WELCOME TO THE UK!



THE BEST POSSIBLE YOU MADE POSSIBLE IN THE UK.





TODAY'S AGENDA

- Current situation in the UK
- Wellbeing support for students
- Current travel guidance
- Public health
- How to apply
- Tuition fee and living cost
- Student sharing
- Resources



THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE UK



- Nearly 76 per cent of the population have now received at least one dose of their Covid-19 vaccine.
- Face coverings must be worn in many indoor and crowded spaces in the UK, including on public transport and in shops. The UK government strongly recommends everyone wear a face covering on university campuses in the UK, although this is not a legal requirement
- Universities in the UK continue to welcome students for the 2021-22 academic year.
- Universities are delivering high-quality teaching this academic year. Many universities are adopting a hybrid approach to teaching, with many classes being taught inperson but with some elements remaining online.
- Students should contact their institution for advice and support about their course and their personal circumstances.





STUDENT WELLBEING



The health and wellbeing of international students is our number one priority and UK universities are working to ensure that they are safe and supported.

Some of the measures taken to support students during the pandemic include:

- helplines that run 24/7
- airport pickup services
- free counselling and increased mental health support

Student Spaces

A programme of mental health support for students during Covid-19 has been created by Student Minds, the UK's mental health charity for students.

Contact your chosen university for more information on how they plan to welcome and support students.





HELP AND ADVICE



Universities have student wellbeing at their heart and there are many places students can turn to for help and advice while in the UK.

- Students Union or Student Welfare Service
- Academic advisors such as personal tutor or lecturer
- International office
- Accommodation support officer
- Student health centre
- Chaplaincy or place of worship
- General Practitioner (GP)

The following organisations offer support and advice:

- Student Minds
- Student Space
- **UKCISA**



TRAVELLING TO THE UK



The UK is operating a 'vaccination status system' for international arrivals. The rules for travel from countries and territories not on the 'red list' will depend on your vaccination status.

Please note that travel and arrival advice will vary between the UK's four nations. See relevant advice for where you are travelling to below:

- England
- Northern Ireland
- Wales
- Scotland

Travel and quarantine rules are subject to change, so students should continue to check the latest rules while making their plans, and stay in touch with their university for the latest information and support.



TRAVELING TO THE UK



If you have been FULLY VACCINATED for at least 14 days before arrival:

You must still:

- book and pay for a day two Covid-19 test –to be taken after arrival in England
- complete your passenger locator form-any time in the 48 hours before you arrive in England
- take a Covid-19 test on or before day two after you arrive in England.

You do not need to:

• take a pre-departure test, take a day eight Covid-19 test, quarantine at home or in the place you are staying for 10 days after you arrive in England.





TRAVELING TO THE UK



If you have NOT been fully vaccinated for at least 14 days: You must:

- take a pre-departure Covid-19 test –to be taken in the three days before you travel to England
- book and pay for day two and day eight Covid-19 tests –to be taken after arrival in England
- complete your passenger locator form –any time in the 48 hours before you arrive in England

After you arrive in England you must:

- quarantine at home or in the place you are staying for 10 days
- take a Covid-19 test on or before day two and on or after day eight
- You may be able to end quarantine early if you pay for a private Covid-19 test through the Test to Release scheme(England only).



PUBLIC HEALTH



The UK's NHS (National Health Service) provides subsidised treatment and healthcare to international students. As part of their visa application, students pay the Immigration Health Surcharge, and this gives them access to NHS services.

Students should register with a local doctor/general practitioner (GP) as soon as possible when they arrive in the UK. They can do this where they live, or through the university campus medical centre.

• To register, students need their passport, student identification, proof of address and a photograph.

For general queries about health, students can visit:

- www.nhs.uk (if you are living in England)
- www.scot.nhs.uk (if in Scotland)
- www.wales.nhs.uk (if in Wales)
- www.hscni.net (in in Northern Ireland)





PUBLIC HEALTH



Face coverings

- It is a legal requirement to wear a face covering over your nose and mouth on public transport in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- You must also wear a face covering in most indoor spaces in the UK, such as shops.
- View the UK government guidance on face coverings.

Covid-19 vaccines

- International students in the UK can access the Covid-19 vaccine.
- Anybody aged 18 or over in the UK is eligible for the Covid-19 vaccination for free, regardless of their nationality or immigration status.



HOW TO APPLY

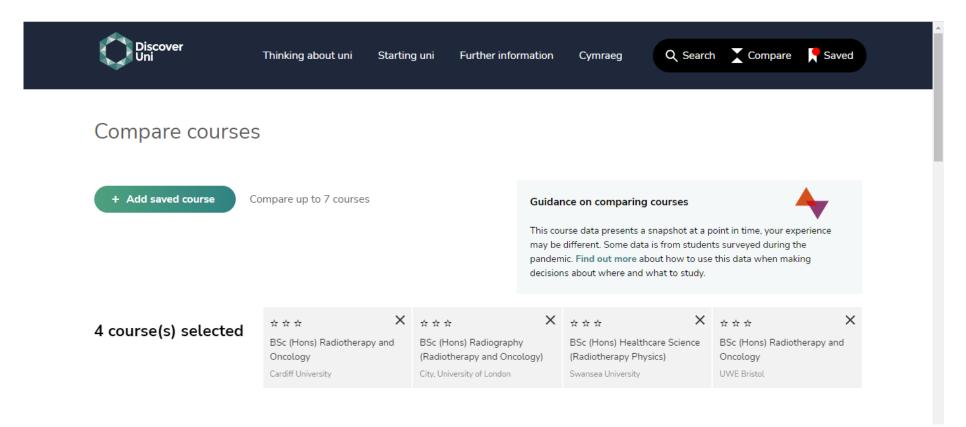




How to apply?

