



London International Students Guide 2022 Entry

MetFilm School London International Students Guide

MetFilm is a world-leading film, television and online media school which offers undergraduate, postgraduate and short courses in London and Berlin. This guide gives you an overview of what it is like to study at MetFilm School. We hope you will find it useful and if you have any further questions, please get in touch with us.

Our mission is to inspire a new generation of creative professionals. We bring the education and screen industries together in a creative environment, driven by great teaching and practical, hands-on experience, led by inspiring tutors. In 2019/2020 we welcomed over 600 students from 61 countries including; USA, France, Germany, India, Italy and the Netherlands.



Our London campus is based at the famous Ealing Studios, known for productions *The Ladykillers*, *Notting Hill*, *Downton Abbey* and *The Theory of Everything*. Ealing is a vibrant borough situated in West London and is home to a vast number of shops, bars, pubs and restaurants with something to suit every taste and budget. Also, on our doorstep is Notting Hill, Shepherd's Bush and Richmond. During the summer, Ealing's parks host a number of festivals celebrating comedy, music, beer and food.

Studying in London means you have access to a huge range of filmmaking resources. London houses the British Film Institute, The Cinema Museum, The Kubrick Archives and The London Film Museum. The capital is also a great place to find work in the film industry; with the UK's largest film studios based either within or in easy reach of London. These include: Pinewood, Ealing, Shepperton and 3 Mills studios.



Application Process

Undergraduate BA Degrees

Entry Requirements

All applicants need to be 18 years or older at the time the programme begins. However, we may on occasion accept applicants who are younger than 18, but this will be based on their qualifications and approval from our education team. We will also require eligible under 18-year-old students to have a signed parental waiver form granting consent for the student to begin their studies with us.

Language Requirements

Students applying for a Student visa must provide evidence of their English language ability, unless they reside or have completed study in a majority English speaking country (for example: US, Australia, Canada etc.). The following tests are satisfactory to demonstrate this: IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge PET, ESOL Skills for Life Level 1 and 2, Trinity Level 1.

IELTS – BA (Hons) Practical Filmmaking

Students need to achieve an IELTS overall score of at least 6.5 with at least 5.5 in writing, listening, reading and speaking or equivalent.

IELTS – BA (Hons) Screen Acting

Students need to achieve an IELTS overall score of at least 7.0 with at least 6.5 in writing, 7.0 in listening, reading and speaking or equivalent.

Postgraduate MA Degrees

Entry Requirements

All applicants must be 18 years or older at the time the programme begins. UK applicants require a 2:1 honours degree from a UK university or overseas equivalent.

Language Requirements

International Students

We accept IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge PET, ESOL Skills for Life Level 1 and 2, Trinity Level 1 for Non-EU students wishing to study in the UK. International students need to achieve an overall IELTS 6.5. With a 6.5 in writing and no less than IELTS 5.5 in listening, reading and speaking or equivalent, unless they reside or have completed study in a majority English speaking country for example; Australia, Canada etc.

Prior to applying for your visa via the Student Route, you will need to demonstrate a B2 English Level which is upper intermediate.



Short Courses

Most of our short, weekend and part-time courses are open to all with no formal entry requirements. Some courses may require prior relevant experience and/or additional documentation to be provided in addition to the enrolment form. Any additional application requirements are outlined in the 'Dates & Fees' section of the respective course page.

How to Apply

Simply select your course online and apply by filling out our online application form.

If the course is not listed, simply return a completed enrolment form to info@metfilmschool.co.uk

For further information on applying to our Short Courses visit metfilmschool.ac.uk/admissions/apply-short-part-time-weekend-courses

Standard Visitor Visa

If you are coming to the UK to study on a course which is 6 months or less in duration you will need to apply for a Standard Visitor Visa.

Students can apply for this only 3 months prior to a course starting. Decisions on the Standard Visitor Visa will be granted within 3 weeks of application and costs £95.

On a Standard Visitor Visa, the maximum period of leave allowed is six months and there are no provisions to extend this leave in the UK or switch in-country to another visa category. Students who wish to follow a further course of study would have to return to their home country and obtain a Student visa.

You will need to prove that you have enough money to cover all reasonable costs of your visit without working or accessing public funds, including the cost of the return or onward journey. You will be able to use someone else's money to prove this if you have a personal or professional relationship with them, and they will provide support to you for the duration of your visit.

All course fees must be paid prior to an application for a Standard Visitor Visa.

To find out more about the Standard Visitor Visa visit: metfilmschool.ac.uk/admissions/non-eueea-applicants/s their visa covers the full period of study being undertaken.

To find out if you will require a Short Term Study Visa visit metfilmschool.ac.uk/admissions/non-eueea-applicants



Before you Arrive

On receiving your offer of a place at MetFilm School...

- Check that your passport is valid for at least six months after the start of your course. If not, apply for a new one as soon as possible. – short course. Tier 4 students must apply with a passport that is valid for the duration of the full course.
- Apply for your Student Visa (if appropriate)
- Organise your accommodation
- Book your flight to the UK and take out travel insurance to cover any loss of luggage or delays/cancellations of your flight

Visas (2021 Entry)

You must hold a valid UK Visa that entitles you to study at MetFilm School before you can begin your course with us.

Student Visa (The Student Route)

The UK's new and improved Student route, which falls under the UK's new points-based immigration system, is for international students looking to come to study in the UK on our undergraduate and post-graduate courses.

The Student Route is open to EU/EEA and Swiss students as well as international students, but EU/EEA and Swiss students resident in the UK by 31 December 2020 should not apply through the route. These students, and their family members, are eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. Those resident here by 31 December 2020 have until 30 June 2021 to do so.

