Visa requirements

All prospective international students coming to study in the UK for a course lasting more than 6 months, including those from the EU, EEA (except Ireland) and Switzerland who have not secured other immigration status on or after 1 January 2021, will need to apply for a [Student Visa](https://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/student-visas/) and receive a decision, before they arrive.

You will need this type of visa, if:

* you wish to study at Bath for the full academic year

OR

* you are enrolling on a Pharmacy programme (of any length) which includes rotations.

All prospective international students coming to study in the UK for a course lasting less than 6 months, including those from the EU, EEA (except Ireland) and Switzerland who have not secured other immigration status on or after 1 January 2021, may be eligible for a [Standard Visitor](https://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/student-visas/) Visa.

You will need the type of visa, if:

* you wish to study at Bath for 6 months or less

**You will receive further guidance on how to apply for the correspondent visa once you have been issued an offer letter.**

How to apply and deadlines

**Please send your completed application form and supporting documents as individual documents in pdf format to** **inbound-exchanges@bath.ac.uk**

The deadlines for applications are:

* 1 April 2022 for Semester 1 or the full academic year
* 15 October 2022 for Semester 2

We advise you to submit your application as early as possible.

We strongly advise that you do **not** book travel, accommodation or visa appointments until you have received a formal offer of admission letter from the University of Bath.

Semester dates

Bath has two semesters in each academic year:

* Semester 1: September – January
* Semester 2: February – June

[View the full academic calendar](https://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/academic-year-dates/)

**Section 5: English language competence**

You will need to demonstrate that you meet our English Language requirements before you arrive.

The minimum requirement for entry as an Erasmus, Exchange or Visiting student at undergraduate level is B2 level in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in the four components – reading, writing, speaking and listening.

All non-native speakers are required to demonstrate that they have achieved this level.

If you require a Student Visa:

Your English qualification must be from the UK Visas and Immigration [list](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prove-your-english-language-abilities-with-a-secure-english-language-test-selt) and/or University of Bath [list](https://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/english-language-requirements-for-qualifications-category-c/) of approved English language tests, and has to be taken within two years of the start date of your studies here at Bath.

If you require a Standard Visitor Visa:

We will need the results of any English exams you have taken previously. A list of accepted qualifications can be found [here](https://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/english-language-requirements-for-qualifications-category-c/).

If you do not have a test accepted by the University of Bath, you will need to include a formal letter from your home university attesting to your English language level. This letter must state the following information:

* Your overall CEFR level
* Your CEFR level in each of the four components – reading, writing, speaking and listening
* The method of assessment/test taken to confirm your CEFR level
* The date when you took the assessment/test (this must be within the last 12 month from the date of your application)

You will then also need to send a sample of your academic written work and take part in a language interview with a member of staff from the University of Bath. If you are required to take part in a Language Interview, you will be provided with further information regarding the academic work that needs to be submitted.

**Section 7: Your proposed study programme**

Credits

Bath uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). You must take between 24-30 ECTS credits each semester.

At least **12** credits per semester must be from your host department. This is the department where our agreement is held with your home institution.

You can then choose a **maximum of** **12** credits from outside your host department.

Choosing your units (classes)

For the School of Management, you can find details of available units [here](https://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/school-of-management-international-exchange-students-units-for-study-semester-1/).

For all other departments, you can find the unit catalogue [here](https://www.bath.ac.uk/catalogues/2021-2022) – select the correct academic year and host department from the menu and then click “index of units”.

Choosing your units (classes)

The catalogue is updated in April each year. If the catalogue is not available for your academic year when you need to apply, please use the catalogue from the previous year. We will tell you if you need to make any changes to your proposed study programme through your offer letter.

What’s Available

Units at the levels Certificate, Intermediate and Honours are usually available to Erasmus, Exchange or Visiting students.

[English language units](https://www.bath.ac.uk/professional-services/academic-skills-programme-asp/) for native and non-native speakers and [British Studies units](https://www.bath.ac.uk/topics/british-studies/) are offered exclusively for Erasmus, Exchange and Visiting students. These can be taken for academic credit (within the 12 credits allowed outside your host department) or as extra (non-credit bearing) classes.

