

Please use the questions and answers, set out below, to help guide and inform your decisions relating to Brexit as a current, or prospective student at UAL. Because of the rapidly changing nature of the situation, please check back regularly and make use of government sites and resources to ensure you are working with the latest information.

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Current students

EU, EEA, Swiss nationals

Has my immigration status changed after the UK left the EU?

As a current student you will be able to apply for the relevant immigration permissions to live, study and work in the UK via the EU Settlement Scheme – see [this webpage](#) for more details.

The deadline to apply is **30 June 2021**.

Within the EU Settlement Scheme, individuals will obtain either ‘settled’ or ‘pre-settled’ status. As a brief overview, if you have 5 years’ continuous residence in the UK, you will normally be granted settled status – and if you are living in the UK but have not yet acquired 5 years’ continuous residence, you will normally be granted pre-settled status. Continuous residence means that you’ve been in the UK for at least 6 months in any 12-month period. Full details of the criteria and your eligibility for either status is available on the [UK government website](#).

For more information, see the definition of EEA countries on [this webpage](#), the step-by-step personalised status tool [here](#), and the [UKCISA website](#).

If you already hold Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) in the UK, you do not need to make an application via the EU Settlement Scheme. However, you may still wish to consider doing so, as the permissible absence duration granted to those individuals with 'settled' status is longer than that granted within ILR. For more details, please see [this webpage](#).

If you have a registration certificate / registration card or a permanent residence certificate / permanent residence card, they will be valid only until 30 June 2021. This is because, you obtained them when the UK was part of the European Union and they were granted under the European Law. Under the domestic UK immigration law if you want to continue living and work in the UK you must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme or switch into a visa category that allows you to stay in the UK.

Will my fees and funding be affected by Brexit?

If you enrolled on your programme as a 'Home/EU' fee status student, you will pay the same tuition fees as UK students and you will not see any changes to your loan eligibility. This guarantee will apply for the full duration of your enrolment on that specific programme. This is subject to any annual increase in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions and the UAL fees schedule.

For further information, please refer to our [webpage here](#).

Will I still have access to healthcare on the NHS?

As part of the EU Settlement Scheme, you're granted immigration permissions which give you access to public services, including medical care under the NHS. You may read further details of the NHS and access to UK healthcare on [this webpage](#) and also on the [UKCISA website](#).

Will I still be able to work in the UK while I am studying after Brexit?

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family will need to [apply to the EU Settlement Scheme](#) to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. Settled status gives you the right to live and work in the UK and give you access to public services, including medical care under the National Health Service (NHS) (see question two, and [this webpage](#) for more details).

My course finishes this year and I'd like to progress to the next level of degree study – what do I need to know?

Please read the guidance below in the 'Prospective Student' section for information on further study at UAL.

Current international students (Non-EU)

Has my immigration status been impacted by the UK leaving the EU?

As a UAL student with the correct visa to study and work within the UK, your status will not be impacted by the UK leaving the EU. There may be changes to travel to the EU from the UK; however as a citizen of another country, your ability to travel to Europe will be based on arrangements between your home country and the EU. If you are travelling because of a university programme, for instance Erasmus+, please see the Erasmus questions below or contact the programme team for guidance.

Current home students

If you're planning to travel to the EU after 1 January 2021, you'll need to consider things such as your passport expiry date, driving in Europe, health coverage and more. Please visit the [GOV.UK website](#) for guidance.

You can also engage in the political discussion and use your voice to [let your local MP](#) know your views, take part in demonstrations, and show support and compassion to EU friends and fellow students who may feel unsettled during this time.

Prospective students

'European students' within this section is a broad phrase which may or may not apply to a specific individual's circumstances. This information is targeted at EU nationals; citizens of Iceland, Norway, Lichtenstein and Switzerland; and their family members.

Please note that this information is subject to change due to government announcements, and we would always recommend you obtain advice specific to your own personal circumstances via our [Student Advice team](#).

Will I still be able to study at UAL despite Brexit?

Yes. UAL is committed to supporting its European student community, and we will remain a welcoming environment in which students from all over the EU and the world choose to come and study.

What is Brexit's impact on my immigration status in the UK as an EU/EEA/Swiss student?

At 11pm on Friday 31 January 2020, the UK legally withdrew from the EU. The UK and EU entered an 11-month transition period, which ended on 31 December 2020. The UK government reached an agreement with the EU on a future relationship which took effect from 1 January 2021. EU, EEA and Swiss nationals living in the UK before 31 December 2020 will need to apply and secure either pre-settled or settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

EU, EEA and Swiss students arriving in UK from 1 January 2021 will need to apply for a [Student visa](#), ahead of arriving in the UK. This includes those students who started their course in autumn 2020 but did not arrive in the UK before 31 December 2020. Please read our guidance on how to apply for a Student visa on our [Immigration and Visas page](#).

