

Study Abroad in

*London*

Northern California  
Study Abroad Consortium

Fall Semester 2024



# Northern California Study Abroad Consortium

## Contra Costa Community College District:

- Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos College

## Los Rios Community College District:

- American River College, Cosumnes River College, Folsom Lake College, Sacramento City College

## San Mateo County Community College District:

- Cañada College, College of San Mateo, Skyline College

## Santa Rosa Junior College

# Why study abroad?

- Fewer than 10% of US college students study abroad
- Shows college admissions and employers skills such as **intercultural competence, diversity, problem solving...**
- Personal skills you gain: **independence, creativity, tolerance, openness, initiative, a sense of humor, adaptability, flexibility, values, patience...**

85% of students agree that studying abroad was the most meaningful experience of their undergraduate education.



# Why London?



# Ideally situated for travel around UK & Europe



Budget airlines around Europe. Bus, train or plane around the UK.

# AIFS Abroad

- Founded in 1964
- Over 1.6 million students in over 20 countries
- Partnered with the NCSAC colleges since 1988
- Local Program Coordinators & Study Center
- Extensive incident response and crisis management procedures



# Program Dates - Fall 2024

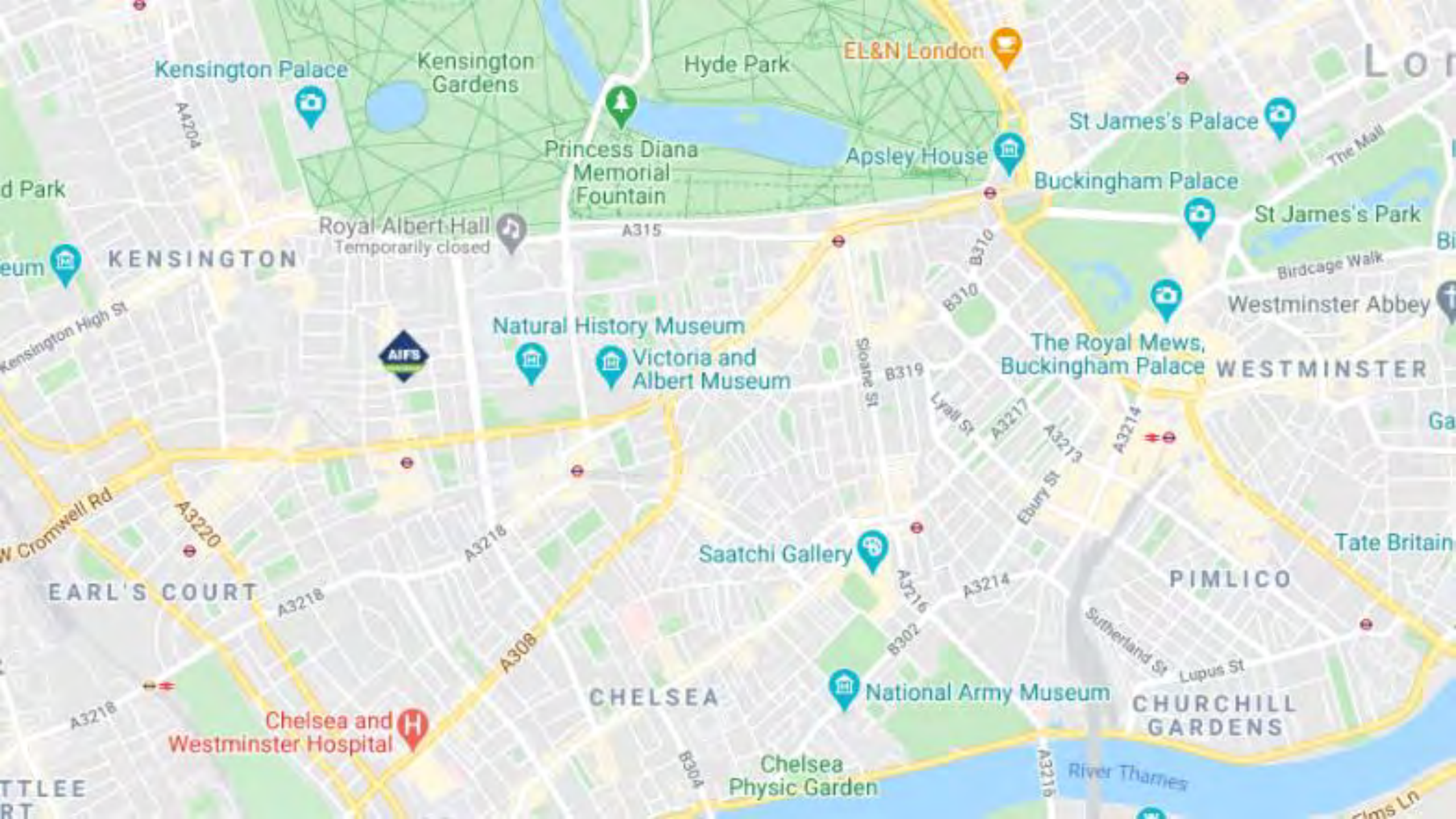
Thurs, September 5	Depart the U.S.
Fri, September 6	Arrive in London
Sat, September 7	Orientation
Sun, September 8	Workshops & City Tour
Mon, September 9	Classes begin
Sat-Sun, October 19-27	Mid-Semester break
Thurs, December 5	Last day of class
Fri, December 6	End of program, Depart London



