This online guide is designed for students who could not attend the in-person session. Please read through it carefully and then complete the Mandatory Quiz linked at the end of the presentation.

You MUST complete the quiz to fulfill the orientation requirement and participate in the program by December 4th.
This presentation will focus on specific information that you need to know, specific tasks that only you can complete, and identify the NYU resources that will be available to you while you’re in London.

Let’s begin!
Arrival Information

All students MUST arrive on January 24, 2018.

➢ ARRIVAL

● NO shuttle service from the airport to NYU London housing
● Detailed arrival instructions will be provided before departure

➢ CHECK-IN

● All students MUST check-in ON arrival day (January 24) at the NYU London residences ideally between 8am and 3pm to take advantage of activities and full check in support.
   ■ You can obtain your key and check in at any time after 8am on January 24
● Check in and check out times at the external (non-NYU managed) residences may vary – full details will be provided.
● Housing is only available for dates of the program: January 24– May 18 (all students must check out by 12 noon)
● If you arrive early or depart late, you must find your own accommodations. No exceptions!

➢ ORIENTATION

● Orientation is MANDATORY, and begins on the morning of January 25th through January 28th.
● Classes begin January 29th.
Do I need a visa?

➢ If you have immigration, passport, or visa related questions, our partner office, The Office of Global Services, is your main contact.

Contact information:
● OGS Representative Aaron Reynolds; aaron.reynolds@nyu.edu
● Email ogs.outbound@nyu.edu
● Call + 212-998-4242 (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm Eastern Time)
● Advising Hours at 383 Lafayette Street are:
  ■ Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 10:00am – 4:00pm
  ■ Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00am – 5:00pm
What visa categories are there?

If you have a European passport (from any EEA country, or Switzerland), YOU DO NOT NEED A VISA.

EVERYONE ELSE: Fall Only or Academic Year?

FALL

Do you plan to work or intern (paid or unpaid)? NO or YES

NO

Is your passport from a Visa-National* country? NO or YES

NO

Short-term Student Entry (FREE, but does require evidence of funds at border)

Short-term Student Visa ($150-$300 USD)

YES

Tier 4 Student Visa ($500-$750+ USD)

YES

Remember that all visa/immigration related questions should be directed to OGS. You are required to submit the Determine Your UK Immigration Status form notifying OGS of which category you are applying under.
General Visa Reminders & Tips?

➢ Each student’s individual circumstances are different, always contact OGS.

➢ Students may not do any type of work in the UK (including unpaid work or independent internships) without the appropriate visa. Contact OGS for further information.

➢ NYU classes are the priority. Study was the reason that a visa was granted. Any independent internships/work (with the appropriate visa- Tier 4) come second.

➢ It is now very difficult to apply for a Schengen visa in London to travel around Continental Europe. Students are strongly advised to apply for a Schengen visa (if required) in their home country or in New York, before leaving for London.

➢ Students not applying for a Tier 4 visa are reminded NOT to arrive in the UK via the Republic of Ireland (i.e. Dublin, Cork, Shannon, etc). Arriving for the first time in the UK via Ireland will result in receiving the wrong immigration permission to study in the UK.

➢ Always contact The Office of Global Services (OGS) with ALL immigration, passport, and visa related questions.
• 6 Bedford Square
• Main entrance and Reception
• Mail collection
• Three classrooms
• Student Hub
• All administrative staff
• Computer Lab and printer

• 4-5 Bedford Square
• Entrance via No. 6
• Most classrooms
• Quiet Computer Lab and printer
• Quiet Study Room
• MA Study Room
Academics

➢ Must register for 12-18 credits, not including waitlisted courses.
➢ Waitlists are not a guarantee- use the SWAP function!
➢ Add/drop two weeks after semester begins.
➢ Courses taught by local faculty who are academics, and/or practitioners
➢ Classes in London adhere to the same rigorous standards as back on your home campus
➢ Classes meet once a week Mon - Thurs for 3 hours- Fridays reserved for co-curricular trips & programs, and mandatory make-up classes
➢ Do not sign up for more than two classes on one day! It is simply too much.
➢ Mandatory participation in Global Orientations program.
➢ Books: You will buy most in London. If you need to buy ahead of time, you will be emailed prior to departure.
➢ Questions? Email global.academics@nyu.edu
Can I miss class or reschedule my exams?

➢ Wait until you receive your syllabi during the first week of classes before planning personal travel! Site visits & field trips (often on Fridays and weekends) are considered required class time.

➢ Attendance in class is a condition of both your place in the programme AND your visa to study in the UK (regardless of visa-type, i.e. not just Tier 4). As such, absences are closely monitored in London and the absence policy strictly enforced.

➢ Students will NOT be excused for internship/job placement interview events.