You may also contact our Student Advice team for funding and immigration queries – see the bottom of the page for contact details.

Will Brexit have an impact on my tuition fee status, as an EU student?

Tuition fee and student loan arrangements for EU, EEA and Swiss students starting their course from August 2021 onwards (academic year 2021/2022) have now been confirmed by the UK Government.

[On 23 June 2020, the Minister of State for Universities confirmed](#) that EU, EEA and Swiss nationals will no longer be eligible for home fee status, undergraduate, postgraduate and advanced learner financial support from Student Finance England for courses starting in academic year 2021/2022. This means that you will be charged the International tuition fee rate. Visit our [tuition fees](#) page for the latest rates. UAL also offers a [range of international and EU scholarships](#), including UAL EU Transitional Award for eligible EU students starting their studies in 2021/2022 and who have been affected by the immediate impact of Brexit.

The change in tuition fee status will not affect those EU, EEA and Swiss nationals benefitting from Citizens' Rights under the EU Withdrawal Agreement, EEA EFTA Separation Agreement or Swiss Citizens' Rights Agreement respectively. EU, EEA and Swiss nationals who are resident in the UK and meet all eligibility requirements will still be entitled to fees at the UK student rate and to the financial support options available to UK students.

This change will also not apply to Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland whose right to study and to access benefits and services will be preserved on a reciprocal basis for UK and Irish nationals under the Common Travel Area arrangement.

Will Brexit affect EU/EEA/Swiss students' eligibility to take up the UK student loans?

The fee status and loan eligibility of our students applying for 2021/2022 entry onwards has [now been outlined by the UK government](#). EU, EEA and Swiss nationals will no longer be eligible for home fee status, undergraduate, postgraduate and advanced learner financial support from Student Finance England for courses starting in academic year 2021/2022.

This change will not affect those EU, other EEA and Swiss nationals benefitting from Citizens' Rights under the EU Withdrawal Agreement, EEA EFTA Separation Agreement or Swiss Citizens' Rights Agreement respectively. It will also not apply to Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland whose right to study and to access benefits and services will be preserved on a reciprocal basis for UK and Irish nationals under the Common Travel Area arrangement.

From 2021/22 [Student Finance England](#) will no longer offer new enrolling EU students access to its tuition fee loan, as this is connected to the current Home tuition fee rate. Government guidance on Student Finance currently states that if you're starting a course on or after 1 August 2021, you must have settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme to get student finance. Please bear in mind that the UK government has not yet issued the new statutory regulations and there may be other additional eligibility requirements to access student finance. When we receive further clarification from the UK government we will update this document with more guidance as soon as it is possible to do so.

In the meantime, Department for Education has published a policy paper for [Student finance eligibility: 2021 to 2022 academic year](#) on new eligibility arrangements for home fee status and student finance for the academic year starting 1 August 2021 (originally published on 21 December 2020 and updated on 28 January 2021). You can also read more on the [Department for Education FAQ page](#) and on [UKCISA Brexit - fees and Student Support page](#).

The government has also confirmed [2021/2022 fee status and loan access for eligible Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland](#). In general, Irish nationals will be required to meet the same criteria as UK nationals. For further information, please refer to the dedicated FAQs section for Irish citizens.

Read our [Student fees and funding page](#) for more information.

I am an EU/EEA/Swiss student who enrolled on a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design course in September 2020. What will my fee status be for this course - and following this, for my progression BA course?

You will have been fee assessed when your offer was issued for the Foundation Diploma and provided you joined the course in 2020/2021 this status will not change for the duration of your course. This includes access to advanced learner loans if you are eligible to apply for one.

Your status on a BA course in the 2021/2022 academic year will be considered under the new statutory regulations. When we receive further clarification from the UK government we will update [our webpages](#) with more guidance as soon as it is possible to do so.

In the meantime, Department for Education has published a policy paper for [Student finance eligibility: 2021 to 2022 academic year](#) on new eligibility arrangements for home fee status and student finance for the academic year starting 1 August 2021 (originally published on 21 December 2020 and updated on 28 January 2021). You can also read more on the [Department for Education FAQ page](#) and on [UKCISA Brexit - fees and Student Support page](#).

The government has also confirmed [2021/2022 fee status and loan access for eligible Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland](#). In general, Irish nationals will be required to meet the same criteria as UK nationals. For further information, please refer to the dedicated FAQs section for Irish citizens.

