

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
**PRE-DEPARTURE GUIDE**  
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# WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LAW

Now that you have accepted your place, you can start preparing for your journey. Whether you are an international student already in the UK or moving from your home country to the UK, we are here to help you settle in and make your stay an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

This guide contains advice and information for international students who are preparing to study and live in the UK. We know that studying abroad can be exciting, but also daunting at times, so we hope this guide will be beneficial to prepare you for your stay.

It is important to be as prepared as possible before you leave. You should allow yourself plenty of time to apply for your visa, arrange flight details, sort out accommodation for the duration of your course and ensure that you have all the necessary travel and study documents with you to show to the appropriate authorities.

Should you have any questions please contact one of the following teams:

## Accommodation Queries

Email: [accommodation@law.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@law.ac.uk)

## Immigration and Visa Queries

Email: [visaadvice@law.ac.uk](mailto:visaadvice@law.ac.uk)  
Telephone: +44 (0)1483 216588

## General Queries

Email: [international@law.ac.uk](mailto:international@law.ac.uk)  
Telephone: +44 (0)1483 216000

# VISAS AND IMMIGRATION

If you wish to study at The University of Law and you are not a British or Irish national, you may require a Student Route visa.

For more information on this matter please refer to our student visa page here: [law.ac.uk/students/international/uk-visa-requirements](https://www.law.ac.uk/students/international/uk-visa-requirements)

If you are unsure whether you will need a student visa, please contact the International Student Advice team at [visaadvice@law.ac.uk](mailto:visaadvice@law.ac.uk). Specific enquiries regarding the University's sponsorship of students under the Student Route can be directed to the Visa Compliance team at [visacompliance@law.ac.uk](mailto:visacompliance@law.ac.uk)

Before you can apply for a Student visa, you must receive a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from the University. We will only issue you a CAS once we have confirmed that you meet all the requirements for Student visa sponsorship.

It is the responsibility of all students to ensure that they have a visa covering the full duration of their course. If there are errors on your visa or your visa application is refused, please contact [visaadvice@law.ac.uk](mailto:visaadvice@law.ac.uk) as soon as possible. We can then advise you further.

## HOW MANY DAYS CAN I ARRIVE IN THE UK BEFORE THE COURSE STARTS?

If you are studying a course on a Student visa that lasts for six months or more, then you will be able to come to the UK up to one month before the course start date in the CAS.

We recommend that you arrive at least one week before your course starts. You will receive an email from your campus prior to your course with the exact dates for your enrolment and induction. If you cannot attend, please let them know so they can reschedule your induction. The course start date and latest arrival date are stated in your CAS.

If you are delayed, you must contact the Student Information team at your campus immediately and follow their instructions.

If the deadline to start your course has passed, please do not travel to the UK without written authorisation from us as you may be stopped at the border and be denied entry.

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## STUDENT ROUTE VS VISITOR VISA

You will need a Student route visa to study most of our courses. The only exception are courses which have a duration of less than six months. If you are doing a course shorter than six months, you can apply for a visitor visa. For more information on this route please visit [ukcisa.org.uk/Information-Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Visitors](https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information-Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Visitors)

# ACCOMMODATION

You should start making arrangements as soon as you have been accepted on your course. It is important for you to have suitable and safe accommodation while you are studying in the UK.

Our Accommodation Service can assist you in finding accommodation in the city of your chosen campus. The University has reserved accommodation for undergraduate students with some of the UK's leading student accommodation providers who pride themselves in ensuring you have a safe, comfortable place to live while you're studying with us. By staying in University-nominated accommodation, you'll get to meet students studying at universities across the city, as well as live with your fellow University students.

We are here not only to help you find the right place to stay during your studies, but also to connect you with potential housemates via our Facebook page. For more information, please go to [lawstudentpad.co.uk/accommodation](http://lawstudentpad.co.uk/accommodation) or contact [accommodation@law.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@law.ac.uk)

## GUARANTEED ACCOMMODATION

We guarantee an offer of accommodation to all first-year undergraduate students who have accepted their offer of a place and have made us their firm choice.

You must normally confirm that you require accommodation by 31 March of the year you're going to start your course. If you apply after this date or are coming to the UK to study one of our professional courses, we cannot guarantee accommodation. However, our friendly accommodation team are available to help you find the most suitable accommodation for you.

