

Tier 4 students and Changing Programmes

Unless otherwise specified, programme changes are processed through the C2RS system on Portico.

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1	You would like to change to a higher level programme. E.g. BEng to MEng or BSc to MSci, and your visa was granted before 6 April 2016.	<p>You will be required to submit a new visa application in order to complete the new programme.</p> <p>You can do this at any time before your current Tier 4 visa expires.</p> <p>You will be able to apply for this new visa from <u>inside</u> the UK</p>	<p>Check when you applied for your Tier 4 visa.</p> <p>Ensure that you have all the necessary documents and funds to meet the Tier 4 application requirements and send the Visa Compliance Team (VCT) your completed CAS Request Form.</p> <p>UCL's CAS issuing policy can be found here.</p>	<p>Once the VCT receives your CAS Request Form, we will assign you with a new CAS.</p>	<p>Please check if your new programme requires ATAS clearance as you will be required to obtain this before you can change programmes.</p> <p>For assistance with the submission of your Tier 4 visa application, please contact the Student Immigration Advice Team.</p>

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2	You would like to change to a higher level programme. E.g. BEng to MEng or BSc to MSci, and your visa was granted after 6 April 2016.	<p>If your visa was granted after 6 April 2016, you will not be permitted to change programmes without first obtaining a new Tier 4 visa.</p> <p>You will be able to apply for this new visa from <u>inside</u> the UK</p>	<p>Check when you applied for your Tier 4 visa.</p> <p>Ensure that you have all the necessary documents and funds to meet the Tier 4 application requirements and send the Visa Compliance Team (VCT) your completed CAS Request Form.</p> <p>UCL's CAS issuing policy can be found here.</p>	<p>Once the VCT receives your CAS Request Form, we will assign you with a new CAS.</p>	<p>Please check if your new programme requires ATAS clearance as you will be required to obtain this before you can change programmes.</p> <p>For assistance with the submission of your Tier 4 visa application, please contact the Student Immigration Advice Team.</p> <p>Once you have received your new visa, please inform the VCT, and your programme change will be concluded.</p>
3	You would like to change to a lower level programme. E.g. MEng to BEng or MSci to BSc, and your Tier 4 visa was granted before 6 November 2014.	<p>If you applied for your visa before 6 November 2014, your visa permits you to change to a lower level programme. You will be able to submit this programme change request via C2RS.</p>	<p>Check when you applied for your Tier 4 visa.</p> <p>If you applied for your visa before 6 November 2014, you can continue to study on your current Tier 4 visa.</p>	<p>Report your programme change to UKVI.</p>	

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4	You would like to change to a lower level programme. E.g. MEng to BEng or MSci to BSc, and your Tier 4 visa was granted after 6 November 2014.	<p>If your Tier 4 visa was granted after 6 November 2014, you will not be permitted to change programmes without first obtaining a new Tier 4 visa.</p> <p>You will need to apply for this new visa <u>outside</u> the UK</p>	<p>Check when you applied for your Tier 4 visa.</p> <p>Ensure that you have all the necessary documents and funds to meet the Tier 4 application requirements and send the Visa Compliance Team (VCT) your completed CAS Request Form.</p> <p>UCL's CAS issuing policy can be found here.</p>	<p>Once the VCT receives your CAS Request Form and a copy of your boarding pass which confirms you have left the UK, you will receive a new CAS.</p>	<p>Once you have received your new visa, please inform the VCT, and your programme change will be concluded.</p> <p>For assistance with the submission of your Tier 4 visa application, please contact the Student Immigration Advice Team.</p>
5	You are expected to complete, or have completed the third year of your MEng or MSci programme and would like to graduate with the BEng or BSc.	<p>Your visa duration will be longer than your programme duration.</p>	<p>You will need to contact your department to advise them that you would like to leave the programme early and graduate with the Bachelor degree.</p> <p>Please note that early course completions require department and faculty approval. The VCT and Student Records also need to be notified.</p>	<p>Once you have reached your new programme end date, UCL will withdraw sponsorship of your visa. UKVI will curtail your visa to your new programme end date, plus 4 months.</p>	<p>Please note that your department may have a deadline in place for graduating early. Please speak to your department for further information.</p>