Will I still be able to work in the UK while I am studying, when the UK is no longer part of the EU?

EU, EEA and Swiss nationals living in the UK before 31 December 2020 must apply to live and study in the UK via the [EU Settlement Scheme](#) in order to guarantee their right to work in the UK after 30 June 2021.

EU, EEA and Swiss students arriving in the UK from 1 January 2021 will need to apply for a Student visa. This includes those students who started their course in autumn 2020 but did not to arrive before 31 December 2020. For further guidance please see [UK points-based immigration system: EU student information](#).

Will I be able to work in the UK after I finish my studies?

EU, EEA and Swiss students living in the UK before 31 December 2020 should apply via the EU Settlement Scheme to confirm their right to work. You can read more information about the type of permissions granted (within both settled and pre-settled status) in relation to working in the UK on the EU Settlement Scheme webpage. EU, EEA and Swiss students arriving in UK from 1 January 2021 will be subject to the new [UK points-based immigration system](#). For further guidance please see [UK points-based immigration system: EU student information](#).

What about my access to UK healthcare services, as an EU/EEA/Swiss student?

EU, EEA and Swiss students living in the UK before 31 December 2020 should apply to the [EU Settlement Scheme](#) in order to confirm their healthcare access rights.

EU, EEA and Swiss students arriving in UK from 1 January 2021 will be subject to the new [UK points-based immigration system](#). For further guidance please see [UK points-based immigration system: EU student information](#).

Will my degree still be recognised in the EU?

UK degrees are recognised in many countries around the world, and there are a number of agreements between different countries that support this – not all of which are specifically related to the EU. This means that most academic qualifications will still be recognised. Further to this, UAL’s global reputation will continue to be recognised internationally, and we will do all we can to support our graduates’ employability on a global scale in the years to come. For more details of our international reputation, please see [this webpage](#).

Where can I go for further information and support?

If you have specific queries relating to your course and/or enrolment, please contact your admissions team directly through your UAL portal. You may also contact our Student Advice team for funding and immigration queries – see the bottom of the page for contact details.

Short term study

Short Courses

I hold EU/EEA/Swiss nationality, I wish to book a short course in the next few months. Will Brexit impact my study and will I need a visa?

EU, EEA and Swiss national travelling to the UK from 1 January 2021 will be able to enter as a [Standard Visitor](#), either via e-Gates or by seeing an immigration officer at the border. This type of visa will permit you to enter and study in the UK for up to 6 months. You are not limited to studying one course but as a visitor you must not intend to study in the UK for extended periods through frequent or successive visits and the total stay in the UK must not exceed 6 months from the date you enter the UK. Please read our guidance for short course students and everything you need to know before and after arriving to the UK as a Standard Visitor on our [Immigration and Visas page](#).

For further guidance please see [The UK’s points-based immigration system: information for EU citizens](#) and [The UK’s points-based immigration system: an introduction for EU visitors](#).

As EU, EEA and Swiss national who is not Irish, if you enter the UK from the Republic of Ireland there will be different immigration restrictions for visiting the UK. You will only be able to stay and study in the UK for up to three months from the date of entry. If your course is longer than 3 months, please ensure that you use an alternative route to travel to the UK. Find more on [Gov.uk](#).

I am a current EU/EEA/Swiss student on a short course due to end in Spring 2021. Will Brexit impact my study and will I need a visa for the rest of my course?

If you arrived to the UK before 11:00 pm (UK time) on 31 December 2020 you can apply to live and study in the UK via the EU Settlement Scheme – [see this webpage](#) for more details. The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021.

EU, EEA and Swiss national travelling to the UK from 1 January 2021 will be able to enter as a [Standard Visitor](#), either via e-Gates or by seeing an immigration officer at the border. This type of visa will permit you to enter and study in the UK for up to 6 months. Please read our guidance for short course students and everything you need to know before and after arriving to the UK as a Standard Visitor on our [Immigration and Visas page](#).

For further guidance please see [The UK's points-based immigration system: information for EU citizens](#) and [The UK's points-based immigration system: an introduction for EU visitors](#).

I hold EU/EEA/Swiss nationality, I have been living in the UK for a number of years. I would like to book a number of short courses. Will Brexit impact my study?

If you arrived to the UK before 11:00 pm (UK time) on 31 December 2020 you can apply to live and study in the UK via the EU Settlement Scheme – [see this webpage](#) for more details. The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021.

I wish to book some short courses during the summer and also travel between the UK and outside the UK around these short courses. Will Brexit impact my study and travel?