For more information visit our website [law.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation](http://law.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation)

## STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

If you are under 18 years of age and are not living with your parents or authorised guardians, the University will provide you with guaranteed student accommodation in Halls of Residence in the city where you are studying. You should confirm that you require accommodation by 31 March and will need to be 18 years of age before the end of the calendar year in which you are joining the course. After this date, do please still contact our accommodation team and they will be happy to see how they can assist with your property search.

Our Under 18 years of age Policy can be found on our website, [law.ac.uk/policies](http://law.ac.uk/policies). Any queries relating to this should be directed to our Admissions teams, [admissions@law.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@law.ac.uk)

# PREPARING FOR STUDY IN THE UK

Did you know that there are online resources available on ELITE (the University's Virtual Learning Environment) to help you with your studies? These resources introduce you to practical ways in which you can make the most of your study experience and show you how to learn quickly and effectively. We think they will be especially useful if you have been out of education for a while, or if you have never studied at a UK university before.

Your online study skills resources consist of two elements:

## 1 SKILLS4STUDY CAMPUS

Skills4Study is an online study skills package which consists of the following modules:

- Getting ready for academic study
- Exam skills
- Writing skills
- Reading and note taking
- Time management
- Critical Thinking

These modules are easy to access via any Wi-Fi enabled device (laptops, iPads, smartphones, etc.)

Each module follows the same format and includes an optional but recommended diagnostic test at the start and module assessment at the end, a range of interactive activities, a glossary of difficult terms, a tag function, and a journal function which allows you to make, save and download your own notes as you progress.

Access Skills4Study campus: [elite.law.ac.uk](http://elite.law.ac.uk), and click on the Skills4Study logo

## 2 LEARNING SUPPORT RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

These Learning Support materials have been developed with our own students and their needs in mind.

You will find here:

- Helpful tips on a range of study skills issues
- Recordings of study skills workshops on a range of topics
- Refresher material on English language and math
- Resources for dyslexic students
- Time management templates
- The OSCOLA reference guidelines
- Links to other useful study skills websites and print resources
- VARK learning styles
- MCQ technique  
...and many other useful things.

Access our learning support resources and materials: [elite.law.ac.uk](http://elite.law.ac.uk), go to the 'Student Hub' tab and click on the Learning Support section on the left of the screen.

# PACKING YOUR BAGS

Once you make your travel arrangements, please check with the airline company how much luggage you can bring. We would advise that you pack only as much as you are able to carry, as you can ship other items separately. Please remember that some airline companies charge for more than one suitcase and also charge for excess luggage. You can buy many items cheaply in the UK instead of bringing them from home.

## HAND LUGGAGE

Pack in your hand luggage any valuables, passport (with visa), a small amount of British money, necessary documents you will need for immigration and the address and telephone number for the campus where you will be studying.

## MONEY

Bring enough cash to cover your immediate needs (about £300). Bring a credit/debit card to pay for things such as rail/underground tickets and food. If possible, your cash should include some coins so that you can use ticket machines, and some small denomination bank notes (£5 and £10).

For further information on the costs of living in the UK please check the following links:

**UKCISA - international student advice and guidance - How much will it cost to study in the UK?**

**How much it costs to live at university - Which?**

**Cost of Living - The University of Law**

## CLOTHING

The British weather is known to be unpredictable, so it is best to bring layered and waterproof clothing, for all seasons. Pack lightly - there are a lot of fashionable and affordable shops in the UK.

## ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

Electrical supply in the UK is 230 volts with a frequency of 50 hertz. If you are bringing electrical equipment with you, please make sure that it can be used in the UK. Adapter plugs can be purchased once you arrive in the UK.

### Digital and technological resources and requirements

General computer hardware: we recommend having access to a computer which can access the latest browsers (see below), which will enable you to access wider University software platforms, including Microsoft OneDrive, Blackboard Collaborate Conferencing System, Panopto Multimedia Player and the Library Systems. The computer (laptop or desktop) should be multimedia enabled with a webcam. Having access to a headset with built-in microphone, a Bluetooth or wired keyboard would also be beneficial. You may also wish to investigate the use of ergonomic keyboards, if required.

**Operating System** - Windows 10, 11, macOS 10.13+

**Processor** - Intel i5

**RAM** - 8GB

**Storage** - 128GB

**Camera** - Minimum 640 x 360 resolution

**Microphone** - Separate headphone set

**Internet enabled** - Wi-Fi 2.4GHz or 5GHz or Ethernet Connection

**Browsers** - Google Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Microsoft Edge (preferred)

### What software will I likely use?

We use a number of core learning technologies within our learning, teaching and assessment models. The following lists key systems, with links to their required technologies:

- Blackboard Learn Ultra
- Blackboard Collaborate Ultra
- Respondus
- Panopto

### Can I use a Chromebook?

Currently, we do not recommend a Chromebook as these are not fully supported by all our Digital Assessment platforms.

