



## Guidance for international students living off-campus

Some of our international students choose to live off-campus, and perhaps live with family or friends to have a supportive environment and a way of saving money whilst studying in the UK.

Although these are important factors, there are other things you need to think about when considering how far away from the University is appropriate to live.



### COST

The cost of travelling in the UK can be very expensive. If you come from a country where travel is relatively cheap, you may find travelling long distances to the University is a lot more money than you expected.

### TIME

The UK's road and rail networks can be congested, especially at peak travelling times in the morning and evening. If you plan to travel to and from the University by road or rail this could make it a very long and tiring day.



### IMPACT ON YOUR STUDIES

It is our aim to help you achieve the very best possible student experience, but travelling long distances to the University could make this more difficult if you:

- Arrive late for classes – if this happens regularly, you risk falling behind.
- Miss classes altogether – if this happens too often, the University would be required to notify UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) because you would be failing to meet the conditions of your visa.
- Reduce your access to the libraries – this would limit the time you have for important research and private study.
- Restrict your availability to meet your tutors – receiving feedback on your work or help and advice, when required, is key to achieving your best.



### OUR RECOMMENDATION

For all these reasons we would expect that if you do decide to live off-campus, you should live within approximately 60 minutes travelling time, of the University.

You should note that not being able to attend your studies face to face due to living too far from the University, is not an acceptable reason and you would be expected to make plans to find accommodation closer to the University.