

## **LONDON STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION**

### **◀ STUDY, INTERN AND LIVE in LONDON for 6 weeks ▶**

The London Study Abroad program is an 18 year partnership between the College of Family and Consumer Sciences (UGA) and the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS). Since 1992 AIFS and FACS have provided an exciting academic program for students.

#### **COURSES**

All students are required to take British Life and Culture (offered as CHFD/FDNS/HACE/TXMI 5710/7710) (3 credit hours).

Students must select either CHFD/FDNS/HACE/TXMI 5910 (Internship) (6 credit hours) or

Register for TXMI 4900: London Museums (3 credit hours)

TXMI 4900: London Store Design and Visual Merchandising (3 credit hours)

**CHFD/FDNS/HACE/TXMI 5710/7710** – British Life and Culture includes lectures by British faculty, day trips to Hampton Court and Bath/Stonehenge, museum tours in London and other activities. Students will be required to complete assignments and give an oral presentation in London, attendance is required at all classes and activities. This is a S/U course.

**CHFD/FDNS/HACE/TXMI 5910** – Internship includes work experience in a business or site related to the students major. This is a S/U course and requires attendance, weekly reports and a final report. The internship requires a Tier 4 Visa that must be applied for and received BEFORE departing for London. At this time (Sept. 2011) the Visa costs £255 which is about \$420.00. You must have a passport to apply for a VISA, both applications can take 6 weeks or longer for processing. This is a S/U course.

For more information visit:

[http://www.migrationexpert.co.uk/student\\_visa/tier\\_4\\_student\\_adult\\_visas/](http://www.migrationexpert.co.uk/student_visa/tier_4_student_adult_visas/)

**TXMI 4900 - London Museums (3 credit hours)**

This class will visit some of London's world class museums which are filled with an impressive arrange of material culture objects from around the world. Museum visits may be guided or based on specific assignments targeted to students' interests. The class will include visits to museums such as the National Gallery, Tate Modern, Victoria and Albert Museum, The Wallace Collection and the Courtauld Gallery. Most museums are free but a donation of approximately £4 pounds (\$6) is recommended.

**TXMI 4900 - London Store Design and Visual Merchandising (3 credit hours)**

This class will explore the world of London store design and retail visual merchandising with both a historic and current perspective. The class will visit different London areas and analyze the distinctive type of merchandise, store design and visual merchandising in each area. We will visit a wide range of areas from Portobello and Camden Markets to Soho and Covent Garden and the grand historic stores of London such as Harrods, Fortnum and Mason and Liberty's.



## London Study Abroad Program Costs:

- UGA Tuition and fees for six hours of course credit
- U.S. Passport (costs around \$150). Go to [www.travel.state.gov/passport](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport); must have a valid passport before you can apply for the Tier 4 Visa.
- Tier 4 Visa (for students interning in London: £255 which is about \$420.00 (this is current cost, prices may go up between now and time to apply for the visa). Visa must be applied for and obtained before departing for London.
- Roundtrip airfare to London; AIFS offers an optional round-trip airfare package from Atlanta – London – Atlanta) and roundtrip transfers from the airport in London to the housing in London.
- Money while living in London for meals, laundry, other personal essentials, other travel and sightseeing not included in the program fee. Students report spending as little as \$1,200 to as much as \$3500.00 for 6 weeks in London; the average is usually around \$2,000. Students taking the London Museums class should budget a voluntary donation of approximately £4 per museum; only one of the museums we will visit has a set entrance price.
- \$125.00 Damage Deposit (Mandatory and Refundable if no damage to the apartment in London) to AIFS
- \$5625 Program fee to AIFS includes:
  - housing in a shared, multi-bedded student apartment in Central London for 6 weeks from June 6 to July 20
  - London transportation pass for unlimited use on buses and underground trains in zones 1 and 2 of the London transportation network for the duration of the program
  - Orientation program in London with AIFS staff, student information packet including handbook and area information
  - Half-day sightseeing tour of London by private coach with the services of a professional guide, including entrance to Westminster Abbey.
  - Ride on the London Eye
  - Internship placements for students who select this option. AIFS staff sets up the internship placements, interviews, and cooperative agreement between student and internship supervisor. AIFS will provide updated visa application information to UGA students. Classroom facilities for students taking classes.