### Online assessments - typing

To be able to effectively sit online assessments, it is expected that you have a typing speed of 30-40 words per minute. This will enable you to successfully complete the assessments within the given timeframe. If you are unsure as to the speed of your typing, you may wish to self-assess your typing speed by using the following online tool: [10fastfingers.com/typing-test/english](https://10fastfingers.com/typing-test/english)

## OTHER ITEMS

Make sure you check with your accommodation provider if you need to bring or buy certain kitchen utensils, bedding or other household items.

## DO I NEED TO BRING MY ORIGINAL ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS WITH ME?

You should bring either original or certified copies of your academic qualifications. It is advisable to have certified copies made of all important documents in case you lose the originals.

Please note that all Visa Sponsored Students must bring the original documents at enrolment. You will be unable to enrol with copies of the documents.

## SHOULD I BRING MY MOBILE PHONE FROM HOME?

You may wish to bring your mobile phone with you to the UK as your phone may accept a UK SIM card. If it doesn't, then you can buy a mobile phone in the UK. It is important for students to have a working mobile phone in the UK as the University may need to speak to you at any time and will require a phone number to ring.

There are many mobile phone companies in the UK, many of which provide you with call packages to allow you to call internationally.

If your mobile phone is GSM compatible, you can use a UK SIM card to call your family and friends back at home. This is less expensive than using your SIM card from home. To be able to use a UK SIM card you might need to 'unlock' your phone - this might be better to do in your home country through your provider.

In terms of mobile phone call packages, you can choose between a contract or Pay-As-You-Go (PAYG) mobiles. When you buy a mobile phone with a contract, you go through a credit check. Make sure you check the monthly payment and the call charges before signing. With PAYG, you go through no credit check, you have no contract, no commitment and no monthly bills. However, buying the phone and the call charges can be more expensive than on contract mobile phones. Please check with your chosen provider what you will need as proof of identity.

In addition, there are cheap/inexpensive ways of keeping in touch with home: international call cards, Skype, WhatsApp, FaceTime, etc.



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## INSURANCE

Before you leave home, you are advised to take out travel insurance to cover your journey to the UK, including medical expenses and personal possessions cover. If you are being treated for or have an on-going medical condition, it is advisable to see your doctor before you leave to get photocopies of medical records to give to your doctor in the UK. Make sure you have the full name and address of your family doctor in your home country.

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## HEALTHCARE

The National Health Service (NHS) is the UK's state healthcare system providing a wide range of healthcare services including appointments with a doctor, hospital treatment and dental care. You should register with a doctor as soon as possible after your arrival in the UK. If you are a national of a country outside of the European Economic Area (EEA), and are applying for a visa (for six months or more), you will usually need to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge. This qualifies you for free NHS treatment, however you may have to pay for prescription products, as well as any treatment through dentists or opticians.

You cannot take out private healthcare insurance as an alternative to paying the Immigration Health Surcharge, as this is a mandatory fee included as part of your visa application. It is a personal decision whether you also have private healthcare insurance. You may wish to consider this to cover the following potential health-related costs:

- Loss of fees if you are unable to complete your course
- Costs incurred returning to your home country for treatment
- Private medical treatment

If you already have medical insurance in your home country, you may wish to check whether this can be extended to cover your stay in the UK.

If you are from an EEA country outside of the UK or are a Swiss National, you are entitled to a European Health Insurance Card. The European Health Insurance Card is a free card that gives you access to state-provided medical treatment at the same cost (or in some countries for free) as people insured in that country. In the UK, this proves your eligibility for free NHS treatment. Make sure you apply for the card before leaving your home country – it is issued by your national health insurance provider. For more information, please take a look at the following link:

[ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559](https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559)

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## REGISTRATION WITH A DOCTOR

In order to access the NHS, you must register with a local General Practitioner (GP) Surgery (Doctor Surgery) where you live. When you are registered as a patient, you can ask to see the doctor if you need medicine or feel unwell. Please, make sure you register with a GP promptly when you arrive to the UK.

Use the following website to locate medical services in your area:

[nhs.uk](https://nhs.uk)

[nhs.uk/service-search](https://nhs.uk/service-search)

Once you have found a surgery you will need to take a letter from the University to show you are an international student. This letter can be requested from the Student Information team at your campus after you arrive in the UK.

