



When the world hits pause, we're here to keep your future moving forward...

Can I start my studies this September?

Yes! We know that times have been uncertain and that your plans may have been delayed. We understand it has been a challenging time for those who are due to start their studies this year.

We have been working hard to ensure that we can offer you a study solution that allows you to stay on track and achieve that dream UK degree.

Is my University campus open in September?

Through careful collaboration with our university partners, we can confirm that your campus will be open this September. The campus may look and feel a little different, with social distancing in place and smaller class sizes to protect staff and students.

We will make best use of the campus space on offer and allow you access to as many of the on-campus facilities as possible.

Will I be taught on-campus?

We're offering flexible study options in September/October to meet individual student circumstances and preferences.

If you **can travel** to the UK for the start of term, you will be offered blended learning.

If you **cannot travel** to the UK for the start of term, or would prefer to study from home, you will be offered online learning.

Our aim will always be to get you to the UK as soon as possible, but in a safe and supported manner.

What is blended learning?

A style of education in which students learn via a combination of teaching methods; traditional face-to-face teaching on-campus, as well as online learning via a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

This blended learning approach will enable social distancing and ensure you have a safe and comfortable environment in which to learn.

You will still have access to facilities on campus, but this may feel a little different with social distancing in place. Face-to-face meetings with student and academic services teams will be available to support your arrival in the UK, and ensure you are settling in and progressing in your studies.

What is online learning?

A style of education in which students learn online from the comfort of home. You are able to keep your studies on track and not waste precious time.

If the UK Visa Application Centre (VAC) is not open in your country in time, then you will study via online learning until you are able to travel.

Classes will be available via a tailored Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) and we will ensure you have live engagement with academics and fellow students - you will feel part of a learning community. There will be student support services available online, as well as extra-curricular quizzes and activities.

When appropriate for you to apply for your visa and travel to the UK, we'll support you with preparation and transition.



Your study options – a quick guide



I reside in UK

I am able to travel to the UK

Study option: blended learning

Learn in the UK with a combination of on-campus and online learning



I am not able to travel to the UK
I am not ready to travel to the UK

Study option: online learning

Learn from the comfort of your own home until you can enrol on campus*

*Travel to the UK once you have your visa and are able to make flight arrangements. No restriction on arrival date, but you must enrol (either on campus or online) before college specific final enrolment date.



Visit the BCUIC Future Students section on the website for the latest information and government updates.



Is my nearest UK Visa office open for applications?

You can find the latest updates with regards to VAC status in your country by visiting these links (please note that you will need to check both links for your country status).

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“ Some Visa Application Centres have reopened, with more to follow over the coming weeks. As local restrictions lift, and application centres begin to reopen, we will look to process applications as quickly as possible. ”

Education and Universities Ministers of the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)

What if I can't get my visa in time for enrolment?

We know that there will be a delay with visa processing in some countries and so we have made some adjustments for those unable to start their semester on time in the UK:

- Classes will start online (including enrolment and orientation activities) so you can keep on top of your studies until you are able to travel.
- As long as you enrol (online or on-campus) by the agreed final enrolment date, you can then travel to the UK at a time that suits you, once you have your visa and are able to make flight arrangements.
- Our optional insurance policy, Navinsure, has been enhanced to allow a claim to be made in the event of some types of visa refusal. Full terms apply and available within offer packs.

If I have to study online, will I still qualify for the Graduate Route?

Yes. International students present in the UK before 6 April 2021 will still be eligible for the two year Graduate Route, even if you begin your course online before travelling to the UK in person.



Further resources

Visa Application Centre (VAC) Updates

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Latest Government Advice

Coronavirus Updates

Quarantine Exemptions (England)

UKCISA

Advice for Students

FAQ



Will I need to go into quarantine when I arrive in the UK?

To keep the number of transmissions in the UK as low as possible, and to protect UK residents and international students in the UK, international arrivals (except those exempt) are currently required to self-isolate in their accommodation for fourteen days on arrival.

It is **not yet confirmed** if quarantine will be required for those travelling to the UK in September.

If it is confirmed, we will support all students on arrival to the UK and are busy outlining suitable options. Once you have accepted your offer, we will provide information based on the latest government guidelines.

What happens if I become ill in the UK

All governments across the UK are adhering closely to the most up to date scientific advice and guidance, which is available publicly online. As we plan for the September/October intake, government regulations are at the core of the living and study environments we provide for our students.

However, if you feel ill or become worried about your health, the National Health Service (NHS) is available to you as an international student. International students will always be able to access treatment that clinicians consider immediately necessary or urgent, at no upfront cost. No charges apply to testing for coronavirus, and as an international student in the UK, you will also be able to access specific COVID-19 advice through a new COVID-19 online service.

“ The UK cares immensely about the health and wellbeing of international students, and ensuring they are safe is our number one priority. ”

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