



Study abroad in

# LONDON

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Fall 2026

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**



**Fewer than 10% of US college students study abroad**

**Shows college admissions and employers skills such as intercultural competence, critical thinking, problem solving, risk taking, initiative...**

**Personal skills you gain: independence, creativity, tolerance, openness, 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?





- **Study abroad organization supporting this program**
- **Partnered with the NCSAC colleges since 1988**
- **Founded in 1964= - over 1.8 million students in 20 countries**
- **Local Program Coordinators & Study Center**
- **Extensive incident response and crisis management procedures**

# KEY DATES – Fall 2026

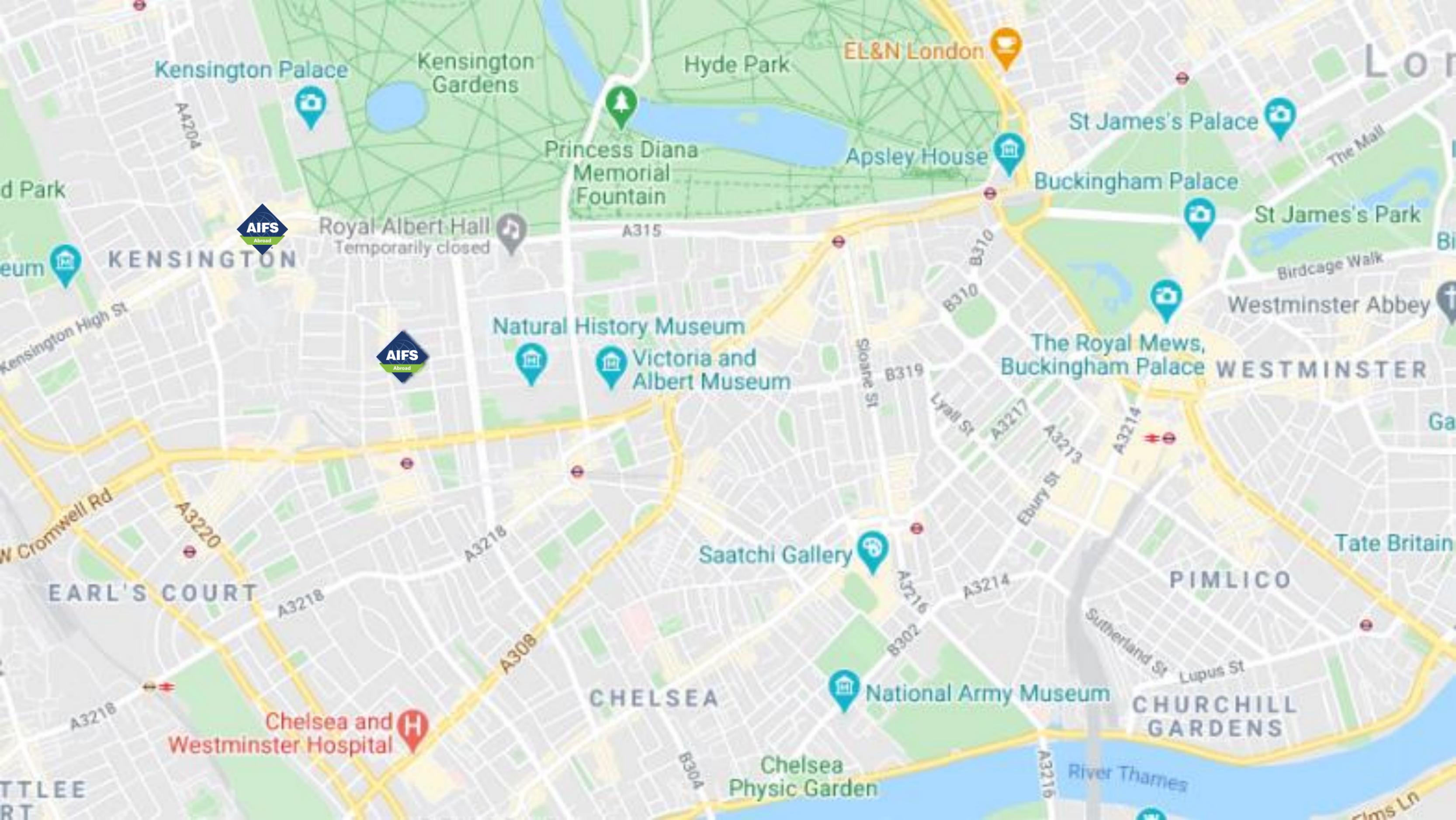
<b>Thursday, September 3</b>	<b>Depart US</b>
<b>Friday, September 4</b>	<b>Arrive in London</b>
<b>Saturday, September 5</b>	<b>Orientation</b>
<b>Sunday, September 6</b>	<b>Workshops &amp; City Tour</b>
<b>Monday, September 7</b>	<b>Classes Begin</b>
<b>Sat - Sun, October 17 - 25</b>	<b>Mid-Semester Break</b>
<b>Thursday, December 3</b>	<b>Last Day of Class</b>
<b>Friday, December 4</b>	<b>End of Program, Depart London</b>

