Prepare for Short-term Visitor Entry into the UK

Document Checklist for Travel (London)

In order to enter the UK as a Short-term Visitor, you need to carry all of the following documents with you when you arrive in the UK. Do NOT pack them in your checked luggage.

If you travel in and out of the UK throughout the semester, you will be asked to present these items each and every time you enter the UK, so be sure to carry them with you whenever you leave the country.

A. Valid Passport
   - Your passport must be valid at least 6 months BEYOND your date of departure and have at least two blank visa pages.
   - Your passport MUST be signed.

B. Short-term visitor support letter
   - Sent by email from the OGS about a month before your program begins. Make sure you have received this letter before you travel.
   - PRINT this letter and carry it with you every time you travel in or out of the UK.

C. Official bank statement (or official bank letter) showing evidence of funds
   Short-term Visitors must be able to demonstrate to the Immigration Officer that they can “maintain and accommodate” themselves for the duration of their stay in the UK. No official amount is provided by the government. We recommend that you provide proof of funds to the equivalent of £4,000.
   Bank letters or statements must be:
   - Checking, savings, and/or money-market accounts. Investment accounts, stocks, bonds, etc. are not accepted.
   - Dated within 30 days of your initial arrival in the UK.
   - 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.
   If showing the suggested amount will be a problem, we recommend bringing concrete evidence of financial aid/scholarships to show the difference. Contact OGS with any questions.

D. Evidence of plans to leave the UK after your program ends
   - For example: a return plane ticket, a printed flight itinerary, etc.
   - If you don’t have confirmed tickets yet, be prepared to explain to the Immigration Officer how and when you plan to leave the UK when you program ends. Vague explanations may cause problems!