Additionally, upon graduation, students are eligible to apply for a one-time non-extendable leave period of two years that does not require sponsorship. This is known as the Graduate Route.

It is important to plan ahead and prepare all the following original documents in good time:

1. Passport (must be valid at the time of visa application and travel to the UK)
2. Two UK passport-sized photos
3. CAS Statement (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies)
4. Academic qualifications
5. Financial evidence that meets UKVI requirements
6. Tuberculosis (TB) certificate if required

You must pay for your visa application fee on the date you submit your application. The fee is currently £348 to apply from outside the UK.

How to apply

To apply visit [gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa/apply](https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa/apply)

Need more information?

Further information is available from: ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Applying-for-a-Student-route-visa-outside-the-UK

Visas (2021/2022 Entry)

Please note that EU, other EEA and Swiss nationals will no longer be eligible for home fee status, undergraduate, postgraduate and advanced learner financial support from Student Finance England for courses starting in academic year 2021/22.

Working on a Visa

Standard Visitor Visa: If you come to the UK on a standard visitor visa, you will not be allowed to do any paid or voluntary work and you will not be able to extend your stay in the UK.

Student Visa on Student Route: Students are allowed to work for a maximum of 20 hours per week during term time. This is a maximum of 20 hours in total in any one week, including paid or unpaid work and for one or more organisation. Student visas do not allow students to be self-employed.

Post Study Work: The Post Study Work visa will allow eligible students to work, or look for work, in any career or position of their choice, for two years after completing their studies. Students who are due to graduate in 2021 and are currently distance learning outside the UK due to the pandemic will need to return to the UK for their last semester by 6 April 2021, in order to be eligible under the Graduate route.



Getting to MetFilm School

Travelling to London from an Airport via Car & London Transport

London Heathrow to MetFilm School



22 minutes via car (6.9 miles)

Alternatively, you can get the Piccadilly Line on the London Underground directly through to South Ealing Station (33 minutes)

London City Airport to MetFilm School



1 hour via car (28.2 miles)

Alternatively, you can get the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) into Central London and connect to other various Underground stations to reach MetFilm School

London Stansted Airport to MetFilm School



1hr 5 minutes via car (43.8 miles)

Alternatively, you can take the Stanstead Express to London Liverpool Street (45 minutes), where you can catch a Central Line Underground train to Ealing Broadway.

London Gatwick Airport to MetFilm School



58 minutes via car (49.6 miles)

Alternatiely, you can take the Gatwick Express, a direct to London Victoria, where you can catch a District Line train to Ealing Broadway



London Transport



Transport for London (TfL) and their website tfl.gov.uk will provide you with a basic guide to everything you need to know about getting around the city.

You can use the Journey Planner, find out when your bus is due, download maps and keep track of station and trainline closures.

The Underground does not run all night; however, some routes do run a night service. Check before you travel!

Top Free London Transport Apps

1. **Citymapper** – Simply add your start and end location and Citymapper will advise you on all the different transport options available to suit you e.g. Buses, underground routes, walking and cycling. (Available on iOS and Android)
2. **Kabbee** – Kabbee compares the price of 70 different mini cab companies in London. You can pay for the journey by credit card via the app. (Available on iOS and Android)
3. **Busmapper** – If you are a regular user of London Buses then Busmapper app will assist you with live departures and route planning (Available on iOS)

Oyster Cards

London's entire transport system (with the exception of taxis) accepts Oyster Cards for payment. You won't be able to use cash to buy tickets. If you have a contactless credit or debit card this works exactly the same and costs no more than an oyster card.

Touch your Oyster card in at the start of your journey and touch out at the end on yellow card readers to pay the right fare. Only touch in on buses and trams.

Where to purchase an Oyster card?

You will need to pay £5 for an Oyster card.

- Online tfl.gov.uk/fares/contactless-and-oyster-account
- At Oyster Ticket Stops in many newsagents in London tfl.gov.uk/maps/oyster-ticket-stops
- At all Tube, London Overground and most TfL Rail Stations

Topping up your Oyster Card

- Online with a contactless and Oyster account, if you live in the UK
- Using the free TfL Oyster and Contactless app
- At Oyster Ticket Stops in many newsagents in London
- At ticket machines at all Tube, London Overground and most TfL Rail stations

18+ Student Oyster Photocard

If you are 18 or over, a student and living in a London borough, you can get discounted travel with an Oyster photocard, where you can save 30% on adult-rate travelcards.

For more information visit tfl.gov.uk/fares/free-and-discounted-travel/18-plus-student-oyster-photocard

Packing

What to pack in your hand luggage?

Make sure you pack the following important items in your hand luggage and keep them with you at all times

- Your passport
- Any medication you are taking
- Details and policy wording for your insurance
- Enough money for your first few weeks
- Any accommodation contracts or payments that you have been asked to bring with you
Your CAS
- Your Home Office decision letter informing you where to collect your Visa (BRP) on arrival in the UK
- Your final letter of acceptance for your course
- TB Certificate

Packing Appropriate Clothing

British weather changes throughout the year. During Summer (June to August) temperatures can reach 25-30 degrees. Whilst in the Winter they often drop to around 5 degrees during the day, and there is usually some snowfall in December, January or February.

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W: naric.org.uk

Gov.uk – Visa Information

W: [gov.uk/government/
organisations/uk-visas-and-
immigration](http://gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration)

Transport for London (TFL)

W: tfl.gov.uk



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For further information please download our other Guides:

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