Units which are not available are:

* units from postgraduate master’s and doctoral degree programmes. These are marked master’s or doctoral and level code 5 or 6 in the unit catalogue e.g. ME50327 (You can take units marked master’s level code 4).
* certificate level units taught by the School of Management (codes beginning MN1) unless they are classified as "generally available units" in the unit catalogue.
* certificate and intermediate level units taught by the Department of Mechanical Engineering (unit codes beginning ME1 and ME2)
* SP30281 and SP30284, Sociology Dissertation and Social Policy Dissertation respectively, offered by the Department of Social & Policy Sciences.
* PL20424, Introduction to English language teaching

Things to remember when making your choices:

1. The unit catalogue tells you when the unit will be running (Academic year, Semester 1 or Semester 2) – please ensure that you choose units which will take place when you will be in Bath. It is not possible to join an academic year long unit for semester 2 only.
2. To reduce the risk of timetable clashes, we recommend that you choose the majority of your units from one year of one degree programme.
3. Your choice of units must be approved by an academic supervisor at your home institution and by our departmental coordinators here at Bath.
4. Your unit choices cannot be guaranteed in advance. Enrolment for units is subject to availability and completed on your arrival in Bath. Your provisional selection when applying will enable us to ensure that your choice is broadly appropriate. Please include at least three additional units as reserves.

The application form is below.

1. Your personal data

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| Surname/Family name:        | Title: [ ]  Mr [ ]  Mrs [ ]  Miss [ ]  Ms |
| First and other names:        |
| Your full name as it appears on your passport:        |  Passport number:        |
| Gender: [ ]  Male [ ]  Female [ ]  Non-binary [ ]  Transgender [ ]  Intersex [ ]  I prefer not to say |
| Date of birth (dd-mm-yy)   -  -  Age at the start of your semester at Bath:        |  |
| Country of nationality:       Second nationality:       **Additional needs[[1]](#footnote-1):**  | Country of birth:        |
| 1) Please name any disability, special needs or medical condition which you have:       2) Are you receiving any treatment or support for a long-term condition (e.g. medication, psychological therapy)? If so, would you like to speak to a Student Services advisor to discuss help with continuing support during your time at Bath?        (*Please answer with not applicable, yes or no*) 3) Do you have any long-term conditions or study related needs (e.g. mental health, dyslexia etc.) that you may wish to discuss possible support for? Please give details:       . If so, would you like to speak to a Student Services advisor to discuss possible support for your time at Bath?        |
| **Address/es:** please type your address in the format in which it should appear on an envelope and include your postcode: |
| Permanent address:                               | Correspondence address (if different):Valid from (dd-mm-yy)   -  -   until   -  -                            |
| Telephone:         | Telephone:        |
| Email (the email address we should use to contact you regarding your application):       Alternative email:       In which country have you lived for the last three years?       Why have you lived there (e.g. country of birth, education, etc.)?        |
| In which country is your permanent home address?        |

2. Type of student and period of study

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| [ ]  Erasmus or [ ]  Exchange student*(Only tick one of these boxes if you have been nominated to participate in an existing exchange.)* [ ]  Visiting studentAcademic Year:        (state the academic year you wish to attend, e.g. 2022/23) [ ]  Full academic year [ ]  Semester 1 [ ]  Semester 2 [ ]  Research project with the following dates (dd/mm/yy – dd/mm/yy)        |

3. Your university studies

Please give details of your degree studies at your current institution and any relevant previous institutions. **Enclose a transcript showing the subjects you have taken and the results you have obtained so far**. Do not try to translate your results into British equivalents – give the titles used in your home country.

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| **Dates of attendance** | **Institution** | **Main course of study (Major)** |
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What qualification will you obtain at the end of your studies and in which year will that be?

Do not try to translate this into English – give the title in the original language, e.g. Gakushi, Licenciado, Maîtrise.

Qualification:        Year expected:

4. Your reasons for wishing to study abroad

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| **Please briefly explain why you wish to study abroad at the University of Bath and give any further relevant information to support your application.**        |

5. English language competence

Please see the [guidance notes](#EngL) above.

