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# Student Life in London and the UK

Tips and useful websites for foreign students who  
want to study in the UK



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Planning to live in a different city or country for a short or long period of time can be stressful. The information below will help you find out more about living and studying in the UK, and provide useful advice to plan your trip and manage your stay in London after you arrive.

## Before you Arrive

Before you travel to the UK, visit the British Council website below for useful information about living and studying in the UK. The 'First Steps' guide in the publications section is particularly useful.

Please see [British Council pre-departure information](#)

## Cost of Living

Do you want to know how much things cost in London?

Visit the [Numbeo website](#) to see average prices of restaurants, supermarkets, travel etc. in London.



# Travel

## Travel in London:

### Transport for London ticket information:

[www.tfl.gov.uk/tickets/default.aspx](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tickets/default.aspx)

On this website you will find information about Oyster cards and fares (prices) of travel in London. If you plan to travel a lot, you should buy a weekly or monthly travel card.

If you are studying on a full-time course for more than 14 weeks, you can apply for a student Oyster card and get a 30% discount.

### TFL Journey Planner: [journeyplanner.tfl.gov.uk](http://journeyplanner.tfl.gov.uk)

Use this website to plan your journeys in London by Underground, trains, bus or walking.

### London Tube Map: [www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/standard-tube-map.pdf](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/standard-tube-map.pdf)

### Interactive London Map: [www.mylondonmap.com](http://www.mylondonmap.com)

## Travel around the UK:

### The Train Line: [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)

Use this website to book train (not Underground) tickets around the UK.

### National Express: [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com) or Megabus: [uk.megabus.com](http://uk.megabus.com)

Use these websites to book coach tickets around the UK (coach tickets are usually cheaper than train tickets but the journeys are longer).



## British Culture

**British Culture and Manners:** [www.ukstudentlife.com](http://www.ukstudentlife.com)

**Project Britain:** [www.projectbritain.com](http://www.projectbritain.com)

On this website you will find a lot of information about British culture, etiquette, daily life, unusual traditions, the royal family and much more!

## The Weather

**BBC Weather:** [www.bbc.co.uk/weather/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/)

**Met Office:** [www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)

## What's on in London

**Time Out London:** [www.timeout.com/london](http://www.timeout.com/london)

**Visit London:** [www.visitlondon.com](http://www.visitlondon.com)

**View London:** [www.viewlondon.co.uk](http://www.viewlondon.co.uk)

Don't forget to also check [Bloomsbury International's social programme!](#)

We run a variety of interesting and fun trips every week.



## Other Useful Websites

**Visit Britain:** [www.visitbritain.com](http://www.visitbritain.com)

– Official Tourist Office site with information about the UK

**UK Visas:** [www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk)

– Information on visa requirements in the UK

**UK Cisa:** [www.ukcisa.org.uk](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk)

– Advice for international students

**BBC News:** [www.bbc.co.uk/news/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/)

– News updates in the UK and around the world

**NHS Direct:** [www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk)

– Health and medical Care

**Gumtree:** [www.gumtree.com](http://www.gumtree.com)

– A useful advertisement site for flatshares, jobs, buying/selling things, etc. in London

**UK Student Life:** [www.ukstudentlife.com](http://www.ukstudentlife.com)

– 800 pages of detailed and well organised information for students coming to study English in Britain

**LLGS:** [www.llgs.org.uk](http://www.llgs.org.uk)

– National Gay and Lesbian switchboard

