Frequently Asked Questions

If you are already in the UK:

If you are not sure that the visa you have allows you to study on our short courses, contact the UAL Short Courses Immigration Compliance by emailing to ShortCoursesCompliance@arts.ac.uk

If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss national who has a digital status under the EU Settlement Scheme or under the point-based system:

Please email the share code to ShortCoursesCompliance@arts.ac.uk for us to record your immigration status in advance. You must still present your passport to us before the start of your course.

If you are a visa national, you need to apply for entry clearance as a Standard Visitor before you come to the UK:

The visa letter we sent you after you booked the course will help you with your visa application. It does not guarantee that you will receive a Standard Visitor visa. If you booked more than one course, please ensure that you submit all visa letters for each course you booked when applying for a Standard Visitor visa.

If you are a non-visa national you can enter as a Standard Visitor upon entry to the UK:

Keep the visa letter and supporting documents in your hand luggage. When you arrive at the UK border, show the visa letter to the immigration officer, and tell them that you have come to the UK to study a short course. You should be ready to present any supporting documents if asked to do so.
If you are eligible to use eGates* and want to enter the UK as a Standard Visitor:

You can enter the UK as a Standard Visitor via eGates. Please ensure that you have your boarding pass/travel itineraries at the time you present your passport to us to evidence the date you entered the UK.

If you need more information and guidance about Standard Visitor visa:

For instructions on how to apply for a Standard Visitor visa and everything, you need to know before and after receiving your visa please visit UAL website.

If you have a Short-term study visa, you cannot join a short course:

Students who hold short-term study visa (11 months) can only study an English language course.

If you have a Student visa (previously Tier 4 visa) or Child Student Tier 4 Child visa

You can study a supplementary course, such as evening, weekend course of full time during vacation period. You must still present your passport and your Study visa to us before you start your course.

If you have a residence permit, work permit or dependant's permit:

In most of the cases, you can study a short course, but you must still present your passport and immigration permit to us before the start of your course at these locations.

You can read our terms and conditions online.

If you have any questions, contact the UAL Short Courses Immigration Compliance, on +44 (0)20 7514 8521 or send an email to ShortCoursesCompliance@arts.ac.uk

*eGates can be used by nationals with biometric passports from the EU, EEA, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korean, or the USA.