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 2020[1] 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]
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		
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		
As providers need to have continuously held education oversight for 4 years and passed 4 consecutive UKVI compliance assessments to access privileges, regardless of OfS registration, students for all pathway courses, or for Pre-Sessional English courses above 12 weeks, at the University of Essex International College will not be eligible for these privileges until at least 2024.		
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	

1   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

2   In cases where a student's English language level is equivalent to UKVI IELTS 5.5 in all skills or higher.

3   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 December 2022.