

Visa Guidance for Erasmus students: non-EU nationals

If you have been nominated to study at Bristol as part of the Erasmus programme but you do not have an EU passport, you will need a visa that allows you to study in the UK.

Non-EU nationals studying in the UK for less than 6 months: Short-term Study Visa

If you will be studying at Bristol for just 1 semester you will need a [short-term study visa](#)

- A short-term study visa is given for a maximum of 6 months
- You will need to demonstrate proof of your English language level by [providing one of these certificates](#)
- You cannot extend this visa
- All work (paid or unpaid) is prohibited if you have a short-term study visa
- If you are not sure if you want to stay for a year or just 1 semester, you should apply for a Tier 4 (general) student visa because the short-term study visa cannot be extended

Students from some countries do not need to apply in advance for this visa. We will send you a visa letter before you travel to the UK and you will need to present this letter when you arrive to the UK. At that point you'll be issued with your short-term study visa (a stamp in your passport).

However, if you are from a country listed in [Appendix 2 of this page](#), you will need to apply for your visa in advance.

If you need to apply in advance for a short-term study visa, [please read this information](#) carefully before proceeding.

Non-EU-nationals studying in the UK for more 6 months: Tier 4 (general) Student Visa

If you will be studying at Bristol for a full academic year, you will need to apply for a Tier 4 (general) student visa.

- All students who want a Tier 4 visa must [apply](#) in advance
- The application is done online, but you will also need to go to a [visa application centre](#)
- You'll need to provide an official academic transcript
- You'll need to demonstrate proof of your English language level [by providing one of these certificates](#)
- You'll also [need to show that you can support yourself financially](#) during your time in the UK
- It's also necessary to provide other documents – [see this list for full details](#)
- You are able to work (maximum 20 hours per week in term time)

In order to apply for a Tier 4 visa, you will need a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies). We will issue you with a CAS number after you have accepted your place at Bristol. You won't be able to apply for a Tier 4 visa without a CAS.

Further Guidance

The University of Bristol's [Student Visa Services](#) website contains lots of helpful information around visas.

Questions

If you have any questions about visas, please get in touch: global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk

VISA REQUEST FORM

For incoming Erasmus students who do not have an EU passport

To ensure that you apply for the appropriate visa, please **choose which visa is relevant** to your stay in Bristol, and answer the questions.

Short-term Study Visa – stays of maximum 6 months

- I am coming to study at Bristol for 1 semester only
- I do not have EU nationality / EU passport
- I understand that I will need to provide extra documents to obtain this visa, including proof of English
- I understand that I cannot extend this visa
- I understand that I cannot work with a Short-term study visa

Tier 4 (general) Student Visa – stays of over 6 months

- I am coming to study at Bristol for a full academic year
- I do not have EU nationality / EU passport
- I understand that I will need to provide extra documents to obtain this visa, including an official academic transcript and proof of English
- I understand that as part of the application I will need to go to a visa application centre
- I understand that I should apply for my Tier 4 visa two/three months before the semester start date
- I understand that I can work a limited number of hours per week with this visa

Declaration

I have read and understood the guidance provided above. I understand that it is my own responsibility to obtain the necessary visa to enter the UK.

Full name:

Home university:

Please complete this form and attach a copy when you email us your completed Learning Agreement. Please send both documents to
global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk