

VOTER REGISTRATION

Why Vote?

Voting allows you to decide who represents you and ensures that your student issues and concerns become central to UK politics. According to the Electoral Commission, statistically, students, young people, and those who have recently moved to the UK are the least likely groups to be registered to vote. **Your voice must be heard**, which means registering to vote and participating in the UK's decision-making!

Registering and having your name on the Electoral register is also a valuable tool for proving your identity and home address, which helps immensely when applying for a rental, credit card, or mobile phone contract.

Who is eligible to vote?

The Electoral Commission provides helpful information on the eligibility. Note that eligibility depends on personal circumstances, including citizenship, nationality (including International Students), age, and where you live (residency).

How to register to vote?

Registering to vote will only take a few minutes and is easy to complete, and typically, you only need to register once unless you change your name, address, or nationality. After you have registered, your name will appear on two versions of the electoral register, should you choose to do so. You can use the registration service to:

- Get on the electoral register.
- Update your name, address, or nationality.
- Get on or off the open register.

If you're living away from home while studying at Mont Rose College, you can register to vote at both your home address and your term-time address. You can vote at both addresses for some elections and find further information on the Electoral Commission website. Once you've registered to vote, your local Electoral Registration Office will check each application and confirm if you can register in both areas.

REGISTER TO VOTE AT:

<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

Am I already registered to vote?

If you're not sure you're registered to vote, check with your local Electoral Registration Office.

Which elections can I vote in?

The types of elections and referendums you can vote for can be found on the government website.

Voter photo ID

Please note that voters in England must now show photo ID to vote at a polling station in some elections. If you don't have the relevant Photo ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate instead.