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- UW in London Spring 2017 past participants
UW in London
Program Structure

- Foundation for International Education (FIE)
  UW-Madison’s study abroad partner in London

- UW Program
  Specifically created for UW-Madison students, administered by International Academic Programs (IAP)

  2 program tracks:
  - Internship or Service Internship
  - Business Studies (for Business students on the program)
About FIE:

- The Foundation for International Education
  - London-based non-profit organization
  - Study Centres in London, Dublin, and Amman
  - Founded in 1998
  - Over 55 partner US universities and colleges
  - Over 400 students in fall 2017
  - 5 Residence Halls and one Study Centre in South Kensington

- FIE staff are on hand to help you in every way we can, so please use us as a resource!
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What to expect about the UK ...
What do I need to prepare?

- What to pack
- Money and Finances
- Insurance
- Passport and Immigration
What to Pack

- Avoid overpacking!
  - Storage space is limited, and you will have to get your luggage to and from your residence!

- You should bring:
  - an umbrella and hooded rain jacket
  - Layered clothing
  - a bath towel and washcloth
  - all necessary prescriptions and medications for the duration of your programme, in their original labeled bottles

- About small appliances
  - British and American voltages are different. England electronics run on 240 V and the US runs on 110 V. You will need both a **converter** and **adapter** to avoiding damaging your electronics.
Cell Phones (Mobiles!)

- Many students purchase inexpensive mobile phones or SIM cards
- The most common mobile plan in the UK is called “pay-as-you-go”
  - “Top Up”; minutes-based
  - It is up to you what plan you choose, as every student has different needs.
- Check with your own cell phone provider for study abroad rates
- Skype & WhatsApp
Money and Finances

- The cost of living in London is significantly higher than in the US.
- Chip & PIN cards
- Budget between $150 and $200 per week for food and personal expenses.
- Visit an ATM in the airport once you land in order to have some pounds on hand.
- Use your regular debit card while abroad. Always have a backup debit or credit card. Watch the fees.
- You MUST notify your US bank and credit card companies that you will be using your accounts overseas, or they may freeze them.
CISI Insurance

- Cost is included in the program fee
- Supplemental insurance
- You typically pay costs up front and receive reimbursement
- Print your insurance card through your My Study Abroad account
Medication

- Discuss prescription needs with physician/health care professional prior to departure

- Obtain a doctor’s note outlining medications and the reasons for taking them in case you need to access more medication during your time in England

- Not all medications may be available abroad. Arrangements should be made to bring the entire semester's worth of medication

- Pack prescription medications & doctor’s note in carry-on luggage in their original containers
Passport and Immigration

• You MUST have a current valid passport!

• You’ll need to apply for the TIER 4 VISA prior to departure.
  • The process will require you to complete an online application and Biometrics appointment. You will be required to send your ORIGINAL passport along with other application materials to the consulate in New York.
  • FIE will send you detailed instructions for how to complete this process.
  • It is imperative that you pay attention to the timeline for the application process. If you do not receive the visa prior to departure it may have an impact on your ability to participate on the program and result in program cancellation fees.
Going Through Customs

- When you land in London, you will go through UK customs, where you will present your passport and supporting documents (student letter, etc.)
- An official will ask you questions such as the purpose of your visit, how long you will be in the UK, and where you will be staying.
- It is in your best interest to treat the customs officials with respect, as they approve your entry into the country!
- Note: You must NOT travel to the UK via the Republic of Ireland (Dublin).
Getting to South Kensington

- The FIE team will be sending you more arrival information.
- Tube vs. Black Cab from Heathrow
- Your first stop, regardless of which residence you’re in, will be METROGATE
  - Gloucester Road Tube Station
  - Pick up your keys to your residence
FIE Orientation

- FIE Orientation will be held on Thursday January 4th – Sunday January 7th
  - Wednesday January 3rd: Arrival & Registration Day
  - Thursday January 4th: Orientation Part 1
    - + West End theatre trip!
  - Friday January 5th: Orientation Part 2
    - + FIE Welcome BBQ!
  - Saturday January 6th: Parliament visit
  - UW Events:
    - Sunday January 7th: Afternoon Tea
    - UW Oxford Daytrip (Saturday, date TBD)
    - UW Brighton Daytrip (Saturday, date TBD)

Do NOT plan any personal travel until you arrive in London and receive a list of confirmed dates
Important Internship Dates

- Friday January 5: Internship Orientation – Part 1
- Monday February 12 – Tuesday February 13: Internship Orientation - Part 2
- Thursday February 15 – Friday February 16: Interviews!
- Wednesday March 7: Internships begin!

