NYU Urban Design in London – Arrival

**Arrival Day: May 28, 2017**
- Students MUST check in to housing **ON May 28**, ideally between 8am and 3pm.
- Late arrival ON May 28 is OK; but let us know early!
  - All students must submit flight details in the housing portal
- Arrival before or after May 28 is **NOT** permitted!

**Departure Day: June 24, 2017**
- Students must check out of housing on departure day by 12 noon.
- **NO shuttle service** from the airport to NYU London housing
- **Detailed** arrival instructions will be posted on the blog before departure

*Please note that all calendars are subject to change.*
NYU Urban Design in London – Location

➢ NYU London is centrally located in Bloomsbury, the heart of the city’s university district.

➢ From the NYU Center, students are just steps away from the British Museum, the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, and the West End (London’s famous theater district).

➢ Bloomsbury is perhaps best known for its historical intellectual inhabitants, including Virginia Woolf, E.M. Forster, and John Maynard Keynes, among others who comprised the Bloomsbury Group.
NYU Urban Design in London – Registration

➢ All students will take 1 course for 4-credits

➢ NO UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCES!

➢ Wait for syllabus before planning any leisure travel! Site visits/field trips are considered required class time.

➢ Required texts are available in the UK, unless otherwise notified.

➢ Exams may NOT be taken early/late.
NYU Urban Design in London – Housing

➢ NYU Housing is both required and guaranteed.

➢ Assignments are NOT first-come, first-serve; they are based on preferences given on the online Housing Application.

➢ All students will be living in Guilford House

➢ One and two bedroom apartments with bathroom facilities; part of shared apartments

➢ We will attempt to honor all mutual suitemate requests.

➢ All rooms/apartments are single-sex.

➢ All buildings are non-smoking.

➢ Housing assignments confirmed upon arrival.

➢ There are NO MEAL PLANS or dining halls at NYU London—plan to cook for yourself, or eat out!

➢ Each apartment has fully equipped shared kitchens: oven, stove, microwave, refrigerator, kettle, toaster and cookware

➢ On-site laundry room (*they are not free*)

➢ Short walk from King’s Cross St. Pancras train station and various restaurants and bars

Please note that overnight guests are allowed in the NYUL residences, but you must wait until after arrival to confirm policies

Housing Includes:

➢ **Bed linens:** One undersheet, duvet (comforter), duvet cover, pillow and pillowcase.

➢ Towels are **not** provided – **bring at least ONE with you.**

➢ Utensils, pots, pans, cutlery, plates, bowls are included.

➢ Utilities (gas, water, central heating and electricity, wireless internet) are all included.

➢ Everyone will have their own bed, desk, chair, wardrobe, and corkboard/bookshelf space.

➢ Regular room cleaning and linen exchange services; laundry room in the building.

➢ Beds are UK single size (not large, or double size).

➢ Security and controlled entry; maintenance support.

➢ Shared communal spaces; public computers, TV lounge
NYU Urban Design in London – Packing

Packing
➢ Bedrooms are not huge; only bring what’s absolutely necessary
➢ Limited clothes hangers will be provided.
➢ Check maximum baggage allowance with your airline.
➢ Remember: you’ll want to bring extra things back!

Shipping
YES, you may ship items, ONE WEEK before arrival, to:
NYU London
ATTN: [YOUR NAME]
6 Bedford Square
London, WC1B 3RA
UNITED KINGDOM
(*this will be your mailing address all summer. Add “No Commercial Value” to any packages)

Clothes to pack
➢ London can be a bit cool and grey, even during the summer.
➢ Dress in layers to stay the most comfortable at all times.
➢ You’ll need a raincoat/umbrella, and sturdy walking shoes!
Suggested items

➢ Book bag for trips and groceries is useful
➢ Battery-operated alarm clock
➢ Any medication you need (and copies of the prescription written in the generic term)
➢ Camera (with battery charger)
➢ Toiletries you can’t live without – the brands are different abroad, and some things can be expensive
➢ A travel-sized umbrella!
➢ Power adapters/convertors

WARNING: Voltage is different in the UK:

➢ Buy shavers, hairdryers, flatirons, etc. cheaply upon arrival; don’t bring them from the US!
➢ “Hi-tech” electronics (laptops, iPods/iPads, cameras, etc.) often have a built-in voltage converter; that’s what that box on the cord is for!

