



STUDENT DOCUMENT

Pre-Arrival Information

Our International Student Guide offers essential pre-arrival and orientation information to assist students moving to London from abroad. It includes guidance on living in the UK, relevant terminology, and details about the Academy's support services.

Note: We provide pre-arrival guidance to our partner country centres.

International students who are not EEA or Swiss nationals may need to apply for a visa (entry clearance) before studying in the UK. Therefore, it is essential for all international students to check with the British Embassy, High Commission, or Consulate in their home country before making any travel arrangements.

Under normal circumstances, students need to apply for a student route visa if they are studying for more than 6 months.

Safeguarding

At LEA, we understand our responsibility to protect our students and staff. We want everyone to feel safe and welcome at the Academy and enjoy their time here without anxiety or fear. Whether your concerns stem from anywhere, big or small, you are encouraged to come and speak to us. We are here to help!

Safeguarding involves ensuring the safety of students and other users of the Academy from various potential harms. Our focus is on both preventing harm and responding effectively when it occurs. Our staff members are trained to recognise protection issues. Your safety and well-being are our top priorities. We take any allegation of abuse seriously and handle it according to the Academy's policies and procedures. Additionally, we can connect you with professionals who can provide specialised assistance. All site users and visitors are expected to adhere to the Academy's Safeguarding Students Protection Policy.



Contact us regarding student/visitor safeguarding : admin@leacademy.co.uk

Career Guidance

Our Careers Programme and Information, Advice, and Guidance services are designed to support our LEA students. We have a team of staff and industry leaders available to provide free information, advice and guidance. They can assist you in making informed decisions about your future career path while you are enrolled in our program and as you prepare to leave.

Whether you aspire to enter the workforce, pursue higher education, or switch career paths, our qualified team is ready to help you explore successful future opportunities.

Dignity and inclusion

Along with respect for all individuals, are essential values.

We are dedicated to maintaining our campuses as places free from all forms of prejudice, discrimination, bullying, harassment, sexual misconduct, and hate crimes.

At LEA, we strive for a community where everyone can thrive and engage in all aspects of student life. Each of us plays a role in creating an environment where everyone feels a sense of belonging and safety. Our community should be a space where everyone is treated fairly and with dignity, our differences are embraced, and inequality and discrimination are not tolerated. We actively work to eliminate such issues.

Our culture of inclusion is supported by our expectations for how we treat one another, as outlined by the LEA" policy statement. We promote a positive working and learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, or victimization. In this environment, all employees, students, and visitors are expected to treat each other respectfully and act respectfully at all times.

Everyone is encouraged to contribute to making the Academy a welcoming and safe space, ensuring their behaviour is free from harassment, bullying, abuse, and discrimination.



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Applying to LEA from Internationally:

Discover all the information you need to successfully apply to UK institutions as an international student. You can find advice on visas, English language requirements, the benefits of studying in the UK, and what your qualifications will mean. Our team of highly trained advisors provides clear and accessible information on immigration rules, fees, employment opportunities, and the overall student experience.

Whether you're already studying in the UK or considering it, we are here to support you on your journey from application to graduation and beyond.

Entry requirements for UK courses:

Find all the information you need to successfully apply to UK institutions as an international student. Get advice on visas, English language proficiency, the benefits of studying in the UK, and the value of your qualifications.

Entry requirements in the UK vary by institution, so it's essential to understand how to use this information when preparing your application. You must meet these requirements to be considered for an appropriate recognised course. Each institute and college establish program entry requirements to ensure you have the necessary skills and knowledge to complete the course successfully.

Standard Visitor Visa for Short-Term Study

Students wishing to study for up to 6 months may apply for a Standard Visitor visa under certain conditions. You are eligible to apply for a Standard Visitor visa to study at LEA if:

- Your program of study lasts 6 months or less and does not require a Student visa.
- You are enrolled in the LEA Summer School.