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6	You would like to change to a programme at the same level with the same programme duration. E.g. MSc to MRes.	Your current Tier 4 visa will not be affected.	<p>You will be required to submit an academic progression statement as part of the C2RS task.</p> <p>Please note, without this statement, we are not able to proceed with the programme change request.</p>	UCL will report your change in circumstances to UKVI.	Please check if your new programme requires ATAS clearance as you will be required to obtain this before you can change programmes.
7	You would like to change to a programme at the same level with a longer programme duration. E.g: BFA to BA, and your visa was granted before 6 April 2016.	<p>Your current Tier 4 visa will not cover you for the full duration of your new programme.</p> <p>You are required to submit this new Tier 4 visa application from <u>outside</u> the UK at a time which causes the least amount of disruption to your studies.</p>	<p>Check when you applied for your Tier 4 visa.</p> <p>You will be required to submit an academic progression statement as part of the C2RS task.</p> <p>Ensure that you have all the necessary documents and funds to meet the Tier 4 application requirements and send the Visa Compliance Team (VCT) your completed CAS Request Form.</p> <p>UCL's CAS issuing policy can be found here.</p>	<p>Once the VCT receives your CAS Request Form and a copy of your boarding pass which confirms you have left the UK, you will receive a new CAS.</p> <p>UCL will also report your change in circumstances to UKVI.</p>	<p>Please note your new visa application must be submitted before your current visa expires and from <u>outside</u> the UK.</p> <p>Once you have received your new visa, please inform the VCT, and your programme change will be concluded.</p> <p>For assistance with the submission of your Tier 4 visa application, please contact the Student Immigration Advice Team.</p>

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8	You would like to change to a programme at the same level with longer programme duration. E.g: BFA to BA, and your visa was granted after 6 April 2016.	<p>Your current Tier 4 visa will not cover you for the full duration of your new programme.</p> <p>You will need to apply for a new visa before you are permitted to change programme.</p> <p>You are required to submit this new visa application from <u>outside</u> the UK.</p>	<p>Check when you applied for your Tier 4 visa.</p> <p>You will be required to submit an academic progression statement as part of the C2RS task.</p> <p>Ensure that you have all the necessary documents and funds to meet the Tier 4 application requirements and send the Visa Compliance Team (VCT) your completed CAS Request Form.</p> <p>UCL's CAS issuing policy can be found here.</p>	<p>Once the VCT receives your CAS Request Form and a copy of your boarding pass which confirms you have left the UK, you will receive a new CAS.</p> <p>UCL will also report your change in circumstances to UKVI.</p>	<p>Please note your new visa application must be submitted from <u>outside</u> the UK, and that you must obtain this new visa before you are permitted to change programmes.</p> <p>For assistance with the submission of your Tier 4 visa application, please contact the Student Immigration Advice Team.</p> <p>Once you have received your new visa, please inform the VCT, and your programme change will be concluded.</p>

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9	You would like to add a work placement or year abroad.	<p>Your current Tier 4 visa will not cover you for the full duration of your new programme.</p> <p>You will be required to extend your visa in order to complete your programme. You will be able to apply for this new visa from <u>inside</u> the UK.</p> <p>If you decide to extend your visa BEFORE you start your work placement/year abroad: You will need to ensure that you give yourself sufficient time to obtain a new visa, as you will not be permitted to undertake your work placement/year abroad if you have a pending visa application.</p> <p>If you decide to extend your visa AFTER you have completed your work placement/ year abroad: You will need to ensure your new visa application must be submitted no more than three months before your current visa expires.</p>	<p>You will be required to submit an academic progression statement as part of the C2RS task.</p> <p>Ensure that you have all the necessary documents and funds to meet the Tier 4 application requirements and send the Visa Compliance Team (VCT) your completed CAS Request Form.</p> <p>UCL's CAS issuing policy can be found here.</p>	<p>Once the VCT receives your CAS Request Form you will receive a new CAS.</p> <p>UCL will also report your change in circumstances to UKVI.</p>	<p>For assistance with the submission of your Tier 4 visa application, please contact the Student Immigration Advice Team.</p>

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10	You would like to change programmes at the same level with shorter programme duration. E.g. to remove a work placement or a year abroad.	Your current Tier 4 visa will be longer than your new programme duration.	You will be required to submit an academic progression statement as part of the C2RS task. Please note, without this statement, we are not able to proceed with the programme change.	Once you have reached your new programme end date, UCL will withdraw sponsorship of your visa. UKVI will curtail your visa to your new programme end date, plus 4 months.	