- **Classrooms & AIFS Student Services in Kensington**
- **Two buildings – Taylor House (Elvaston Place) and Young Street**
- **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**



# AIFS STUDY CENTER





Kensington Palace

Kensington Gardens

Hyde Park

EL&N London

Princess Diana Memorial Fountain

Apsley House

St James's Palace

Buckingham Palace

St James's Park

Royal Albert Hall  
Temporarily closed

Natural History Museum

Victoria and Albert Museum

The Royal Mews,  
Buckingham Palace

Westminster Abbey

KENSINGTON

WESTMINSTER

Saatchi Gallery

Tate Britain

EARL'S COURT

PIMLICO

CHELSEA

National Army Museum

CHURCHILL GARDENS

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital

Chelsea Physic Garden

River Thames

- **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 units**
- **At least two courses (British Life and Culture + one additional course must be with the instructor from the student's home District**
- **London is our classroom!**



- **Understanding the culture and society of London and the UK**
- **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 District that processes their program application. This class is the same class for all four Districts**



# Contra Costa Community College District

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**Prof. John Corbally**

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**HIST 141 – History of Western Civilization since the  
Renaissance**

**HIST 142 – Contemporary European History**

**HIST 181 – World History since 1500**

**INDIS 100 – British Life & Culture**



# Los Rios Community College District

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**Prof. Trang Abeid**

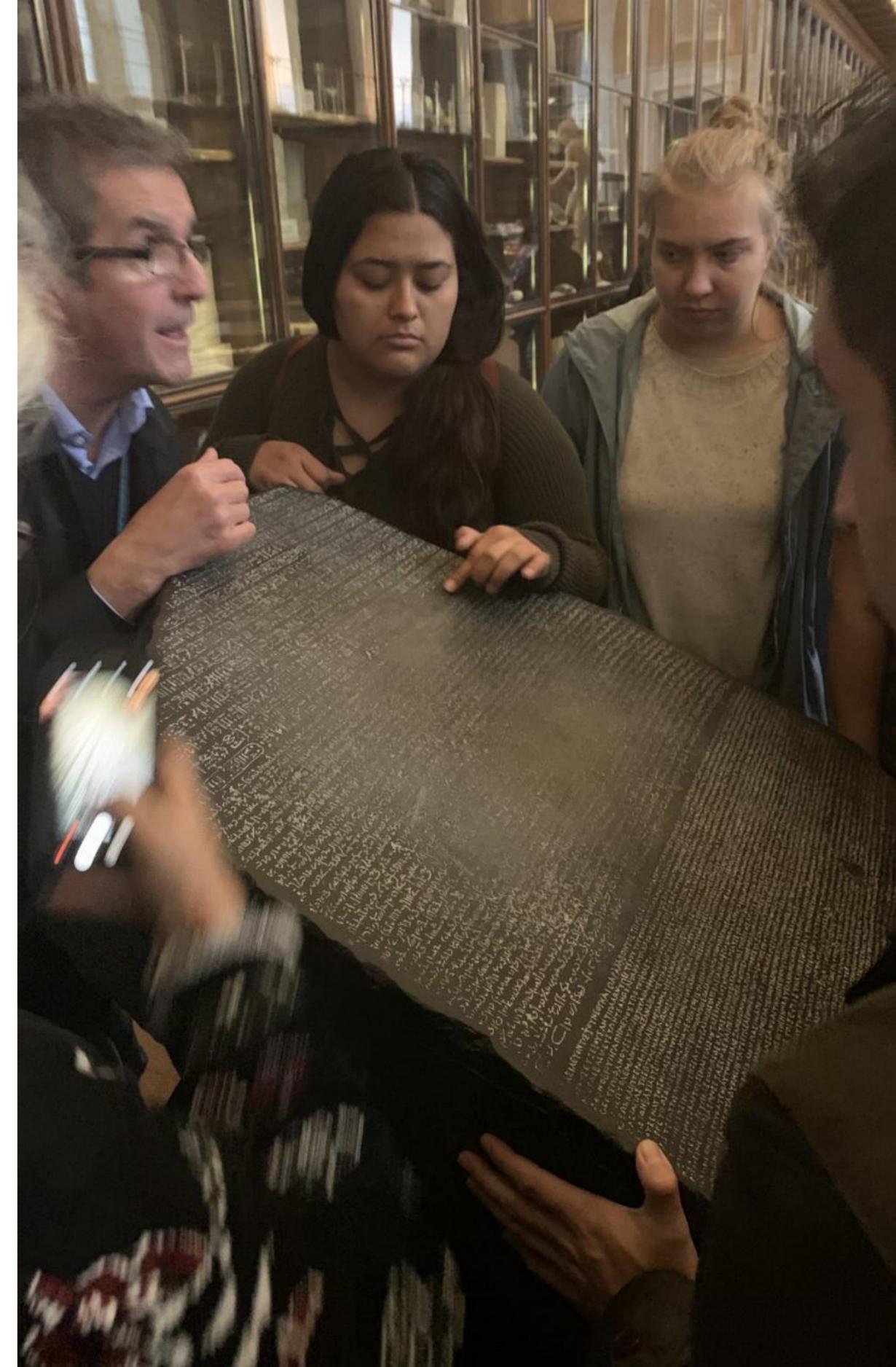
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**ENGLT 311 – English Literature II (late 18<sup>th</sup> century through the present)**