Leave these things at home:

➢ Linens
➢ Kitchen utensils
➢ Anything you couldn’t bear to lose!
NYU Urban Design in London – Money

➢ **Credit Cards** (specifically Visa and MasterCard) are widely accepted
  - Credit cards usually offer the best exchange rate.
  - Fee is generally very small; typically a small % of the total transaction, ranging from a few cents to a few dollars per swipe.
  - Check with your credit card company for international fees/charges.

➢ Debit cards will allow you to withdraw money from local ATMs
  - Easiest way to access local currency!
  - Exchange rate is much better than exchanging money at the airport.
  - ATMs are often fee-free, BUT your bank will charge you! Check with your bank for fees
  - Make a few large withdrawals vs. many small ones. Lock excess money away in your room; only carry what you need!

➢ **Chip and Pin Cards**
  - Embedded security chip (in addition to the magnetic stripe found on American-style cards).
  - When purchasing, enter a PIN (as we do with debit cards)
  - Ask your bank if they offer this card
NYU Urban Design in London – Communication

➢ Purchase an inexpensive PAYG (Pay-As-You-Go) local cell phone in the UK for texting/calling locally.

➢ Consider unlocking your smartphone before you leave, and/or purchasing a new SIM card on site.
  ● Contact your cellular provider to discuss these options.

➢ Set-up a video chat account (such as Skype) for yourself -- and your parents, if they’re tech-challenged.

➢ Create a communication plan
  ● Decide with your family & friends on a reasonable amount of time to stay connected, and stick to it.
  ● Home will be here when you get back! Spend more time building stories than sharing them!
NYU Urban Design in London – Healthcare

➢ All students are enrolled in GeoBlue Health Insurance, a comprehensive international health coverage plan
  ● No advance out-of-pocket payment for students to see a doctor or counselor
  ● Credentialed, western trained, nearby, English-speaking health professionals
  ● REGISTER with GeoBlue when you receive an email from them
  ● GeoBlue works everywhere in the world (except the US!)
  ● Routine dental care coverage is NOT included

➢ Students should consult with NYU site staff if you need help seeking medical attention.

➢ DO NOT cancel your domestic health insurance while you are abroad!

➢ If you take prescriptions regularly we recommend getting a full supply prior to going abroad.

➢ If you anticipate wanting to be in on-going counseling while abroad, call the NYU Wellness Exchange so they can help coordinate.
NYU London – Security

➢ NYU’s academic center is staffed with security guards during opening hours.

➢ There is ALWAYS an NYU staff member on duty, in New York and London.

➢ You will be given a phone number to call in emergencies during on-site Orientation.

➢ To call for a local emergency number:
  ● Dial 999 instead of 911.

➢ Help us keep you safe. Follow all staff recommendations:
  ● Don’t invite strangers into the residence. Your guests should always be in your company.
  ● Always lock your doors.
  ● Don’t ever hitchhike.
  ● Don’t leave your street smarts in NYC!
NYU Urban Design in London – Tips

➢ Don’t worry – London has shops!
   • Boots, Tesco, Waitrose, Argos
   • **London is NOT open 24 hours!**
     • Shops & amenities: generally 9am–5pm
       Larger supermarkets close at 10pm
     • Most pubs/bars close at 11pm; clubs at 2am
     • Shops have limited hours on Sunday
     • Most Tube lines close at ~12-12:30am, but buses run 24hrs

➢ **Mind Your Language!**
   • They might speak English too, but it’s very different.

➢ **Get with the Etiquette**
   • Queuing (making a line) is a way of life!
   • **Gratuity:**
     ■ Don’t tip in bars/pubs (unless you’ve ordered food)
     ■ Restaurants: ~ £1 per person (but check for service charge!)
     ■ Cabs: not expected to tip; round up, or add £1 at most
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