

## Study UK: prepare to study and live in the UK

Study UK is committed to giving all international students the support they need to prepare for life and study in the UK. Our new Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on academic readiness is specifically designed to give international students a clear understanding of what it's like studying at a university in the UK, how courses are structured and assessed, and what to expect when coming to the UK. This way, when international students arrive, they'll find their feet a lot quicker. And did we mention that the course is free?

### Who is the MOOC for?

The main audience is international students enrolling on higher education courses in the UK in September 2018 or January 2019. Anyone who is considering studying in the UK and wants to know more about the UK's education system will also benefit from taking part. But it's not just for future students – current international students are welcome to take part, as well.

### What topics does it cover?

The MOOC covers a wide range of topics, including all the essentials students need to get a taste of the full UK study experience. This includes:

- The core characteristics of higher education in the UK – from active engagement, critical thinking, and evidence-based argumentation to independent study and academic integrity.
- The different formats teaching will take – from lectures, seminars and tutorials to student presentations and group assignments, and the roles and functions of each one.
- The English language skills required – including reading, listening, note-taking, speaking and writing.
- An overview of how courses are assessed, such as written and oral exams, and coursework.
- The various support services that are available to students – such as library facilities, English language support, counselling, and financial advice.
- Practical guidance on what student life in the UK is really like, from finding accommodation and making friends, to packing and what to do on arrival.

### How long does it take?

1. The MOOC is designed to last four weeks. Students can get started at any time from Monday 3 September onwards until Friday 28 September.
2. All content can be accessed immediately after signing up for the course.
3. The course can be completed in real-time over four weeks or in a single day. It's entirely up to the students.
4. Upon finishing the course, students will receive a digital certificate of completion.

### How can students take the course?

Once they've registered, students can complete the course at [www.futurelearn.com/courses/prepare-to-study-uk](http://www.futurelearn.com/courses/prepare-to-study-uk)