# AIFS Student Center

- Classrooms & AIFS Student Services in Kensington
- Student lounge, computer & printer access
- Student Services staff available during office hours and 24/7 emergency contact
- Staff coordinates orientation, classroom facilities, housing, cultural activities & excursions as well as student advising and counseling





Kensington Palace

Kensington Gardens

Hyde Park

EL&N London

St James's Palace

Princess Diana Memorial Fountain

Apsley House

Buckingham Palace

St James's Park

Royal Albert Hall  
Temporarily closed

A315

KENSINGTON

Natural History Museum

Victoria and Albert Museum

The Royal Mews,  
Buckingham Palace

WESTMINSTER

Westminster Abbey

EARL'S COURT

Saatchi Gallery

Tate Britain

PIMLICO

CHELSEA

National Army Museum

CHURCHILL GARDENS

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital

Chelsea Physic Garden

River Thames

# Academics

- Courses are UC/CSU transferable
- Meet General Education requirements
- All students enroll in the British Life and Culture course plus 3 additional courses for a total 12 credits
- London is our classroom!



# British Life & Culture Course

- Understanding the culture and society of London and the UK
- Experiential learning
- Lectures and corresponding field trips on history, art & architecture, politics & society, gastronomy, customs & traditions
- This 3-unit course is required for all students and is subject to college tuition fees
- Student must enroll in the British Life & Culture course offered by the campus that processes their program application. This class is the same class for all four schools





# Courses offered by Santa Rosa Junior College

Faculty: Anne Belden

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- JOUR 2 – News Gathering and News Writing
- JOUR 52A – News Media Practice
- MEDIA 4 – Intro to Mass Communication
- INTDIS 90\* - British Life and Culture

# Courses offered by Contra Costa Community College District

Faculty: LD Green

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- ENGL 124 – Children’s Literature
- ENGL 132 – Literature of the Fantastic: Myth, Fantasy, and Science Fiction
- ENGL 230 – Thinking and Writing Critically About Literature (PREQ – College Composition)
- GBST 100\* - British Life and Culture





# Courses offered by Los Rios Community College District

Faculty: Gregory Beyrer

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- HIST 302 – History of Europe since 1500
- HIST 310 – History of the United States (to 1877)
- HIST 311 – History of the United States (1865 – Present)
- ANTH 391\* - British Life and Culture

# Courses offered by San Mateo Community College District

Faculty: Lindsey Ayotte

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- COMM 127 – Argumentation & Debate
- COMM 150 – Intercultural Communication
- COMM 160 – Gender Communication
- SOSC 650\* - British Life and Culture



A wide-angle photograph of the Imperial College London campus. On the left, the tall, white, classical-style clock tower stands prominently against a blue sky with light clouds. To its right, a paved walkway leads through a row of large, leafless trees. In the foreground, a red Range Rover is parked in a yellow-painted parking space. Several people are walking along the path. In the background, modern university buildings with large glass windows are visible. A dark blue semi-transparent box on the right side of the image contains white text.

# Imperial College Student Union

Membership to the Imperial College Student Union is included.

3-minute walk from AIFS Study Center

Students can join the over 370 clubs, activities or societies or participate in sports activities. The campus has a gym & pool (additional fees) as well as shops, pubs & cafés.