### **Application Instructions:**

**Return complete application by Friday November 11, 2011 at 3:00p.m. to:**

**Office of the Dean  
224 Dawson Hall**

**Make sure the following items are included in the materials you return:**

**All pages of the completed and signed application (including this one).**

**One (1) copy of your current DARS.**

**Application fee of \$175.**

- Two evening cultural events such as theatre performance.
- Four British Life and Culture lectures.
- Two guided tours of museums.
- Two full-day guided daytrips from London by private coach or boat to Hampton Court, Bath/Stonehenge. One half day trip to Greenwich.
- Access to the AIFS student center and the services of an experienced AIFS Program Coordinator and Student Advisors for information, advice, fax and mail services and emergency contact service.
- Access to the computer lab and library at the AIFS facility in Bloomsbury.
- Medical and program fee refund insurance policies
- \$50 non-refundable application fee

**Orientation** – we will have several **MANDATORY** meetings during spring semester to orient everyone to living, interning, and studying in London; there is another on-sight orientation held for all students and faculty when the group arrives in London, this is held the day we arrive by AIFS staff.

**Information Technology:** All students have access to the computer lab at the AIFS facility in Bloomsbury, London

**Faculty for 2011:** Dr. José Blanco F. ([jblanco@uga.edu](mailto:jblanco@uga.edu))



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

• Internships in London: Once you've been accepted into the program and paid the deposit to AIFS, then you will be asked to submit a cover letter and resume. In the cover letter be specific about what type of internship you want related to your field, be realistic, be as specific as possible – if you have several ideas – prioritize them. Turn in a clean, professional looking resume and cover letter. Interning in London will give you insight into working in the United Kingdom, understand new or different approaches, and experience living and working in a large international city. AIFS will arrange an interview with you and one or more possible internship placements. Your placement is contingent upon the success of your interview. Appropriate dress is important so dress well (no jeans or flip flops or sneakers); if you interview in the financial district – bring a suit to wear. The internship in London is offered for 3 hours of UGA credit

(CHFD/FDNS/HACE/TXMI 5910) as a result weekly reports will be required as well as following the other grading requirements for the internship. “An internship in the UK will be a very different experience from any internship in the US because of cultural differences.” “Working in a different country with different cultural” courtesies, business and social manner “is a challenging and yet extraordinary opportunity for personal growth and career development” (from the AIFS Voluntary Internship Program Packet, 2006).

• What if I get sick in London? AIFS will give us a Medical Orientation once we arrive in London and talk about the procedure to see a doctor or visit a hospital if an emergency, they will also talk about insurance and receipts to turn into AIFS for reimbursement according to the insurance policy provided through the program.

• What are the apartments/flats like? Most have a living area, kitchen (with plates, flatware, basic pots and pans and utensils for cooking) and refrigerator and stove, bedrooms with one or more bunk beds, bathroom with shower. Sheets and pillows are furnished; provide your own towels and washcloths.

### Highlights!

- Living, interning, and studying in the exciting city of London.
- Academic resources include a computer lab and a library.
- Day-long field trips to Hampton Court and Bath/Stonehenge on Fridays; private coach with tour guide.
- Two plays at London's West End.
- Full-time staff with AIFS.
- ½ day orientation tour of London on a private coach with tour guide.

#### Museum Visits for London Museums Class:

Victoria and Albert Museum  
The Wallace Collection  
National Gallery  
National Portrait Gallery  
Tate Modern  
Fashion and Textiles Museum  
British Museum  
Saatchi Gallery  
Museum of London  
British Library  
Courtauld Gallery  
Science Museum  
Natural History Museum

#### Area visits for Store Design and Visual Merchandising Class:

Knightsbridge with Harrods and Harvey Nichols  
Oxford Street with Selfridges  
Saville Road, Burlington Arcade, Jermyn Street with Fortnum and Mason  
Picadilly Circus and Shaftesbury Avenue  
Carnaby Street, Bond Street and Liberty's  
High Street Kensington / Exhibition Road  
Southwark (tourist areas)  
Soho  
Sloane Street / King's Road  
The City  
Camden  
Covent Garden  
Notting Hill