EU, EEA and Swiss national travelling to the UK from 1 January 2021 will be able to enter as a [Standard Visitor](#), either via the e-Gate or by seeing an immigration officer at the border. This type of visa will permit you to enter and study in the UK for up to 6 months. Please read our guidance for short course students and everything you need to know before and after arriving to the UK on our [Immigration and Visas page](#).

For further guidance please see [The UK's points-based immigration system: information for EU citizens](#) and [The UK's points-based immigration system: an introduction for EU visitors](#).

You will need to ensure you have the identification and visas required by the UK and any other countries you plan to visit.

*If you have any additional questions not answered by this FAQ then please contact our UAL Short Courses team who will be happy to advise you: ShortCoursesCompliance@arts.ac.uk

Study Abroad

I am a prospective Study Abroad student with EU/EEA/Swiss nationality and interested in joining UAL's Study Abroad programme for studies of less than 6 months. Will Brexit impact my study and will I need a visa?

EU, EEA and Swiss national travelling to the UK from 1 January 2021 will be able to enter as a [Standard Visitor](#), either via e-Gates or by seeing an immigration officer at the border. This type of visa will permit you to enter and study in the UK for up to 6 months. You are not limited to studying one course but as a visitor you must not intend to study in the UK for extended periods through frequent or successive visits and the total stay in the UK must not exceed 6 months from the date you enter the UK. Please read our guidance for short course students and everything you need to know before and after arriving to the UK as a Standard Visitor on our [Immigration and Visas page](#).

For further guidance please see [The UK's points-based immigration system: information for EU citizens](#) and [The UK's points-based immigration system: an introduction for EU visitors](#).

As EU, EEA and Swiss national who is not Irish, if you enter the UK from Ireland there will be different immigration restrictions for visiting the UK and you will only be able to stay and study in the UK for up to three months from the date of entry. Find more on [Gov.uk](#).

If you arrived to the UK before 11:00 pm (UK time) on 31 December 2020 you can apply to live and study in the UK via the EU Settlement Scheme – [see this webpage](#) for more details. The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021.

I am a prospective Study Abroad student with EU/EEA/Swiss nationality and interested in joining UAL's Study Abroad programme for studies of more than 6 months. Will Brexit impact my study and will I need a visa?

EU, EEA and Swiss students arriving to the UK for studies of more than 6 months will need to apply for a [Student visa](#) ahead of arriving to the UK. Please read our guidance on how to apply for a Student visa on our [Immigration and Visas page](#). You may also contact our [Student Advice Service for immigration queries](#).

If you arrived to the UK before 11:00 pm (UK time) on 31 December 2020 you can apply to live and study in the UK via the EU Settlement Scheme – [see this webpage](#) for more details. The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021.

*If you have any additional questions not answered by this FAQ then please contact our UAL Study Abroad team who will be happy to advise you: studyabroad@arts.ac.uk

Language Centre

I hold EU/EEA/Swiss nationality, I wish to study at the UAL Language Centre. Will Brexit impact my study and will I need a visa?

EU, EEA and Swiss students arriving to the UK from 1 January 2021 will be subject to the new UK points-based immigration system and you will need to apply for a [Student visa](#) ahead of arriving to the UK if your course is longer than 6 months. Please read our guidance on how to apply for a Student visa on our [Immigration and Visas page](#). You may also contact our [Student Advice Service for immigration queries](#).

Under the UK's new immigration system EU, EEA and Swiss national travelling to the UK from 1 January 2021 will be able to enter as a [Standard Visitor](#), either via the e-Gate or by seeing an immigration officer at the border. This type of visa will permit you to enter and study in the UK for up to 6 months. Please read our guidance on how to apply for a Student visa on our [Immigration and Visas page](#).

For further guidance please see [The UK's points-based immigration system: information for EU citizens](#) and [The UK's points-based immigration system: an introduction for EU visitors](#).

If you arrived to the UK before 11:00 PM (UK time) on 31 December 2020 you can apply to live and study in the UK via the EU Settlement Scheme – [see this webpage](#) for more details. The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021.

I wish to study at UAL Language Centre during the summer and also travel between the UK and outside the UK around these short courses. Will Brexit impact my study and travel?

EU, EEA and Swiss students arriving to the UK from 1 January 2021 will be subject to the new UK points-based immigration system and you will need to apply for a [Student visa](#) ahead of arriving to the UK if your course is longer than 6 months. Please read our guidance on how to apply for a Student visa on our [Immigration and Visas page](#). You may also contact our [Student Advice Service for immigration queries](#).

You will need to ensure you have the identification and visas required by the UK and any other countries you plan to visit. You can check if you require a visa to enter the UK on [the Government's website](#).

