Apply for Your UK Student Visa

**Document Checklist to Obtain a Visa**

A. Printed copy of the online application form  
   - Please follow our [Applying for a UK Student Visa Sample Application](#) to help you complete your application.  
   - You must write your CAS number on the top right of the page.

B. Valid Passport  
   - Your passport must be valid at least 6 months BEYOND your date of departure and have at least two blank visa pages.  
   - You must surrender your passport to VFS/UKVI for the duration of the application process.  
   - Your passport MUST be signed.

C. Proof of biometric scanning  
   - Application Support Center will stamp/sign your appointment confirmation after enrolling biometrics.  
   - If you are a citizen of an EU/EEA country or Switzerland, provide your biometrics using the [UK Immigration: ID Check mobile app](#).

D. If applying in the US: UPS shipping labels  
   - Easiest to purchase from [VFS](#).  
   - You need one label addressed to VFS and another label self-addressed to return to you. Outgoing shipping goes on the outside of the UPS package. Return shipping label goes inside the envelope.  
   - Handwritten UPS labels are **NOT** accepted (must be electronic).  
   - All other shipping companies will **NOT** be accepted (i.e. FedEx, USPS, etc). UPS is the **ONLY** option.

E. CAS Letter  
   - Emailed to you by the OGS

F. IELTS for UKVI English language exam score report  
   - If you are studying in the UK for less than 6 months, this is only required for NYU Shanghai or NYU Abu Dhabi students who do not hold a passport from and English Language Majority country.  
   - If you are studying in the UK for more than 6 months, this is required of any NYU student who does not hold a passport from an English Language Majority country.

G. For Non-US citizens applying in the US  
   - A copy of your Permanent Resident Card; **OR**  
   - Copy of [valid US visa](#), with a copy of your I-20 or DS-2019 form.  
   - Do **NOT** send original immigration documents, as the consulate may inadvertently keep them.

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Any documents not in English or Welsh must be accompanied by a full translation that can be independently verified by the UK Home Office. The original translation must contain confirmation from the translator/translation company that it is an accurate translation of the original document, the date of translation, the translator/an authorized official of the translation company’s full name and signature, and the translator/translation company’s contact details.

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Additionnal Documents: Required if you do NOT qualify for Differentiation

Citizens of certain countries qualify for ‘Differentiation’ if they are applying from a country where they currently live (i.e. permanently or some kind of long-stay visa/residency such as a student visa). Eligible citizenships are:

Nationals of an EU member country, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Barbados, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, the Dominican Republic, Hong Kong, Iceland, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mauritius, the Maldives, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Peru, Qatar, Serbia, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States of America.

If you qualify for Differentiation, you do not have to submit the materials listed in this next section. However, the consulate reserves the right to request these and any other materials from you at a later date.

If you do NOT qualify for Differentiation, then you MUST submit the following documents in addition to all documents listed previously:

H. Official copy of college transcript

- You can request this from the Office of the Registrar at your home university. NYU Students can request this at the StudentLink Center (should be original, on transcript paper, not an e-transcript).

I. Official bank statement (or letter from your bank) showing evidence of funds

This section is particularly important so please READ CAREFULLY. The British government is VERY strict with these requirements for those students who do not qualify for differentiation and thus must submit these documents with their application.

Students going to NYU London for one semester must demonstrate access to £4,002. Students attending NYU London for the full academic year must show £10,672. Conversion rates will be calculated based on the date you submit your online application.

Bank letters or statements must be:

- Checking, savings, and/or money-market accounts. Investment accounts, stocks, bonds, etc. are not accepted. Financial aid award letters are also NOT accepted.
- Document must show that you have held the required funds for 28 consecutive days (finishing on the date of the closing balance).
- Dated within 31 days of your date of application (this is the date that you submitted and paid for your visa application online).
- In your name OR your parent’s name.
  - If in your parent’s name, and your name is NOT shown on the account, your parent needs to complete and sign a Declaration of Financial Support [PDF: 441KB].
  - You also need your birth certificate (or a certified copy) proving your relation to the account holder.
- Bank statement/letter must contain:
  - The account holder’s full name;
  - The financial institution’s name and logo (letterhead);
  - The account number;
  - The date of the statement;
  - The amount of money available (or a bank official’s statement that the funds available exceeds the minimum amount specified above).