- Undergraduate degrees → apply via UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service)
- Seek guidance from career counsellors and education agents

HOW TO CHOOSE



https://discoveruni.gov.uk/





APPLYING AS AN UNDERGRADUATE

Most undergraduate applications are made through UCAS.

To apply:

- register at <u>www.ucas.com</u>
- apply for up to five courses.

UCAS will then contact you with any offers from your chosen universities or colleges.



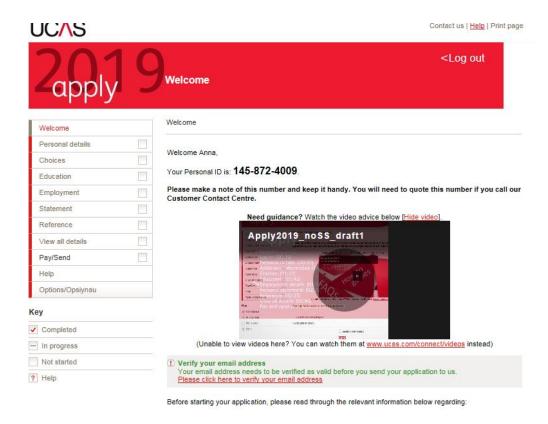




Your application

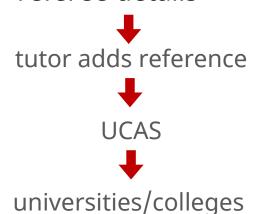
- Entirely online www.ucas.com
- Maximum of five choices
- Some choice restrictions:
 - medicine, veterinary science, dentistry (maximum of four)
 - Oxford or Cambridge
- Simple application cost:
 - one choice £22
 - two to five choices £26.5

Completing your application



Six sections to complete:

- personal details
- choices
- education
- employment
- personal statement
- referee details





UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION DEADLINES



October

- Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.
- Most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine, science and dentistry.

15 January

Most undergraduate courses.

March

Some art and design courses.

30 June

- Late deadline for most undergraduate courses.
- Applications after this deadline go into Clearing, so you will not be guaranteed your first choice.

For more information about undergraduate courses in the UK, visit https://study-

uk.britishcouncil.org/options/apply/undergraduate





TUITION FEES AND LIVING COST

TUITION FEES



- International foundation and diploma programmes range from £4,800 to £23,000
- For international students, undergraduate fees range from around £10,000 to £26,000 per year for lecture-based degrees.
- For medical degrees, you can expect to pay up to £58,600 per year.
- Postgraduate degrees in the UK are shorter and cheaper.
- Most postgraduate degrees can be obtained in just one year, making them excellent value for money.
- Postgraduate degrees typically range from £15,000 to £30,000.





AN AFFORDABLE COST OF LIVING



Studying in the UK is good value for money, and average living costs here are lower than in both the USA and Australia.

You can expect to pay:

- £800 £1,300 a month, to cover rent, bills, food and other living costs
- from £10 a month for a mobile phone contract
- around £2.44 for a cup of coffee, from a high street café
- Between £20-40 a month for a gym membership.

Costs differ depending on where you live in the UK.

London and other major cities are more expensive.





EXPLORE THE UK AND EXPLORE THE WORLD



- Travel is simple and affordable.
- You can visit every part of the UK with ease.
- The UK is a popular international destination
- The UK is exceptionally well connected to the wider world.

The UK has:

- more than 40 airports, with daily international flights to all continents
- daily rail and sea connections to mainland Europe
- excellent road and rail infrastructure
- a first-class public transport system.

You can expect to pay around £70 (bus only) to £132 for a monthly domestic travel pass (for use on buses, trains and underground networks).

Flights to major European destinations can cost as little as £10, if booked in advance.





WORKING PART-TIME WHILE YOU STUDY

If you are over 16 and have the right visa, it is easy to find a part-time job while you are studying in the UK.

- Typically, you will be able to work for up to 20 hours per week during term time.
- Check your visa and residence permit paperwork for details on what part-time work you can do.

Check with your university, in case there are any part-time work restrictions relating to your course.





NEW GRADUATE ROUTE LAUNCHES SUMMER 2021



The UK's new Graduate Route allows you to apply to stay in the UK for up to two years after you finish your undergraduate or master's degree, to work or look for work. Students who complete their PhD will be able to stay for three years.

- Open to all international students who complete their degree from 1 July 2021 onwards.
- Successful applicants will be able to stay and work, or look for work, in the UK for a maximum period of two years.* Students who complete their PhD will be able to stay for three years.
- Ability to switch to a skilled work visa once you have found a suitable job.
- You must complete a degree at undergraduate level (or above) at a UK higher education provider with a track record of compliance.

*The route is non-extendable/does not count towards settlement.







- Prepare to Study and Live in the UK: free online course for incoming students
- GOV.UK hosts all the latest government guidance related to Covid-19
- Study UK website:

https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/

- Covid-19 FAQs
- Covid-19 information for international students
- Study in the UK in 2021-22 (information for future students)
- Office for Students
- Universities UK International
- UKCISA





THANK YOU

Any questions?