**ENGLT 360 – Women in Literature**

**ENGLT 382 – Introduction to Dramatic Literature**

**INDIS 355 – British Life & Culture**



# San Mateo Community College District

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**Prof. Candice Nance**

[nancec@smccd.edu](mailto:nancec@smccd.edu)

**BUS 100 – Introduction to Business**

**BUS 101 – Human Relations in the Workplace**

**BUS 125 – International Business**

**GBST 650 – British Life & Culture**



# Santa Rosa Junior College

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Prof. Justin Smith

[jsmith3@santarosa.edu](mailto:jsmith3@santarosa.edu)

**THAR 2 – Intro to Theatre Arts**

**THAR 6 – Multicultural Theatre**

**THAR 29 – Introduction to Theatre Management**

**INTD 90\* – British Life & Culture**



# Membership to the Imperial College Student Union

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**Membership to the Imperial College Student Union is included**

**5-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**



# Weekly Calendar of Free and Subsidized Activities

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- Sporting events
- Walking tours
- Theater & dance events
- Day trips including Stonehenge, Bath, Brighton, Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon



## **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 \$2995**



# HOMESTAYS



# STUDENT RESIDENCE





## Included in the program fee:

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### **\$10,195**

- Housing in homestay in twin rooms, including continental breakfast daily & access to kitchen and laundry facility or for a supplemental fee **(\$2995)** 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 and region
- Medical insurance
- Pre-departure services and orientation

## **Expenses not included:**

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- **Airfare: Optional flight available or students may purchase their own flights**
- **Community College tuition fees**
- **Textbooks**
- **ETA and/or ETIAS (starting Fall 2026) Electronic Travel Authorization**
- **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 \$tbc (\$tbc airfare + \$tbc\* government and airline-imposed taxes, fees and fuel surcharges (billed separately.))

*\*subject to change until ticketed*



# Scotland

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## 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

**\$795**



Students can use their Financial Aid to pay program fees.

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Make sure you have completed the 2026/2027 FAFSA application.

Speak to the Financial Aid specialist at your district:

**CCCCD: Sonya Castro [scastro@dvc.edu](mailto:scastro@dvc.edu)**

**LRCCD: Dan Alexander [alexand@arc.losrios.edu](mailto:alexand@arc.losrios.edu)**

**SMCCCD: Breanna Castro [castrob@smccd.edu](mailto:castrob@smccd.edu)**

**SRJC: Jake Kaplan [jkaplan@santarosa.edu](mailto:jkaplan@santarosa.edu)**

- **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** <http://fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/> 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

## Use all of your resources to fund your study abroad

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- Use F/A and apply to scholarships
- Make a few lifestyle changes- cut down on expenses, ask for gifts of money
- Side hustles- side jobs, sales, garage sales, gig work, etc.
- Crowd funding- Go Fund Me, Zelle, Venmo campaigns, etc.



## Studying abroad at a 4-year university

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Cal State University International Programs	Fall Semester in London (Kingston University)	\$17,060 – includes CSU tuition and an estimate for housing - students must find own housing and travel pass
University of California Education Abroad Programs	Fall Semester in London (King's College)	\$23,676 - includes UC tuition and an estimate for housing - students must find own housing and travel pass
University of Southern California	Fall Semester Faculty-Led Program	\$50,406 (includes USC tuition)

## All applicants must...

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- Be 18 years or older by departure date
- Have at least a 2.25 GPA
- Have successfully completed 12 or more units of college-level courses



# Is this experience right for me?

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Study abroad in a foreign country can be a challenge & create stress. So we can better serve you, we ask that you speak openly and honestly prior to applying with your Study Abroad Director to:

- **Discuss all DSPS accommodations you may have**
- **We ask that you consider disclosing any physical & mental health issues, physical limitations, dietary requirements, medications, etc. you may have**

Example of why we need this information: if you have mobility issues, AIFS would need to be aware of host family housing (stairs, etc.) Help us accommodate you.

**Also discuss expectations & challenges posed by the study abroad location & culture.**

# Florence, Italy in Spring 2027

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- Student Apartments
- Courses are CSU/UC transferable
- Italian Life & Culture course
- Visits to the Uffizi & Accademia Galleries, Il Duomo, Basilica Santa Croce & more
- Excursions to Siena & San Gimignano & the Chianti wine region
- Activities such as a cooking class, soccer match, walking tours, volunteering & more



**APPLY NOW!**

[NCSAC London -  
Fall 2026  
Application Link](#)

**PRIORITY APPLICATION  
DEADLINE:**

March 6, 2026

**GENERAL APPLICATION  
DEADLINE:**

June 3, 2026

**FINAL PAYMENT DEADLINE:**

July 10, 2026

# FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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