# ARRIVING IN THE UK

If you travel to the UK by air, you will probably arrive at one of the main international airports: Heathrow, Gatwick or one of the big regional airports, such as Manchester or Birmingham. It is also possible to arrive in London on the Eurostar train, which travels through the Channel Tunnel, or to bring a car through the Tunnel on a shuttle train. Please note that if you travel by Eurostar, you will go through Immigration Control in France before you board the Eurostar.

You are advised to plan your route before you travel and go directly to your accommodation. Please carry with you the address and telephone number of the accommodation you booked in advance.

If you would like to book train tickets in advance to travel from the airport to your accommodation, you can do this at [nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk)

# IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS

You will be asked to fill in a landing card on the plane with your personal details. You will need to hand this to the Immigration Officer at passport control at the airport. You will also need to show:

- Your passport and valid biometric residence permit/visa
- Copy of the e-mail containing your CAS (Visa Sponsored Students only)
- All the documents (or copies) you used to apply for your visa including your financial evidence, qualifications and TB test certificate (if required)

You may need to provide the Immigration Officer with your UK address – please provide the address for your accommodation rather than the address of your study campus.

Very few students have problems at immigration. However, if you do require assistance, please contact International Student Advice on +44 (0)1483 216588. Please note that we are available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm UK time. Alternatively, you can email [visaadvice@law.ac.uk](mailto:visaadvice@law.ac.uk)

# CUSTOMS CONTROL

There are rules on what goods you can bring with you without paying duty and value added tax (VAT). Some items are banned or restricted by law.

For more information on customs control please visit [gov.uk/uk-border-control](http://gov.uk/uk-border-control)

You might want to send certain items by air or sea freight. In this case, make sure that you complete the customs declaration carefully, stating that these items are part of your temporary move to the UK as an international student.

# UK LAW

It is important that you familiarise yourself with the laws in the UK so as you do not get yourself into trouble due to a misunderstanding:

- You must not carry drugs of any kind, unless prescribed by a registered GP, or use any illegal drugs, including cannabis, LSD, ecstasy or amphetamines
- You must not carry any sort of weapon including knives, self-defence CS gas sprays, guns or stun guns
- You must be at least 18 years old to buy tobacco or alcohol

Be careful about where and who you buy goods from. If you think that something is stolen, even if it is a great bargain, then do not buy it as you can get into serious trouble.

To find out more about the law in England visit [gov.uk](http://gov.uk)

If you find yourself in a position where you do need legal assistance, you can refer to the following organisations for advice:

## THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Free, confidential and independent advice at various locations and public buildings in the UK. Advice is available face-to-face and by telephone on a variety of issues.

[citizensadvice.org.uk](http://citizensadvice.org.uk)

## CIVIL LEGAL ADVICE

Offers free access to legal information and advice.

[gov.uk/civil-legal-advice](http://gov.uk/civil-legal-advice)

Telephone: 0845 345 4345

# SAFETY

Whilst the UK is a safe place to live, work and study, you should always be safety conscious and make sure that you behave in a responsible manner to reduce any risk of harm being done to you or your belongings.

Before you travel to the UK, you should make a photocopy/record of all important documents, such as your passport (personal details and immigration stamps), travel insurance, plane tickets and your CAS Statement from the University. You should leave these with friends or family at home who will be able to help if you lose the originals. It is useful to carry a copy of your passport in your suitcase as well.

It is a good idea to carry your passport, plane tickets, travel insurance and money in an inside pocket or hidden money belt.

It is unlikely you will feel unsafe in the UK, however if you do then you can speak to a member of the Student Information Service at your campus for reassurance and advice. If you are outside of the University and require immediate assistance, you are able to approach a member of the Police or a Community Support Officer who patrol the streets. They will be able to advise, reassure and assist as necessary.

If you need to report an incident in an emergency then you can call 999 for free from any telephone. This will put you through to the Emergency Services (Fire, Police, and Ambulance) who will respond. **The telephone number 999 is only to be used in an emergency.** For non-emergency crimes, you can contact the local police on the telephone number 101.

# LIVING AND SETTLING IN THE UK

## 'CULTURE SHOCK'

Moving to a new country can bring up many different emotions, from excitement to occasional feelings of loneliness. Differences in the way things are done can leave some students feeling confused and frustrated. This is known as 'culture shock', caused by the different way of living (such as different language, clothes, behaviours, values, teaching and learning styles, etc.). It is usually temporary, and can affect everyone at any time while adjusting to the new culture and environments.

