

Office for Students registration:

Student visa privileges by UK college

Our registration with the Office for Students (OfS) means many students who were granted a Student visa on or after 24 November 2020¹ now have access to certain privileges, such as being allowed to undertake paid or unpaid work during their pathway course, and to submit an alternative proof of English language to a UKVI-approved Secure English Language Test (SELT) as part of their visa application.

Which benefits students may be eligible for varies according to their college and course type, including whether or not a course is classified by UKVI as a degree-level programme.

Please see the table below for full details.

As an OfS Registered Provider, Kaplan has to ensure:

- Delivery of well-designed courses that offer a high-quality academic experience for all students.
- Support for students, from admission through to completion.
- Students' outcomes allow further study awards / qualifications that hold their value over time, in line with recognised standards.
- Compliance with consumer protection laws for all students.
- Publication of a Student Protection Plan.
- Information provision is accurate and current, enabling students to make informed decisions on their choice of pathway college, study plan and university.

| College / Programmes | Maximum number of hours that may be worked per week during term time (full-time employment is allowed during holidays for colleges with work rights) | Can apply for a Student visa without submitting a UKVI-approved SELT ² |
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| Bournemouth University International College | | |
| Foundation Certificate | 10 | |
| International Year One | 10 | |
| Pre-Master's | 10 | |
| Pre-Sessional English | 10 | |
| Bachelor's/Master's Enhancement | 20 | ✓ |
| Glasgow International College | | |
| Foundation Certificate | 10 | |
| Pre-Master's | 10 | |
| Kaplan International College London | | |
| Foundation Certificate | 10 | |
| International Year One | 10 | |
| Pre-Master's | 10 | |
| Pre-Doctorate | 10 | |

| Nottingham Trent International College | | |
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| Foundation Certificate | 10 | |
| International Year One | 10 | |
| Pre-Master's | 10 | |
| University of Birmingham | | |
| Foundation Pathway | 10 | |
| Bachelor's Degree with Integrated Foundation Year | 20 | ✓ |
| University of Brighton International College | | |
| Foundation Certificate | 10 | |
| International Year One | 10 | |
| Pre-Master's | 10 | |
| University of Bristol International Foundation Programme | | |
| Foundation Certificate | 10 | |
| University of Essex International College | | |
| Foundation Certificate | 10 | |
| International Year One | 10 | |
| Pre-Master's | 10 | |
| Pre-Sessional English (12 weeks or under) | 20 | ✓ |
| University of Liverpool International College | | |
| Foundation Certificate | 10 | |
| Pre-Master's | 10 | |
| University of Nottingham International College ³ | | |
| Foundation Certificate | 10 | |
| Pre-Master's | 10 | |
| University of York International Pathway College | | |
| Foundation Certificate | 10 | |
| Pre-Master's (2 terms, or 3 terms with internship) | 20 | ✓ |
| Pre-Master's (3 terms without internship) | 10 | |
| Pre-Sessional English | 20 | ✓ |
| UWE Bristol's International College | | |
| Foundation Certificate | 10 | |
| International Year One | 10 | |
| Pre-Master's | 10 | |

- This date does not apply to students studying one of the following courses, where these privileges were already in place:
 - Glasgow International College courses
 - University of Birmingham foundation pathways
 - University of Bristol International Foundation Programme
 - University of York International Pathway College courses
- In cases where a student's English language level is equivalent to UKVI IELTS 5.5 in all skills or higher.
- Students studying at University of Nottingham International College are eligible for these privileges if their visa is granted on or after 20 December 2022

All information is correct at the time of publishing but subject to change. Published May 2025.