*If you have any additional questions not answered by this FAQ then please contact our UAL Language Centre team who will be happy to advise you: language-centre@arts.ac.uk

Exchanges

I hold EU/EEA/Swiss nationality, I wish to study at UAL as part of an exchange programme. Will Brexit impact my study and will I need a visa?

You will be permitted to study in the UK for up to 6 months under Standard Visitor visa. You will obtain your permission either by using e-Gates or seeing an immigration officer at the border. Thus, you will not be required to apply for a visa before you travel.

As a visitor you must not intend to study in the UK for extended periods through frequent or successive visits and the total stay in the UK must not exceed 6 months from the date you enter the UK. Please read our guidance for short course students and everything you need to know before and after arriving to the UK as a Standard Visitor on our [Immigration and Visas page](#).

Erasmus+

I am considering a study exchange or traineeship in the EU in the 2021/22 or 2022/23 academic year. Will I still be able to access Erasmus+ funding?

UK universities remain eligible to participate fully in the current Erasmus+ programme until the end of their current contracts. Therefore, UK based students and staff will be able to participate in exchanges as normal until the end of the project. For UAL this will be 31st May 2023.

Students and staff in other Erasmus+ participating countries also remain eligible to come to the UK via the programme during the same period. In effect, this means staff and students can complete mobility periods and receive funding up until the end of May 2023.

The UK government will soon launch the [Turing scheme](#), providing £100 million in funding for 35,000 students in universities, colleges and schools to go on placements abroad from September 2021. More details about this Scheme are soon to be made available.

You can find more information on the [Erasmus+ programme and UUKi Mobility pages](#).

*If you have any additional questions not answered by this FAQ then please contact UAL's International Relations Unit who will be happy to advise you: internationalmobility@arts.ac.uk.

Key words and definitions

Key phrases

Article 50 – part of the Treaty of the European Union, which allows a member state to express their wish to voluntarily withdraw from the EU. Article 50 was invoked by the UK on Wednesday, 29 March 2017, with a two-year period assigned for the withdrawal agreement negotiations to be held.

Implementation period – the period of time after the UK's departure from the EU (Brexit) in which EU, EEA and Swiss citizens' rights remain the same, until the new immigration system started on 1 January 2021.

EU Settlement Scheme – the current registration system in place for all EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK who wish to remain after the UK has departed the EU. This scheme is due to remain in place until a new immigration system starts on 1 January 2021. The EU Settlement Scheme grants either 'pre-settled' or 'settled' status, based on the number of years' continuous residence in the UK. Full information is [available here](#).

EU, EEA and Swiss definitions – please refer to the [government webpage here](#) for full clarification of the countries included within these definitions.

Information for Irish citizens

Immigration

The UK and Ireland have a Common Travel Area that is not affected by the UK's withdrawal from the EU. Irish citizens are not required to apply to the EU Settlement scheme or take any further actions in order to enter and/or remain in the UK. You can choose to apply if you wish to. This will not be affected by the conditions of Brexit. More details on Brexit and the Common Travel Area are [available here](#).

The UK government's guidance outlines that Irish citizens enjoy a right of residence in the UK that is not reliant on the UK's membership of the EU. Although you will not be required to apply for status under the EU Settlement Scheme, your eligible family members (who are not Irish or British citizens) will be able to obtain status under the EU Settlement Scheme without you also being required to do so. Further information on the EU Settlement Scheme is available on [this webpage](#).

Fees and funding

If you have already started on a programme as a 'Home/EU' fee student or are due to enrol as a 'Home/EU' fee student in the academic year 2021/2022, the government has issued reassurances that you will pay the same tuition fees as UK students, and you will not see any changes to your loan eligibility. This guarantee will apply for the full duration of your enrolment on that specific programme. This is subject to any annual increase in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions and the UAL fees schedule.

The government has now also confirmed [2021/2022 fee status and loan access for eligible Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland](#). In general, Irish nationals will be required to meet the same criteria as UK nationals.

For further information, please refer to our [webpage here](#).

Right to work

The UK government guidance outlines that Irish citizens enjoy a right of residence in the UK that is not reliant on the UK's membership of the EU due to the Common Travel Area. As such your rights to take on work within the UK should not change.

Healthcare

Due to the rights of Irish citizens within the Common Travel Area, access social welfare benefits and health services should remain unchanged. More details on the Common Travel Area are [available here](#).

Student Support

Where can I find additional support for current students?

If you have any questions please contact the Student Advice Service

Online: Use our [online form](#)

Phone: (+44) 20 7514 6250