
FOR THE ATTENTION OF STUDY ABROAD CO-ORDINATORS AND INBOUND STUDENTS 2021/22

This document has been prepared to assist with preparation for studying at the University of Warwick for Student Mobility. In particular, we would like to draw your attention to the Welcome week in the autumn term and the change to the UKVI guidance. The Welcome week is a one-week program to introduce students to Warwick and is compulsory for all students (full degree and study abroad). This will mean the autumn term is now 11 weeks in length.

Visa Guidance – revised 23/02/2021

Since the UK exited the EU all International Students are now subject to immigration control meaning that Worldwide and European students will now need a visa of some kind to enter the UK

What visa do I need?

Courses under 6 months –

- If you are an **EU National**, you can stay in the UK as a student for up to 6 months without a visa. You will need to take your Warwick offer letter to present on arrival in the UK
- If you are classed as a **Non-Visa National**, you can also stay in the UK as a student for up to 6 months without a visa. As well as your offer letter Warwick will provide you with a letter of support to be presented to Border Force on arrival in the UK
- For all other students who do not fall into these categories you will need to apply for a **Standard Visitor Visa** before you leave your home country - [Find out more about the Standard Visitor Visa](#) Warwick will provide you with a letter of support to allow you to make this application
- Details of what visa you will need can be clarified here - [What Visa do I require?](#)
- Although there are no additional UKVI English Language requirements for students studying under 6 months, departments may wish to see proof of an acceptable level of English and applications will be accepted at the discretion of the department and the Student Mobility team

Courses over 6 months -

- All students (including EU National/Non-visa national and others) who are studying over 6 months will need to apply for a **Student Visa** - [Find out more about the Student Visa](#)
- To apply for a Student Visa there is a requirement for an accepted level of English Language. Please note that certain English tests (including IELTS and PTE) must be taken within **two years and one month prior to the start of your course** at Warwick.
- Applicants whose tests fall outside this timescale will need to retake a suitable English language test. Details regarding English Language entry requirements can be found here - [Inbound Application process including link to accepted English Language tests](#)
- For postgraduate study please see - <https://warwick.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/apply/english/englishlanguagealternative/>

The Warwick Calendar

- The Warwick academic year is divided into three terms with the autumn term (including Welcome week being 11 weeks) and the remaining spring and summer terms of 10 weeks each; the term times are; Autumn: September to December, Spring: January to March, Summer: April to June. [Term dates link](#)
- Teaching: lectures and seminars are mainly held in the Autumn and Spring Terms
- The Summer Term is mainly reserved for revision and examinations; although there are some subject areas, which continue teaching modules.

Agreements and Level of Study

Students must take modules at the level that is stated on the University agreement. We appreciate that some students will undertake mobility during the postgraduate part of their degree; however, they will be considered undergraduates at Warwick.

Students who join Warwick under a postgraduate agreement for the full academic year will be considered to be 'student mobility' students and will not complete or receive a postgraduate qualification.

Departments and Responsibility

- Students will be based in the department with which their home university holds an interinstitutional agreement. Students will be assigned a personal tutor (usually the Study Abroad coordinator) in that department
- Academic matters: are the responsibility of the personal tutor in the base department
- Module and assessment selection is an academic matter.
- Students should carefully research module availability and keep in mind that subject departments at Warwick may not correspond to subject areas in the home University

Some subject areas may give priority to students who are based with them Administrative issues: are the responsibility of the Student Mobility Team in the Student Opportunity Office

Expectations

- Workload: The standard workload for a student at Warwick is four full modules (120 CATS/60 ECTS). Inbound students should meet this expectation. Students wishing to take a reduced workload to allow them to undertake research will need to provide endorsement from their home Study Abroad Coordinator, together with acknowledgement from the Study Abroad Coordinator in their base department at Warwick
- Students may request to Audit modules, this will not carry any credit
- Students will not be able to register for modules in excess of 120 CATS/60 ECTS: this is the full load for our home students, and our experience tells us that inbound students, who already have to adapt to a new system, are strongly disadvantaged if they try to do too much. Please remember that each module will require extensive weekly reading as well as active participation in seminars (including some individual or group presentations)

Modules and Assessment

- Most modules are year-long, meaning that students have a wider selection of modules if they start their placement in September/October. Arriving in January may restrict module availability and students are advised consider the part-year module handbook very carefully
- Special Assessment methods are available for students who leave Warwick prior to the Summer Term or who do not complete a full academic year. Special Assessment methods can consist of written exams, the submission of individual essays, or other types of tests, where appropriate. Part-year methods of Assessment can be viewed at:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/studentopportunity/studentmobility/studyatwarwick/moduleinformation/partyearstudents-examinationmethods/>

- Credits are given in CATS: one ECTS is equivalent to two CATS
- Full modules (full academic year) are normally 30 CATS (15 ECTS); half modules are counted as 15 CATS (7.5 ECTS); for part-year students, we will calculate relevant percentages of these, the weighting used is 40% for Autumn Term, 40% for Spring Term and 20% for Summer term:

Autumn only 40% of the total CATS credits: workload = 48 CATS

Autumn and Spring 80% of the total CATS credits: workload: 96 CATS

Spring Only: 40% of the total CATS credits: workload = 48 CATS

Spring and Summer 60% of the total CATS credits: workload = 72 CATS

Full year 100% of the total CATS credits: workload = 120 CATS

- Deadlines for the submission of assessed work: rules are applied very strictly, and no exceptions can be made by individual tutors. All modules will have different requirements and each department will manage the operation of this autonomously. Students should make themselves aware of the deadlines and requirements. If a student cannot meet a set deadline, they need to make sure they request an extension, in advance. Extensions will only be granted in exceptional circumstances

Non Base Departments: selection of modules outside of your base department are registered on arrival at Warwick. Some modules will require students to have completed 'pre-requisite' learning and they may be required to provide a transcript of studies as evidence of this. Some departments are unable to accommodate part-year students; students based outside of that department or may be able to offer only limited module selections. We would recommend that all students research this prior to joining Warwick to ensure that they are able to meet the requirements of their home University.

English and Comparative Literary Studies: students based outside of this department will be able to take 1 English and Comparative Literary Studies module. Due to specific restraints only suitably qualified students will be accepted

Warwick Business School: students based outside of this department will be able to take 1 Warwick Business School module. Due to specific restraints only suitably, qualified students will be accepted

Attendance

- Compulsory at all lectures and seminars: attendance will be regularly monitored. Students should be aware that unjustified absences will be reported centrally and may jeopardize their stay and/or their bursaries. Students should follow the departmental procedure to report absence
- Term dates: students must attend the University for the full term, late arrivals and early departures will only be authorized in exceptional circumstances
- Attendance certificates and learning agreements: will be signed after arrival at the University during the Welcome Week. The completion date will be taken as the last day of the term, or the date the student returns home, whichever is earliest