prior to coming to the United Kingdom (UK) to study at The New College of the Humanities (NCH). You can check if you are a visa national and require a visa to travel to the UK by clicking [here](#). Students are responsible for obtaining a valid visa prior to the program start date. If they cannot obtain a valid visa in time, then please refer to the Global Quest, N.U.in Program and Semester in Withdrawal Policy and contact the Northeastern University relevant programme office to discuss next steps.

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

In order to study on a programme (such as The N.U.in Program, Global Quest and Semester In) for up to six months in the UK and if you are a visa national, then you **must** apply for a Standard Visitor before entering the UK. You can make your application from your country of nationality.

#### 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. 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 visa in the UK?

Students on a Standard Visitor Visa will not be allowed to work. They cannot claim benefit or have recourse to public funds and cannot extend their stay beyond 6 months from within the UK. Students must leave the UK upon completion of their course and apply for a new visa from their country of nationality for any further studies.

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## Information for Visa Nationals

When you visit [UKVI's website](#) to see if you need a visa, you will be asked to select your nationality shown on your passport or travel document. After making your selection and providing necessary information, you may see the following:

### **You'll need a visa to study in the UK** **Apply for [a Standard Visitor](#) if you are studying for 6 months or less**

This means you must apply for a visa before travelling to the UK.

#### **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 Visa student, then you may need to declare that study is the main purpose of your visit to the Immigration Officer at the UK border. Please make sure to keep your original passport and copies of all other necessary documents before you travel to the UK. You may be asked to produce the supporting documents again to the Immigration Officer at the port of entry. **Only present the documents from the list given below (2 to 6) IF requested by the Immigration Officer at the port of entry in the UK.**

## Standard Visitor Visa Requirements

These documents should be submitted with your visa application and carried with you on entry to the UK, in order to satisfy the immigration requirements at the point of entry. **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 be valid for the full duration of your stay in England.
2. **Proof that you are seeking entry as a student visitor** for a limited period not exceeding 6 months.\*
  - a. NCH will provide you with proof of enrollment, 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.

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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 from at least the 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 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.

**Please note that 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.**

## **Application Steps and Timeline for 'Visa Nationals'**



Approximate Length of Time	Action
1 hour	<p><b>Complete online application</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Follow the steps for the online application via <a href="https://visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/country-selection">https://visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/country-selection</a>. In order to create your application, you will first need to register an account.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Select visit or transit visa as type of visa</li> </ol> </li> <li>2) Pay any applicable visa application fees (<a href="https://www.gov.uk/visa-fees">https://www.gov.uk/visa-fees</a>).</li> <li>3) Print a copy of the entire application form and once finalised submit the form online.</li> </ol>
(Min) 1 day – (Estimated max) 4 weeks following successful application submission	<p><b>Book and attend biometric appointment (if applicable)</b></p> <p>Once you have submitted your application form online, you will be prompted to book an appointment at the nearest visa application centre (VAC) to have your biometric data (fingerprints and photograph) taken and to submit your biometric data and application documents. Please check that the VAC is currently open before making your appointment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Appointment availability varies by location and is currently more limited; plan for having to wait between 1-4 weeks depending on your location.</li> <li>● Students who have to attend a VAC must bring their original passport, appointment confirmation, document checklist and usually all their supporting documentation with them to the VAC (unless you are able to upload your supporting documents online prior to your appointment). Students will submit their applications and biometric data to the VAC on the same day.</li> <li>● Prepare all of your application materials prior to your biometrics appointment to ensure that you will be able to submit your application on the same day.</li> </ul>
2-8 weeks. Priority service may be available in your country. Certain countries may have longer processing times.	<p><b>Processing time</b></p> <p>Please follow the online guidance provided when submitting your application.</p> <p>Remember: during this time you WILL NOT have access to your passport for personal international travel.</p>

## Genuine Visitor Requirements

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

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- 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 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.