

## **Brexit comms to existing EEA students**

**(to be sent to all new students/offer accepters starting their course in 20/21 academic year, with a nationality of EU/EEA/Swiss, but excluding Irish students)**

At Warwick, we are proud to be an international university. As a European student, you are a vital, valued and important member of our diverse community and we look forward to welcoming you on to our campus. There are a variety of events and opportunities to get involved in, both during Welcome Week and throughout the year, as part of our [World at Warwick](#) programme.

By now, you may have received an email inviting you to enrol (complete course registration), and your academic department would have asked you to [provide an intended arrival date](#) if you are arriving after the term start date, 5 October 2020.

We would like to remind you that the Brexit transitional period will end at 11pm (GMT) on 31 December 2020. **If you are currently a UK resident** (or were a UK residence but currently in your home country for a short visit), we trust that many of you have already secured settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme. If you haven't, we would advise that you apply for the EU Settlement Scheme as soon as possible, with an aim to obtain the status before 31 December 2020. The application is free and the application process is fairly straight forward, and you can find step-by-step guidance and useful information on our [EEA National website](#).

If you have not lived in the UK before, then we strongly recommend that you make plans to arrive in the UK before 31 December 2020. This is because regardless of your course start date, if you travel to the UK before 31 December 2020, you will NOT be required to apply for a visa in order to study in the UK. You will be able to travel to the UK the same way as you do now and you may go through the e-Gate if you hold a biometric passport. It would be helpful to have a copy of your offer letter in your hand luggage in case you are asked the purpose of your travel when crossing the border. Once you arrive in the UK, you will need to make an application under the ['EU Settlement Scheme'](#) no later than 30 June 2021.

Please note that the University will be closed between 24 December and 1 January 2021 (inclusive) and so please avoid coming to campus during this period.

If you have not lived in the UK before and you intend to arrive in the UK after 11pm on 31 December 2020, regardless of your course start date you will be subject to the new UK immigration rules. This means you will need to apply for a study visa from your home country BEFORE travelling to the UK. We understand that the UK Visas & Immigration authority intend to make this application available to EU nationals from October 2020. To avoid the need for a student visa which requires visa application fees (£300+) and payment of Immigration Health Surcharge (£470 per year of visa from 1 October 2020), we recommend that wherever possible, you arrive in the UK before 31 December 2020.

We've updated our [Stay safe at Warwick web pages](#) to help our community to keep informed. See a reminder of the [key measures](#) we've put in place to help stay safe on campus this year, and check [when to wear a face covering on campus](#). We're also providing on-campus Covid-19 testing and tracing facilities to staff and students. This launches on 9 September and we'll update you when we have more details. You can also read our [community responsibilities](#), which we ask everyone at the University to commit to.

If you are [arriving early to self-isolate](#) there will also be a number of activities for you to take part in online from Monday 7 September. These are designed to help you settle-in and feel part of the Warwick Community. One good way to get ready for your new teaching and learning experience is to take part in the [Warwick Online Learning Fundamentals \(WOLF\)](#).

All the best and we wish you a safe journey to Warwick.

Study at Warwick team