

Summer Schools

Pre-arrival Guidance

Right to Study in the UK

In order to attend a summer school at the University of Essex, we are required to undertake right to study checks for all delegates. Therefore, before we can confirm your place we will ask you to send us an electronic copy of your main passport page. We have to undertake additional immigration checks for non-EEA nationals, see below.

Non-EEA nationals

You will need send us proof of your valid UK immigration status such as an entry clearance or leave to remain sticker in your passport, Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) or letter from the Home Office/UK Visas and Immigration. If you will be applying for leave to enter, you will need to check what you should apply for and where on the [UK Visas and Immigration website](#) and let us know.

When you arrive at the university to attend the summer school, we will need to see your original passport and immigration status document. Our International Services team may request to meet with some delegates for audit purposes.

Applying for leave to study in the UK

If your only purpose for entering the UK is to attend one of our summer schools, you will most likely need to apply for entry to the UK as a Short-term student. You can request a letter of support from your summer school for your application. If you are applying overseas the standard time for the UKVI to process your application is 15 working days but it can sometimes take much longer. You will need to leave the UK within 30 days of the end of your studies.

If you are a non-visa national you could apply for entry at the UK border as a Short-term student, you will need to show UK Border Force your letter of support along with other documents proving you meet the requirements.

Please don't use the e-gates at immigration if you are directed to them. If you enter via the e-gates you would be entering the UK as a visitor.

If your main purpose for coming to the UK is for tourism and you plan to attend the summer school as part of that visit, it may be more appropriate to apply for entry as a visitor to the UK; visitors can study for up to 30 days during the period they are visiting.

Requesting a letter of support for Short-term student application/entry

Once we have confirmed your place and, you have completed the booking and payment process you can request a letter of support. Please note, our support letter does not guarantee your application will be successful, this is a Home Office/UKVI decision.

Immigration Information, Advice, and Guidance

You can read the guidance regarding [Short-term student](#) applications on our website. If your application is refused there will be no right of appeal. If there is time, you may be able to apply again but must ensure that your new application is correct. Please direct enquiries to your summer school in the first instance, they may refer your enquiry onto our specialist advisers if appropriate. Please be aware that we are not able to offer advice regarding non-student immigration rules and requirements.