- Lots of important information about your internships available on the FIE website: [http://fie.org.uk/internships/london/internships](http://fie.org.uk/internships/london/internships)
  - Internship Handbook
  - Interview Tips
  - What to Wear
  - What to Expect in a UK Workplace
FIE: Where You’ll Live & Learn

KENSINGTON & CHELSEA SW7
LONDON BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

Metrogate House

Foundation House

Hyde Park Gate

Manson Place
The Neighbo(u)rhood

- T.S. Eliot
  3 Kensington Court Gardens

- Virginia Woolf
  22 Hyde Park Gate

- Ian Holm
  Grenville Place

- Alfred Hitchcock
  153 Cromwell Rd

- Freddie Mercury
  1 Logan Place

- Ellen Terry
  22 Barkston Gardens

- Beatrix Potter
  2 Bolton Gardens

- Vivienne Westwood
  World's End Shop
  430 King's Road

- Foundation House

- Oscar Wilde
  34 Tite Street

- The University of Wisconsin
  Madison

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Metrogate House
(3-7 Queens Gate Terrace)

- Where you will go on arrival to collect your keys
- Contains a 24-hour **computer lab**, study space and **laundry** facilities
  - Clare’s office
- Where you receive **mail** and packages
- Facilities are utilized by other American students studying at FIE
Housing: 37 Hyde Park Gate

- Bedrooms are doubles, triples or quads
- Roommate assignments distribute when you arrive in London
- Rooms will be different shapes and sizes
- Bathrooms shared between 2-5 students, shared kitchen and common room
- Laundry service (for bed linens only) once a week
- Laundry machines in Metrogate
Housing: Manson Place

- Bedrooms are singles, doubles, triples or quads
- Roommate assignments distribute when you arrive in London
- Rooms will be different shapes and sizes
- Bathrooms shared between 2-5 students, shared kitchen and common room
- Laundry service (for bed linens only) once a week
- Share flat with other UW students, but students from other universities will be living throughout the building
- Laundry machines in the building
Residence Life Supervisors

- Residence Life Supervisors live in FIE residences.
- Here’s what they look like:
Residence Life Supervisors

- There is always an RLS available evenings and weekends (RLS on-call); they can be reached via the Facilities Support Team at Metrogate.
- FIE operates a different system than you may be used to back home. RLSs are post-grad students or are working in London.
- Conduct: University of Wisconsin-Madison and FIE Student Codes of Conduct both apply to you while abroad
  - As well as UK laws!
Foundation House

- Where you will register your immigration info on Arrival Day
- Classroom spaces & Wifi
- FIE offices for administrative & academic staff (including UW Prof. Loeser)
- Student Lounge with event info, daily newspapers, weekly journals
## Academic Structure

### Internship/Service Internship Students
- Key Course: British Life & Cultures **OR**
  British Life & Business
- Professor Ortiz-Robles course
- Internship Placement + course
- 1-3 electives from FIE’s list

### Business Students
- Key Course: British Life & Business
- Professor Ortiz-Robles course
- Internship Placement + course
- FIE Global Business course
- 0-2 elective courses

- Each class is worth 3 UW-Madison credits (you’ll earn 12-18 credits)
- Attendance is **mandatory**
- Fall 2018 registration happens while you are abroad
- My Study Abroad account: where you submit Course Equivalent Requests (CERs)
- Grades/Credit posting to your UW transcript: Summer 2018
Courses taught by Professor Mario Ortiz-Robles

- **London Calling**
  
  Course Equiv(s): English 245 for English majors*
  
  English 279 for non-English majors

  *if you are an English major who has already taken English 245, you will receive English 279 for this course.

- **Night at the Museum**
  
  Course Equiv: English 444
Academics

- Students will find out their schedule when they register on arrival at FIE
  - MyStudy login details will be provided
- Classes can take place Monday-Friday 8am-9pm!
- Each class will last 3 hours
- 15 week semester schedule, with spring break
- Co-curricular excursions around London will take place in each course
Academics

- Academics take precedence over other activities!

- Please *do not book any travel* until your timetable is confirmed on arrival in London

- Preparation and participation are expected in all class sessions and excursions.

- Realize that faculty may have a different teaching style abroad—you will need to adjust

*Students with long time FIE faculty member John Makey*
Student Life in London

- Student Life Office in Foundation House
  - Hours: 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday
  - Local events, discounts, travel
- Some FIE student life offerings:
  - Extra-curricular calendar
  - Access to the Imperial College Union
  - Membership to International Student House
  - HOST UK weekend British home stays
Located approximately 5 minutes from your flat
Join clubs and societies
Participate in activities
Access to student bars, cafes, restaurants
Recreation Facility (extra cost)
Transportation

- Tube
- Bus
- Taxi
Travel Around Europe (& the UK!)
Important UW-specific Dates

- Afternoon Tea: Sunday January 7th
- Daytrip: Saturday January 27th
- Mid-semester check-in meals:
  - March 12th, 13th, 19th, or 20th
- Daytrip: Saturday March 24th
- Farewell Dinner: Thursday April 19th
Important & Helpful Resources

- FIE Website has all this information and more: www.fie.org.uk
- My Study Abroad account
  - Program Handbook
  - IAP Study Abroad Handbook
  - FIE website/email updates/Facebook
- If you have ANY questions (no matter what they are) feel free to ask before you head across the pond!
  - Email Clare: cwoessner@fie.org.uk
Important & Helpful Resources

- Download CityMapper!
- Bookmark TimeOut London
- Look at grocery store websites: Sainsbury’s & Waitrose
Start getting excited!!!
KEEP CALM AND LOVE BRITAIN