Short-term Study Visas: important information about immigration stamps

If you are a non-visa national who is coming to the UK for 6 months or less, you will not have to apply in advance for a Short-term Study Visa. Instead, you will present your study acceptance document(s) from York St John University at the UK Border. You should then receive a Short-term Study stamp in your passport.

Here are images of what Short-term Study stamps must look like:

**IMPORTANT:** before you leave the Border checkpoint, you need to check your passport to ensure you have received a stamp that looks like the ones above. If you do NOT receive the correct stamp, you must tell the Border Force officer immediately so that they can correct it. If you leave the Border checkpoint and do not discover the error until later, you may have to leave the UK and return again in order to obtain the correct stamp.

**Please also note:** you must NOT enter the UK via Ireland or you will only get your passport stamped in Ireland and this is not the stamp which enables you to study for 6 months in the UK. The Ireland stamp only allows you to study for a maximum of 3 months in the UK. Students often book flights via Dublin because they are a bit cheaper, but again you cannot get the correct immigration stamp this way.

Here is an example of a stamp obtained in Ireland: