

## Summary of admissions changes: Erasmus+ 2021-22

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some changes to the Erasmus+ Study admissions requirements at the University of Bristol as a result of the end of the Brexit transition period and the new immigration system for students coming to the UK.

### **English language requirements**

All incoming Erasmus+ Study students must now meet our standard English Language requirements and provide evidence of their English language proficiency as part of their application. We accept a range of English language proficiency tests, as well as a number of high-school qualifications as evidence of English language ability. Please consult our [English language profile](#) for full details of all of the qualifications which we can accept.

### **Academic requirements**

All incoming Erasmus+ Study students must also meet our academic requirements and provide an official copy of their academic transcript (an electronic or scanned copy is acceptable), translated into English, as part of their application. We require all incoming students to have a B grade average/3.0 out of 4.0 GPA or equivalent.

### **Visa requirements**

Non UK/Irish passport-holders studying at Bristol for more than 6 months (i.e. a full academic year) must apply for a [Student visa](#). We will send the students a [CAS \(Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies\)](#) around 3 months prior to the start of their programme which they will need to use to apply for their visa. The current fee for a Student Visa is £348 plus an NHS health surcharge of £470 (total £818). This will provide the students with NHS access for the duration of their programme.

Non UK/Irish passport-holders studying at Bristol for less than 6 months (i.e. a single semester) will obtain a [Standard Visitor visa](#). Many nationalities can receive this visa at the UK border, others will need to obtain it in advance of travel and this currently costs £95. This category of visa does not come with any NHS cover. Students can use this [online tool](#) to check whether they need to apply in advance. Irish passport holders do not need to obtain a visa and should follow the advice on the [Common Travel Area webpage](#).

From 1st October 2021 EU/EEA students will need a passport to enter the UK and won't be permitted to travel using an ID card. Therefore, we also now require all students to submit a colour copy of the personal information page of their passport as part of their application. All visa applications also require a passport.

### **Nomination and Application deadlines**

Please note that due to the changes to the application system, we have also amended our application deadlines for 2021-22 entry. We have also introduced a nomination deadline this year to ensure that all students are provided with the full application details at least 1 week in advance of the application deadline. The details of the deadlines and supporting information can be found in our 2021-22 Factsheet, which we have attached to the email.

### **Health insurance**

Students travelling to the UK on a Student visa will pay an NHS surcharge which will cover them for the duration of their programme. Students travelling on a Visitor visa are not entitled to free NHS access and must take out appropriate health insurance to cover the duration of their stay. We cannot recommend insurance providers and encourage students to look into providers prior to travel to the UK.