New United Kingdom Visa regulations for incoming Erasmus+ 2021-22 students

English language requirements

For most of British universities you have to provide your language certificate with your application. Otherwise you won't be given your CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies)

Students coming for <u>less than 6 months</u> must fulfil the language requirements set by the host university. Pay attention to the information you will receive from it. The list of accepted certificates for less than 6 months can be different from the one for full academic year.

Students coming for <u>full academic year</u> must fulfil the language requirement set by the immigration authorities and the host university. Your host university will provide you with the list of accepted certificates. In case the English certificate you hold is not in the list, send it to your host university in pdf format and ask if your certificate is acceptable. In case it is not, you need to sit for one of the certificates in the list.

Academic requirements

All incoming Erasmus+ Study students must provide an official copy of their academic transcript (an electronic or scanned copy is acceptable), translated into English, as part of their application. You can ask for it at the Registry (*Secretaria*) of your Faculty

Visa requirements

Non UK/Irish passport-holders studying in the UK for more than 6 months (i.e. a **full academic year**) must apply for a <u>Student visa</u>. You need the soon-to-be your host university to send you the student CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) around 3 months prior to the start of their programme which they will need to use to apply for their visa. The current fee for a Student Visa is £348 plus an NHS health surcharge of £470 (total £818). This will provide the students with NHS access for the duration of their programme.

Non UK/Irish passport-holders studying in the UK for less than 6 months (i.e. a **single semester**) will obtain a <u>Standard Visitor visa</u>. Many nationalities can receive this visa at the UK border, others will need to obtain it in advance of travel and this currently costs £95. This category of visa does not come with any NHS cover. Students can use this <u>online tool</u> to check whether they need to apply in advance.

From 1st October 2021 EU/EEA students will need a passport to enter the UK and **won't be permitted to travel using an ID card**. Therefore, we also now require all students to submit a colour copy of the personal information page of their passport as part of their application. **All visa applications also require a passport.**

Applications for a Visa must be submitted through a <u>Visa Application Center</u>, students should apply through the Visa Application Centre in Madrid or Barcelona.

Health insurance

Students travelling to the UK on a Student visa (full year) will pay an NHS surcharge which will cover them for the duration of their programme.

Students travelling on a Visitor visa (less than 6 months) are not entitled to free NHS access and must take out appropriate health insurance to cover the duration of their stay. Universitat de València has an agreement with OnCampus Insurance company. Other companies are <u>https://universitasmundi.com</u> and https://www.guardme.eu/uvalencia

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	Full year	Single semester
Language certificate	Language requirement set by the immigration authorities and the host university. Ask the host university for the list of accepted cer-tificates.	Requirements set by the host university. Ask the host university for the list of accepted certificates.
Academic requirements	Transcript of records in English.	Transcript of records in English
Visa requirements	Student Visa (£348 plus an NHS health surcharge of £470). Passport (ID no longer accepted)	Standard Visitor Visa (£95). Compulsory Health insurance on your own. Passport (ID no longer accepted)
Visa application	Visa Application Centre (Madrid or Barcelona).	Visa Application Centre (Madrid or Barcelona) or at border

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