# Housing

## Homestays

- Twin rooms in local homestays (Zone 3 or 4 – approx. 45-60-minute commute)
- Continental breakfast (toast, cereal, coffee or tea) included daily. Shared kitchen, living space & laundry facilities
- Wi-Fi enabled
- **Included in program fee**

## Student Residence

- Twin bedrooms in a residence in central zone 2- approx. 45-minute commute
- Equipped kitchenettes & ensuite bathroom, shared study area & laundry facilities in building
- Wi-Fi enabled
- No meals are included
- **Supplemental fee \$1755**



# Transportation Pass

A transportation pass or “Oyster Card” will be provided to students for use on buses & underground in zones 1-3 or 4 (homestay students) or zones 1-2 (residence students) for the duration of the program





# Weekly Calendar of Subsidized Cultural Activities

- Sport events
- Walking tours
- Theater & dance events
- Day trips

# Included in the Program Fee

## \$9495

- Housing in homestay in twin rooms, including continental breakfast daily & access to kitchen and laundry facility or for a supplemental fee (\$1755) housing in a student residence in twin rooms with ensuite bath & kitchenette, no meals
- Transportation pass
- Membership to Imperial College Student Union
- AIFS Student Center & Staff services including 24/7 emergency contact
- Orientation program & workshops, guided tour of London
- Weekly subsidized activities in London
- Medical insurance
- Pre-departure services and orientation

# Expenses not included

- Airfare: Optional flight available or students may purchase their own flights
- Community College tuition fees
- Textbooks
- Personal expenses including passport fees and personal travel
- Meals (except as specified)
- Worldwide Trip Protector Insurance - to protect Program Fees in case of program cancellation or interruption – offered upon enrollment with AIFS

# Optional Group Flight

- Round trip group flight SFO-LHR-SFO
- Airport pick-up by AIFS staff and transfer to accommodations in London; return transfer at the end of the program
- Price \$tba\* (\$tba airfare + \$tba\* government and airline-imposed taxes, fees and fuel surcharges)

*\*subject to change until ticketed*





# Optional Scotland Tour

## Edinburgh, Isle of Sky, Loch Ness

Fee includes:

- 4 days/3 nights
- Transportation by train & accommodations in student hostels
- Breakfast daily & evening meals
- Guided tour of the Scottish Highlands & Islands of Scotland
- **\$695**



# Scholarships

- AIFS Ambassador Scholarships- Open to NCSAC students with 12 units completed and a GPA of 2.5 or higher. 1- \$1000 scholarship and 2- \$500 available. \*More information from your study abroad advisor.
- **Benjamin A Gilman International Scholarship** <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/> Open to US citizens or nationals; Pell Grant recipients
- **Fund for Education Abroad** <https://fundforeducationabroad.org/apply/> Open to US citizens and permanent residents
- <http://www.studentscholarships.org/> The largest scholarship search database on the internet
- <http://www.internationalscholarships.com/> A search database for scholarships for study abroad & international students
- <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/> A student guide to financial aid and scholarships
- <http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships> A student guide to financial aid and scholarships
- <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx?sf53479980=1> US Dept of Labor scholarship finder
- <https://www.gooverseas.com/blog/study-abroad-scholarships-grants> Blog post with links to several study abroad scholarships



# Creative Funding Ideas

- Lifestyle changes- cut down on expenses, gifts of money
- Back to basics ideas- side jobs, sales, garage sales, etc.
- Crowd funding- Go Fund Me, Zelle, Venmo campaigns, etc.





# Florence, Italy

## Spring Semester 2025

- Student Apartments
- Courses are CSU/UC transferable
- Italian Life & Culture course
- Study center in Santa Croce, historic center of Florence
- Excursions and activities such as a cooking class, soccer match, walking tours, excursions, etc.



# Eligibility Requirements

- 18 years or older by departure date
- 2.25 GPA
- Have completed 12 or more units of college-level courses

# Is this experience right for me?

Study abroad in a foreign country can be a challenge & create stress. It is important to speak directly, & prior to applying, with your Study Abroad Director to

- **Discuss all DSPS accommodations you require**
- **Disclose any physical & mental health issues, physical limitations, dietary requirements, medications, etc. you may have**
- **Discuss expectations & challenges posed by the study abroad location & culture**

# For more information & to apply:



[Northern California Study  
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Enrollment Link](#)

Or contact:

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**Priority Application Deadline**  
**Friday, April 19, 2024**  
**Application Deadline**  
**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**  
**Final Payment Deadline**  
**Friday, July 12, 2024**