



ERASMUS+ FOR STUDY or TRAINEESHIP IN THE UK

UK VISA REQUIREMENTS

1. Study for up to 6 months
2. Study for longer than 6 months
3. Traineeship (Temporary Work)

1. Study for up to 6 months

You will not need a visa to come to the UK.

You can stay in the UK as a student for up to 6 months without a visa, but you must meet the Standard Visitor [eligibility requirements](#).

What you can do:

You can visit the UK to study at an [accredited institution](#) for up to 6 months, (including English language courses).

You can also:

- do a short piece of research that's relevant to your course overseas
- do an 'elective' - an optional additional placement, if you're studying medicine, veterinary medicine and science, nursing, midwifery or dentistry
- sit an entrance exam, retake an exam or course module, or do a PhD oral exam
- do an **unpaid clinical attachment** if you're a graduate from a medical, dental or nursing school
- take the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) test or the Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board (PLAB) test

You can do [other permitted activities as a Standard Visitor](#).

What you cannot do:

- study at a [state funded school or academy](#)
- do a course that lasts longer than 6 months (except if you're doing a distance learning course)
- do paid or unpaid work (this includes work experience or work placements, unless it is an eligible medical, nursing, dentistry or veterinary medicine and science placement)
- live in the UK for long periods of time through frequent or successive visits
- get [public funds](#) (benefits)

To study or research certain subjects at postgraduate level or above, you may need an [Academic Technology Approval Scheme \(ATAS\) certificate](#). If you do need one, you'll need to get your ATAS certificate before starting your study or research.



What you need at the UK border

You need a valid passport or travel document. Your passport should be valid for the whole of your stay in the UK.

You must provide written confirmation from a higher education provider if you're visiting to do research or an elective.

If you're visiting to do an unpaid clinical attachment or dental observer post you must:

- provide written confirmation of your offer
- confirm you've not done a clinical attachment or dental observer post in the UK before

You may also be asked to prove that:

- you've been accepted on to a course by an accredited institution, for example a letter of acceptance on official headed paper stating the course name, duration and cost
- you're able to support yourself and your dependents during your trip (or have funding from someone else to support you)
- you're able to pay for your return or onward journey (or have funding from someone else)
- you've arranged accommodation for your stay
- you'll leave the UK at the end of your visit

2. Study for longer than 6 months

If you're studying on an English language course for up to 11 months, apply for a [Short-term study visa](#).

If you're coming to study on a further or higher education course, apply for a [Student visa](#).

You can apply for a Student visa to study in the UK if you're 16 or over and you:

- have been offered a place on [a course by a licensed student sponsor](#)
- have enough [money to support yourself and pay for your course](#) - the amount will vary depending on your circumstances
- can [speak, read, write and understand English](#)

3. Traineeship

<https://www.gov.uk/government-authorised-exchange>

Sponsorship

You need to have a [certificate of sponsorship](#) from a licensed sponsor before you can apply to come to the UK to work. Your work, training or research in the UK must relate to the work of your sponsor organisation.

Your sponsor can be any of the following:

- an organisation running an [approved exchange scheme](#)



- a higher education institution (if you are a sponsored researcher, visiting academic or examiner)
- a Government department or agency

How long it takes

You can apply for a visa up to 3 months before the day you are due to start work in the UK. This date is listed on your certificate of sponsorship. As part of your application, you'll need to prove your identity and provide your documents. You may need to allow extra time if you need an appointment to do this. You'll find out if you need one when you start your application.

Once you've *applied online*, proved your identity and provided your documents, you'll usually get a decision on your visa within:

- 3 weeks, if you're outside the UK
- 8 weeks, if you're inside the UK

It's currently taking *longer* to get a decision on Government Authorised Exchange visas when you apply from outside the UK. [Find out visa decision waiting times](#).

If you need to go to an appointment, you may be able to pay for a faster decision. How you do this depends on whether you're [outside the UK](#) or [inside the UK](#).

How much it costs

(Students can use their mobility scholarship to cover the following expenses - UNIMI will provide no extra funds to cover Visa costs).

You have to:

- pay the application fee (**£259**)
- pay the healthcare surcharge, which is usually £624 per year - you can [check how much you'll have to pay](#)
- prove you have enough personal savings - check how much in the [eligibility requirements](#)

You can stay in the UK for up to 12 or 24 months.

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This document is for reference only. Students are required to verify the latest updates on the UK Government's website before organising their stay.