Some hints and tips to deal with 'culture shock':

- Understand that this experience is normal
- Keep in touch with home
- Have familiar and personal things (i.e. photos, ornaments, etc.) around you
- Make friends with students, both local and international
- Meetup groups, societies and activities based on your interests will bring new people to your life
- Even if you feel like you'd like to be alone, don't isolate yourself

For more information on 'culture shock', take a look at this link:

[ukcisa.org.uk/Information-Advice/Preparation-and-Arrival/Facing-culture-shock](http://ukcisa.org.uk/Information-Advice/Preparation-and-Arrival/Facing-culture-shock)

## CULTURE AND SOCIAL ATTITUDES

The UK has a rich history and culture – one that is worth exploring while you are studying in the country. There are many traditional places and events to go to, food to experiment with, festivals and celebrations to attend. Most of the big cities are quite cosmopolitan and people are generally very tolerant.

There are many aspects of the British culture as well as some unspoken rules that you will pick up as you live in the UK. For example, you might find some people quieter and more reserved than people in your own country, or you might find British levels of formality different from those back home.

## COST OF LIVING IN THE UK

As an international student coming to the UK, you can expect to pay around £1,334 per month in London, or around £1,023 in the rest of the UK, to cover your accommodation, bills, groceries, and a range of other living expenses during your studies.

## DRIVING

Before driving any vehicle (car, motorbike, van etc.) in the UK, you should check that you meet all the legal requirements which apply (a) to the driver and (b) to the vehicle and that you are aware of the correct procedures, which may be very different from your home country.

It is a criminal offence to drive using a licence that is not valid in the UK. In addition, if you do so, your car insurance will be invalidated.

If you need to send off your passport and visa to secure an UK driving licence, be mindful of when you do it. It can take several weeks for the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) to process your application and you would need your

original ID and visa to enroll on your course. You will also need them to open a bank account, register with a doctor, rent a property and work

### UKCISA - international student advice and guidance - Driving

## YOUR FIRST DAY AT UNIVERSITY

On your first day with us you will need to:

- Show your passport and biometric residence permit / visa to the Student Information Service at your campus. Your biometric residence permit / visa must be valid for the full duration of your course. If you have a Student visa, it must have been issued with a CAS from The University of Law
- Show your degree certificate or original transcript and evidence of English language ability (if this is one of your offer conditions)
- Provide confirmation of your current UK contact details to include a full postal address and telephone number, your next of kin and emergency contact details

You will be given the Information for International Students booklet, which contains useful information on living in the UK. If you would like a copy of this booklet before your arrival, please contact Student Immigration Compliance and Advice.



# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Living and studying abroad might come with some new academic and personal challenges. Your health and wellbeing while studying is really important. Our confidential Support Services were designed with you in mind. We have friendly teams to ensure that you get help and practical advice on a whole range of issues, whenever it is needed.

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES OR DISABILITIES

No matter what, our Disability and Inclusion Service provides a confidential, professional, and accessible service for disabled students or those requiring adjustments for other reasons, by providing advice and guidance and ensuring equal opportunity, access and attainment. If you have a medical condition or disability, please do get in touch – our friendly team is happy to help.

**Email:**  
[disabilitysupportandinclusion@law.ac.uk](mailto:disabilitysupportandinclusion@law.ac.uk)  
**Telephone:** +44 (0)1483 216657

## ACADEMIC LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our International & Pathway Programmes team run a range of language, communication and acculturation sessions for international students.

You can also find useful material, podcasts and videos on their ELITE page [here](#).

The team also offer an online postgraduate skills programme, to help you prepare for PG study. When you enrol, you will have access for a whole year, so it can be used as a useful resource to support you, before and after you commence your studies. You can [register here](#)

## WELLBEING

There is a Welfare Officer on each University campus who can assist you with any questions related to your general wellbeing and put you in touch with specialist support where this is needed.

You can download our student wellbeing BeWell App for free from your App Store, for a wide range of ideas, resources and strategies to help you enhance your wellbeing.

You can also sign up to Blackbullion at [blackbullion.com](http://blackbullion.com) and take part in fun challenges to enhance your financial wellbeing.

## COUNSELLING SERVICE

Our Student Assistance Programme, Spectrum.Life, is a free and confidential service, providing you with support 24/7, 365 days a year as and when you may need it. The service covers numerous topics such as stress, anxiety, low mood, financial worries, loss and grief, relationship problems, substance abuse issues and much more.