A Standard Visitor visa is generally easier to obtain than a Student visa, but it does come with some limitations:



- You cannot switch to another visa category while in the UK. You must leave the UK on or before the expiry date of your visa.
- UK immigration rules change frequently, so we cannot guarantee that the current rules will remain in effect for the duration of your program.
- You are not permitted to work in the UK.
- You do not have access to the NHS (National Health Service), so it is essential to have adequate medical insurance for your stay in the UK.
- You cannot bring dependents with you.

For more information, visit <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor>.

UK Student Visa Overview and Application Guidelines

Here's an overview of the study visa and its application requirements:

Type of Visa	Who it's for	When to apply	Arrival in the UK
Student Visa UK	Students aged 16 and over who have been accepted into a course at a UK educational institution.	Three months before the start of your course. If your course lasts six months or fewer, you can apply up to one week before the start date. For courses longer than six months, you can apply up to one month before.	You may arrive up to one week before your course if it's six months or shorter. If your course is longer than six months, you can arrive up to one month before.

Documents Required for Your UK Student Visa

When applying for your visa, you will typically need the following:

1. A current passport or valid travel documentation.
2. Evidence of funds to cover your living expenses for the duration of your course.
3. The Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) reference number, along with the documents used to obtain your CAS.



4. Passport-sized colour photographs.
5. Tuberculosis screening (mandatory for applicants from South Asian countries).
6. Assessment documentation including education certificates.
7. An Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) clearance certificate (if required).
8. English Language requirements: Applicants from outside the UK usually need to meet specific English language requirements in order to study in UK

For more information, visit, <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa>

(Note: The student route information above is for general understanding; however, LEA is not currently processing general student visas.)

English Language Test

Our English Language Test offers prospective students the chance to enrol even if they do not have formal evidence of English proficiency. This test utilizes the same grading system as the IELTS.

To take the test, you must first apply for a course at LEA, and your application needs to be confirmed as compatible with the course by our recruitment team.

Financial Information for International Students

Studying in the UK can pose various challenges, with financial pressures being among the most significant. However, there is assistance available. Explore the financial options accessible to you, understand how UK banking works, and learn about scholarships and bursaries.

How Can I Pay for My Course?

We aim to make education accessible to everyone, and our flexible payment options can help you invest wisely in your future. The following payment methods are available for students from outside the UK:



- Pay in full
- Pay in instalments (if applicable)

What support is available for international students?

We offer specialized support for international students to help ensure you have the best experience possible, both before and after your arrival.

Here are some of the services and resources our dedicated team provides: visa and immigration assistance, guidance on student and short-term student life in the UK, and preparation for short-term study.

Choosing the right course

There are hundreds of colleges in the UK, each specializing in different subjects. Instead of simply choosing a well-known institution, focus on finding the one that offers the best course for your needs. We can help you identify the right career-enhancing courses based on your requirements and available resources. Our priority is to ensure the future welfare of our students over business interests.

What is the application process?

After you submit your online application form, one of our Student Recruitment Tams will contact you via email or telephone to discuss your application and address any questions you may have. Once we receive your complete application and supporting documents, the Academy's decision process typically takes 5 to 10 days.

Following your application submission, you will receive the contact details for your Student Recruitment Team. You can email or call them at any time for updates on the status of your application.

Once the application process is successful, we will inform you of our decision. If your application is successful, our visa and Immigration Team will be in touch with you. If your application is not successful, our Academy team will assist you with further proceedings. You have the right to challenge our decision, and we aim to provide you with valid reasons for it.



Finding the right accommodation.

Many students concur that studying in London offers an incredible experience. The city is home to some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions. It's essential to determine how much you can realistically afford to spend each month and be sure to account for all associated costs.

For more information, please to reach us: at admin@leacademy.co.uk

Studying from outside the UK:

LEA offers individuals from around the world the opportunity to pursue their studies. Our international partner institutes provide a high standard of education for students who are unable to relocate. Our aim is to facilitate distance and e-learning. For more information, please contact us at admin@leacademy.co.uk