

Visa Information for Pre-Sessional Students (2019)

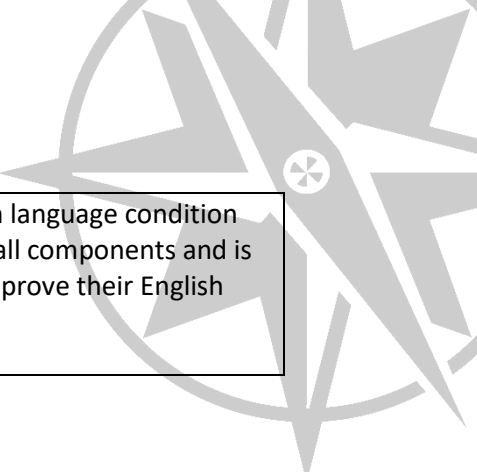
All non-EEA pre-sessional students must apply for a permission to study in the UK. The most common visa for a pre-sessional student is the Tier 4 (General) visa*. In order to apply for a Tier 4 visa you will need a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) document from our admissions team.

*some students can apply for a short-term student visa. This visa route comes with limitations. For more information on this and what kind of scenarios it applies to, please contact the International Student Advisers.

The University is able to issue to two types of CAS:

	Pre-sessional ONLY CAS	Joint CAS (covering both Pre-sessional and main degree course)
Criteria	<p>Applicant holds a conditional offer for the main degree with academic conditions (UG/PG)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Applicant has a conditional offer with English language conditions improving from CEFR B2 to C1.</p>	<p>Applicant holds an unconditional offer for the main degree (UG/PG)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Applicant holds a conditional offer with English language conditions only (improving English language level from CEFR B1 to B2 or within B2).</p>
CAS process	<p>Applicant will be issued two CASs – One for the Pre-sessional course and one for the main degree.</p> <p>The second CAS will only be issued on successful completion of the Pre-sessional course.</p>	<p>Applicant will be issued a CAS which covers both courses.</p> <p>It is important to attend and successfully complete the Pre-sessional course, as non-completion will be reported to the UKVI which will result in the cancellation of visa.</p>
Health insurance or Immigration Health Surcharge?	<p>You will need to pay for NHS services at the point of use unless you are accessing services that are considered ‘free services’. You will be required to pay for hospital treatments/consultation, so please make sure you are</p>	<p>As part of the visa application, you are required to pay an immigration health charge of £300 (for each year of your stay).</p> <p>For more information on this please visit:</p>

	covered by a private medical insurance for the duration of your Pre-sessional course.	https://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application/pay
Tier 4 (General) Visa application: points to consider	<p>You will apply for two separate visas. The first visa will be an entry clearance application from outside the UK. You will need to make sure you meet the requirements by checking the Home Office and UKCISA websites.</p> <p>On successful completion of the pre-sessional course we will issue you CAS for your main degree. You will need to submit a Tier 4 (general) extension application in the UK. The international student advisers will help you prepare for the process during the pre-sessional course. You will need to meet the maintenance and academic requirements again and you will need to pay the NHS surcharge this time.</p>	<p>You will apply for one visa to cover both courses. This is an entry clearance application from outside the UK. You will need to make sure you meet the requirements by checking the Home Office and UKCISA websites.</p> <p>You will be required to collect your Biometric Residence Permit within 10 days of Arrival to the UK.</p> <p>We will organise a trip to Portsmouth during the first week of your stay at Chichester and you can use this opportunity to collect your biometric residence permit. In order to collect your biometric residence permit you must bring your <u>passport</u> and <u>VISA DECISION LETTER</u> with you.</p>
Police Registration	Not applicable (until you extend your visa after the pre-sessional course).	Certain nationalities need to register with the police. This will be stated on your visa decision letter and BRP. We will help you contact the police once you have arrived at Chichester.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE EVIDENCE	<p>In most cases, pre-sessional students applying for a Tier 4 visa will need to show evidence of their English language level by using a Secure English Language Test (SELT).</p> <p>IELTS and the Trinity College London tests are the only UKVI approved SELTs. The Trinity College London test can only be taken in the UK. IELTS tests must be taken at a UKVI approved centre in order to be accepted. The tests are called ' IELTS for UKVI'. Please check the UKVI SELT and approved centres list here.</p> <p>The scenarios in which we can assess the student's level of English using other methods than a SELT are when a student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • holds an unconditional offer on their degree; or 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• holds a conditional offer with English language condition and has already reached CEFR B2 in all components and is taking the Pre-sessional course to improve their English within CEFR B2.
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The Home Office frequently amends the immigration rules. Please check <https://www.gov.uk/visas-immigration> for the latest regulations regarding student visas.