Student Visa information for students studying internationally through UWS.

Information is correct as at October 2009. However, students should always seek advice directly from the relevant Consulate or Embassy concerned for complete and accurate information.

Canada

As of October 2009, students with Australian or New Zealand citizenship who plan on studying in Canada for one semester only (and will not extend their stay to two semesters) do not require a study permit. However, these students may not work in Canada or request to stay for an additional semester. Students who want to work in Canada or who may want to extend their stay are advised to apply for a study permit in Sydney before departure to Canada.


Note that if you will be transiting through the USA on your way to Canada you may need a visa for entry to the USA. Information on this is at http://sydney.usconsulate.gov/consular/visas/niv/transit.html. Typically, students in transit need either a transit or tourist visa from the USA - contact the US Consulate in Sydney after reading the information on their website to ensure you have the correct visa and understand any regulations you must abide by.

United States of America (USA)

http://sydney.usconsulate.gov/consular/visas/niv/exchange.html

United Kingdom (UK)

Citizens of Australia who are studying for 6 months or less do not need to apply for a visa but must have their acceptance letter from their host university with them when entering the UK. They enter under the conditions of a general visitor which allows them to stay in the country for up to 6 months without a visa.

A list of countries whose citizens require a visa can be found at the following link: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/policyandlaw/immigrationlaw/immigrationrules/appendix1/

Students who are entering as a student/general visitor cannot work and cannot extend their stay. If students want to extend their studies, they must return to their home country and apply for the Tier 4 visa.

Students who are entering as a Student Visitor (studying for 6 months or less) can enter the UK up to 7 days before they are due to begin their studies from any destination.

Students who are studying for 6 months or more must apply for the Tier 4 visa. Guidance notes can be found at http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/applicationforms/pbs/Tier4migrantguidance.pdf

Students who are studying for 6 months or more can enter the UK up to one month before they are due to begin their studies and can enter from any destination.

Students are advised to not enter the UK before the time periods listed above. A lot of students do plan on travelling before they are due to begin their studies but the consulate recommends not entering as a tourist and then leaving and re-entering on their student visa. Immigration may deny them entry before the 1 week or 1 month entry period allowed.

Students who are studying for 6 months or less should apply for the Tier 4 visa if they would like the option to extend their studies or would like to work while in the UK.

UK Consulate contact phone number: 1902 941 555 (Calls charged at a rate of $2.75 cents per minute, which will be charged to your telephone bill. Call costs from mobile and pay phones is higher).