The service can also refer you for up to six sessions of counselling.

Information on how to book an appointment can be found on the Counselling Service page on ELITE in the Health and Wellbeing section of the Student Hub.

# STUDENTS' UNION

The Students' Union has been created to enhance both your academic and non-academic experience with us. Every student at the University is a member of the Union and the structure of the Union allows members to be represented at all levels to ensure that your voice is heard. We encourage students to apply for various roles within the Union, including; Vice President, Course Representative, Student Member of Committees, Student Trustee and International Student Representative. These elected students also form part of the Student Parliament which meets three times a year as the major representative and decision making body of the Union.

You may also be interested in being part of the Students' Union Events Committee on your campus as well as joining student-led clubs and societies. Look out for further information about the exciting opportunities for you to get involved in throughout the year by checking your student email account and visiting our website, [studentsunion.law.ac.uk](http://studentsunion.law.ac.uk)

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to e-mail [studentsunion@law.ac.uk](mailto:studentsunion@law.ac.uk)

# REGISTRATION AND FRESHERS' WEEK

Registration and Freshers' Week is your opportunity to settle in, make new friends and get to know your new surroundings before you start your course. Freshers' Week is made up of a variety of events to help you get to know the University tutors and fellow students. Running for the first week of term, there are lots of events and activities to get involved in, ranging from introductions to the University facilities and lunch with your personal tutor, to quizzes, comedy nights and the Freshers' Fair. And, of course, no Freshers' Week would be complete without the Freshers' Party.

You will be able to access information about registration and Freshers' Week using the link in the email sent to you when you have made us your firm choice.

A separate induction is organised for students under **18 years of age** to inform them, if necessary, about registration with a doctor, how to open a bank account, information on council tax etc.





## BUSINESS SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Business School courses start with a compulsory registration and induction. On completion of enrolment you will then be able to access all the facilities and services you are entitled to as a student at ULaw. Induction is made up of a variety of events to help you get to know the University staff and fellow students. There are events and activities to get involved with, ranging from introductions to the University facilities, lunch with faculty staff, business games and introduction to the Business School and your course, an introduction to employability and career development and the Student Association.

The week is your opportunity to settle in, make new friends and get to know your new surroundings before you start your course.

We will introduce you to the resources that you will be using on your course such as the Financial Times, the Chartered Management Institute, Vital source (eBooks) and the Library. We will help you make new friends by speed friending and tweeting fun ways to find out interesting facts about your fellow students. The week concludes with social activities organised by the student reps.

You will be able to access information about induction using the link in the email sent to you when you have made us your firm choice.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

### **UKCISA – The UK Council for International Student Affairs**

Offers advice and comprehensive guidance notes on aspects of studying in the UK for international students.

[ukcisa.org.uk](http://ukcisa.org.uk)

### **ukstudentlife.com**

Information about keeping yourself and your belongings safe.

[ukstudentlife.com/Personal/Safety.htm](http://ukstudentlife.com/Personal/Safety.htm)

### **Student Accommodation**

A directory of student accommodation and associated links.

[accommodation.uccas.com](http://accommodation.uccas.com)

### **International Students House**

[ish.org.uk](http://ish.org.uk)

### **British Transport Police**

Provides a policing service on the railways throughout Great Britain, the London Underground, the Docklands Light Railway, the Midland Metro tram system and the Croydon Tramlink.

[btp.police.uk](http://btp.police.uk)

### **NHS Direct**

NHS Direct offers confidential health advice and information, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

[nhs.uk](http://nhs.uk)

### **Transport for London**

Information and advice on travelling in London.

[tfl.gov.uk](http://tfl.gov.uk)

### **British Tourist Board**

[visitbritain.com](http://visitbritain.com)

### **Time Out**

Weekly listings magazine for London.

[timeout.com/london](http://timeout.com/london)

### **Google Maps**

[maps.google.co.uk](http://maps.google.co.uk)

### **Studentpad**

Accommodation service for all University of Law students to find accommodation.

[lawstudentpad.co.uk/accommodation](http://lawstudentpad.co.uk/accommodation)

# STUDENT IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE AND ADVICE

Our Student Immigration Compliance and Advice Office can provide professional support and advice on your visa requirements. You will need a Student Visa to study in the UK full-time.

Our team will be happy to answer any specific questions you may have about the Student Route Visa.

## English Language Requirements

We ask all international students to provide evidence of English Language Proficiency.

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