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All non-native speakers are required to demonstrate that they have achieved this level.

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| Mother tongue: Yes / No |
| Language of instruction at home institution:        |
| Details of your English studies at school:         |
| Details of your English studies at university:        |
| External tests results (e.g. IELTS, Cambridge, Pearson):        |
| Results in any other test:        |
| **Please enclose copies of these results/certificates with your application.** |

6. Finance

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| How will you meet the full expenses of living and studying in Bath (including your tuition fees if you are a visiting student)?           [View estimated living expenses](https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/considering-the-cost-of-studying-at-university/)  |

7. Your proposed study programme

Please see the [guidance notes](#Studyprog) above.

At least **12** credits per semester must be from your host department. This is the department where our agreement is held with your home institution.

You can then choose a **maximum of** **12** credits from outside your host department. Remember that you must take between 24 and 30 credits per semester.

Remember that your unit choices cannot be guaranteed in advance. Enrolment for units is subject to availability and completed on your arrival in Bath. Your provisional selection when applying will enable us to ensure that your choice is broadly appropriate. Please include at least **three additional units** as reserves.

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| **Unit code** | **Unit title** | **Semester** | **Number of credits** | **First choice or reserve?** |
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8. Approval of Application by Academic Advisor at Home Institution

This section must be signed by the appropriate academic advisor at your home institution.

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| I certify that .................................................................................................. (name of student) is a student of good standing who has the ability and sufficient proficiency in English to complete successfully a course of study at the University of Bath. The units listed above are appropriate to his/her academic standing and the course currently being taken. I confirm that this proposed programme of study/learning agreement is recognised and approved. |
| Name: | Signature and institution stamp: |
| Position: |
| Email address: |
| Date: |

9. Criminal Convictions

Please read our [policy on applicants with criminal convictions](https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/student-applicant-criminal-convictions-declaration-procedure/) before you complete this section.

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| **9.a.** I have read and understood the policy statement. YES [ ]  **9.b.** Do you have a conviction which is described as ‘relevant conviction’ in section 3 of the Policy Statement?YES [ ]  NO [ ]  If you answer ‘yes’ to 9.b, the Admissions Office will contact you about this.  |

10. Your Declaration

Your data will be held and processed in accordance with UK Data Protection law (Data Protection Act 2018). We will use the data which you provide in order to process your application as an Exchange or Visiting Student. If you are an Erasmus or Exchange Student, we will share the data and the outcome of your application with the home institution which has nominated you to us. By providing your data, you are giving your consent for us to hold and process it as stated above.

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| The statements on this form are to the best of my knowledge and belief correct. I understand that any offer of a place as an Exchange or Visiting Student which I may receive from the University will be based upon the information given in this form, and that if I am found to have given false information, the offer may be withdrawn.I understand that the information supplied on this form will be retained by the University and will be used for the purpose of processing my application. If my application is successful, I understand that the information will form part of my student record. If I am admitted to the University, I agree to abide by the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University of Bath for the time being in force.Signed: Date:  |

11. Checklist of Supporting Documents Required

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| ITEM | ENCLOSED(Please tick) | TO FOLLOW(Please tick)We will not be able to process your application until it is fully complete. |
| **OFFICIAL** transcript of home institution subjects and grades in English (unofficial/web screenshots will NOT be accepted) (required from **ALL** students)  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| [English language results/certificates](https://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/english-language-requirements-for-qualifications-category-c/) (school, university, IELTS, Cambridge, Pearson etc.) / details of English language studies/official letter from your Home University of your English competencies(required from **ALL** students except native speakers) | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Academic tutor’s reference (required from all Visiting Students only. Not applicable to Erasmus or International Exchange students) | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Copy of passport | [ ]  | [ ]  |

1. *This information will enable us to follow up on potential support needs that we can offer to you. If you would prefer to speak to our Student Services team directly, instead of giving details on this form, you can contact the Help Desk ad book an appointment with our Wellbeing Team via email –* *studentservices@bath.ac.uk* *. You can view our general Disability Advice* [*here*](https://www.bath.ac.uk/professional-services/disability-service/)*.*  [↑](#footnote-ref-1)