

LONDON STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION SESSION

General Information

If you plan to use public transportation to get around London, you should consider purchasing an [Oyster Pass](#).

TIP Electricity works a little differently in London. If you will be bringing electronics from home, such as your laptop, hairdryer, straightener, etc., you should plan on purchasing an adapter and a converter.

- ➔ Do not bring straighteners or hair dryers. They have them in the Worrell house and are not allowed in bedrooms.
- ➔ It is probably best to not bring any expensive electronic equipment/hair tools as they could blow a fuse in the house or break.

TIP Be sure you have a **passport** that is current. Your passport should be valid at least six months after your return to the U.S. The Program Director, Prof. Wendy Parker, suggests making at least two copies of the important pages of your passport. You should bring one copy to London and leave another copy with your parents or a friend who can fax you the documents in the unlikely event that you lose your passport while abroad.

Travel

Flights from the US to Europe tend to fill up quickly. The earlier you book your flight, the cheaper your airfare will be. Also, this summer in London will be particularly popular with the Olympics and Queen's Diamond Jubilee and flights are getting expensive. Direct flights from Raleigh and Charlotte are available.

TIP Layovers/transfers in airports in big cities, such as Paris and Amsterdam, might be difficult.

Helpful websites to look up flights:

www.kayak.com

www.studentuniverse.com

www.expedia.com

You will most likely fly into Heathrow, which is located outside of London. There are several options to get from Heathrow to Worrell House. You could take a taxi, but that will cost you at least 100 GBP. The Tube leaves from Heathrow, but it will take over an hour to get to one of the stops near Worrell. There's a direct train that leaves from Heathrow, which is fast. The train will drop you off at the train station and you will then need to take the Tube to Worrell.

Traveling with other students in your program may also be a good idea, especially to split the

cost of transportation to and from airports. Prof. Knox suggested looking online beforehand to plan your trip from the airport to Worrell house.

The Worrell House address is:

**36 Steele's Road
London NW3 4RG
England**

Class

Classes will begin at 9:00 am on Monday, May 28. You should arrive in London the Saturday or Sunday before. Your classes will meet Monday through Thursday each week from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. You will have 16 class meetings and 6 fieldtrips. The fieldtrips are listed below:

- London Walking Tour
- Cambridge (all day)
- Inns of Courts
- Cocktails with Lord Phillips
- 2 TBD

Worrell House

If you are staying in Worrell House, Prof. Parker will check you in and give you a key when you arrive. There is a 20 GBP deposit for the key. Classes will end on June 21. You will have to be out of Worrell House by Friday, June 22.

Living in Worrell House comes along with a few rules. A big rule in Worrell House is that you never leave dirty dishes in the sink. Prof. Parker and her family will be staying in the house below the kitchen so please keep the noise level to a minimum during late hours. Keep the alcohol to an appropriate level, and there are absolutely no drugs allowed. Also, the house is located in a neighborhood, so you will need to be respectful of those who live nearby and not be too loud at night.

Space is limited in the Worrell house. If you applied after the house was full, we put you on a Worrell waitlist. We will notify you if space opens up. In the meantime, we are working with an agency called [Acorn](#) to reserve London flats for waitlisted students. The flats are well maintained, in a nice part of London near Russell Square, and are accessible to Worrell by short bus or tube rides. Flats also tend to be close to one another so you will be near other students. Flats hold up to 2-3 students.

Alternate Housing

If you want to find your own housing, past students from other programs have used the “Vacation Rental” section of [TripAdvisor](#). It is a good idea to begin looking for something now. Past students suggest that you try to book something at **least 100 days before** you arrive in London, as rent prices will increase as the time approaches.

TIP Some landlords will want you to pay for your apartment in full when you arrive in London. Because some banks will not allow you to withdraw but so much money each day from the ATM, you may want to consider bringing the cash to cover the cost of your apartment with you. If you are uncomfortable doing this, you can explain the ATM issue to the landlords. Most landlords will understand and give you a couple of days to get the money.

Travel on the Weekends

After Thursdays at 12:00 noon, you are free to travel outside of London. You could take the [Chunnel](#) to Paris and find cheap flights to other European countries. There are many cheap airlines out of London (like Ryan Air, easy Jet, etc.) so be sure to do some research beforehand.

Here is a good website guide on traveling to and in Europe:

<http://www.ricksteves.com/plan/tips/flights.htm>.

We recommend staying in London for the [Queen’s Diamond Jubilee](#) (which supposedly to be bigger than the Royal Wedding) which will take place June 2nd-5th. It is a city-wide festival to celebrate 60 years of the Queen’s reign.

TIP As long as you stay in the EU, you will not need a visa to travel. If you go somewhere like Turkey, you will need to get a visa, which you can purchase for approximately \$20 at the airport when you land there.

TIP You should consider leaving your laptops in London when you go on weekend trips.

Phones

Most of the students use internet phone services, such as Skype or Google Chat, to keep in touch with friends and family in the US.

Cell phone providers, like Verizon, will allow you to convert your regular phone to an international phone so that you can use it abroad. One student reported that the fee to do so was around \$100 for the month.

To make local calls in London, you can purchase a pay-as-you-go phone.

To Do

Submit the required forms to the International Graduate Programs office by March 1st.

For more information, go to <http://studyabroad.law.wfu.edu/general/forms/>

For Financial Aid Information, go to <http://studyabroad.law.wfu.edu/general/tuition/>. Email Janet Cromer at cromerjb@wfu.edu if you would like to receive financial aid.

For students not receiving loan funds, summer tuition and housing costs is due April 9, 2012. Otherwise, tuition is due when loan funds disburse. You can pay for tuition and housing at the Cashiers desk in room 107 of Reynolda Hall (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). If you are a non-WFU student, you can send a check for the full amount to:

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