



**Implications for International students during periods of suspended study**

- a) Students studying in the UK under the Student visa route are required to leave the UK during any period of suspended study, including those enforced by UoL. Under the UK Visas & Immigration (UKVI) points-based immigration system UoL, as the student's immigration sponsor, withdraws its sponsorship of the student during periods of suspended study and is required to report any suspension of study to the UKVI, who will then cancel the student's current Student visa.
- b) International students who are considering requesting a suspension of studies or who have been required by UoL to suspend their studies in accordance with the Fitness to Study and Engage in Student Experience Policy MUST seek immigration advice from the International Advice & Guidance Team. Student visa holders will be required to apply for and obtain a new visa in order to return to the UK and resume studies.
- c) Student visa holders whose studies are suspended are not eligible to continue to be in the UK for the period of suspension and should return home.
- d) Student visa holders will be required to apply for and obtain a new visa in order to return to the UK and resume studies.
- e) Requests for short-term periods of suspension (typically to cover short periods of absence) should be avoided as there are visa implications for international students who suspend their studies.