

Can I apply for a Short-term study visa to come to the UK?

If your course lasts six months or less, or you are re-sitting your exams, you will need to come to the UK as a 'short-term student'.

Before applying, it is important you are aware that if you have short-term study visa:

- You must leave the UK on or before the date that your immigration permission ends
- You cannot make an application in the UK to switch to another type of visa
- You will not be allowed to do any kind of work or work placement during your studies
- You will not be allowed to bring your family to the UK as your dependants.

What will I need?

- The Short-term study visa section on the Home Office website: www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa. Please read this and pay close attention to the sections 'Eligibility' and 'Documents you must provide'.
- 'Visit visa: guide to supporting documents'. Please read this: www.gov.uk/government/publications/visitor-visa-guide-to-supporting-documents
- Online application form: www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa (If you are a national of North Korea you will need to apply in person)
- Current application fee in local currency: approximately £97
- Your current travel document e.g. passport
- Evidence of your unconditional offer to study in the UK e.g. admissions letter or Certificate of Unconditional Acceptance
- Evidence of previous qualifications (certificates/transcripts) (if applicable - they will be listed on your offer letter)
- ATAS certificate (if applicable). You will need to obtain an ATAS certificate if you are applying for postgraduate study or research that need ATAS. Refer to our guide [Academic Technology Approval Scheme \(ATAS\)](#)
- Details of where you intend to stay and your travel plans - you shouldn't pay for accommodation or travel until you get your visa
- Evidence that you have enough money to support yourself while you are in the UK. It is advisable to provide evidence (e.g. bank statements or payslips for the last 6 months) that you have enough money to cover your course fees plus accommodation and living expenses for the duration of your course. In addition to this you will need to show that you have sufficient funds for your onward or return journey. We recommend that you follow the requirements for living costs for the Tier 4 General visa, which is £1265 per month.

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Applying

- **Non-visa nationals – apply on arrival in the UK**

If you are not a visa national you can apply for a short-term study visa upon arrival in the UK. To see if you can apply for a visa upon arrival please see the Home Office website: www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

If you plan to do this, please ensure that you carry your LSBU offer letter with you, together with the other supporting documents listed below.

It is important you show your LSBU offer letter to the immigration officer to make it clear that you are in the UK to study. Otherwise you may be entered as a Standard Visitor which prohibits study and you may not be able to enrol on your course

- **Visa national – apply for visa in advance to allow entry to the UK.**

If you are a visa national you will need to apply in advance and be granted your visa in order to enter the UK. You will need to apply online (unless you are a national of North Korea and need to complete the paper-based form and apply in person): www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa

You will need to submit biometric information (fingerprints and photo) at a visa application centre.

Any questions?

- Visit the Home Office website: www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa
- Contact the LSBU Immigration and International Student Advice team: international.advice@lsbu.ac.uk
- UKCISA website:
www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Short-term-student-visa

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