➢ NO UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCES. Any unauthorized absences will result in a 2% grade reduction. We encourage travel, but not at the expense of your education 😊

➢ Exams may NOT be taken early/late.

➢ Turnitin.com is used to ensure academic integrity.
What’s Different for Tisch Special Programs Students

Pre-Departure:
➢ Review the What’s Different for Tisch Professional Track document
➢ Registration
  ● Submit the Tisch Special Programs registration form signed by the advisor listed on the form and return via email to tisch.special.services@nyu.edu
➢ Expenses
➢ Supplemental Forms

During Your Program:
➢ Calendar
  ● Review the What’s Different document
➢ Weekly Schedule & Expectations
  ● 100% attendance in classes and program activities
  ● Adhere to program policies and guidelines for both NYU in London and Tisch Special Programs

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NYU Tisch London
Where will I live?

➢ FOUR housing options at NYU London Spring 2018:
  ● NYU-L Residence Halls
    ■ Byron Court & Guilford House
  ● Third-party housing option
    ■ Urbanest King’s Cross & Chapter KX
➢ Housing is mandatory and only guaranteed for all students during the dates of the program January 24 - May 18
➢ Housing assignments are NOT first-come, first-serve; they are based on the housing application in the Study Away Confirmation Portal (Deadline extended to November 27).
➢ All bedrooms/apartments are single-sex
  ● Gender neutral available upon request
➢ We will attempt to honor all mutual roommate requests
➢ Roommate details are not supplied before arrival
➢ Each apartment layout is slightly different!
➢ Assignments will be emailed as soon as possible and no later than 1-2 weeks before arrival
➢ Overnight guests are allowed, but you cannot plan any visits until you arrive in London, receive the housing guidelines, and submit a Residential Living Agreement with your suitemates!
What’s provided in housing?

Housing options include:

➢ Bed are UK single size (not large, or double size)
➢ Linens: bed sheet, duvet (comforter), pillow and pillowcase.
➢ NO MEAL PLAN, but: shared equipped kitchen (appliances, utensils, pots, pans, plates, bowls etc.)
➢ Individual study space, and storage space
➢ Access to communal spaces
➢ Wireless Internet access
➢ Weekly cleaning service
➢ Access to pre-paid on-site laundry facilities (comes at a cost)

BRING A TOWEL!
* Kitchen items can vary between residences
Byron Court

- Upperclassmen and freshmen housing
- Room types: single, double, and triple
- Apartment style with 1-3 bedroom apartments
- ONE available apartment of accessible housing and low cost housing available
- Shared bathroom facilities in each apartment (2 in larger apartments)
- Heating and Air-conditioning
- Communal TV room, games room, and several study rooms
- Approximately 20 minute walk to Academic Center
- Close proximity to local shopping center

* Very few singles and low cost housing available in this residence
Guilford House

➢ Upperclassmen only housing.
➢ Room types: single, double, triple, and quads
➢ Apartment style with 1 and 2 bedroom apartments
➢ Shared bathroom facilities in each apartment
➢ Heating and Air-conditioning
➢ Communal TV and study rooms
➢ Approximately 10 minute walk to Academic Center
➢ Close proximity to local shopping center

* Very few singles available in this residence
Urbanest King’s Cross

➢ Operated by a third-party provider, NOT NYU
➢ Room type: single with private bathroom
➢ Apartment style with 4 and 8 bedroom suites
➢ Private shower room- shower, toilet and sink
➢ Up to 50 Mb Broadband and Wireless Internet
➢ Underfloor heating
➢ Approximately 40 minute walk or 30 minute bus ride to Academic Center

* All rooms are single en-suite, so if students want a single this should be their first preference
Chapter KX (King’s Cross)

➢ Operated by a third party provider, NOT NYU
➢ Room types: self contained, double studios
➢ Shower room – shower, toilet and sink
➢ Up to 200mb Broadband and Wireless Internet
➢ Onsite gym and exercise studio
➢ Dedicated study space
➢ Social space with pool and ping pong tables, Courtyard, Screening room
➢ Approximately 30 minute walk or 20 minute bus ride to Academic Center

* New residence available this Spring
How will I pay for things?

➢ **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
London is expensive!
How can I be strategic with my money?

**Budgeting Tips:**

➢ **Local Public Transportation:**
  ● Don’t buy an Oyster Card beforehand, you’ll get one during Orientation
  ● Buses are more affordable than the Tube.
  ● The annual 16-25 Railcard helps you save on off-peak Tube fares.

➢ **Money:**
  ● Purchase a cheap local cell phone OR bring an unlocked phone and purchase a local SIM card
  ● Get a credit card that has no or low foreign currency exchange fees
  ● Don’t purchase textbooks in the U.S.; wait to find out exactly what you need!
  ● *Laundry costs can be expensive, budget accordingly
  ● Must have a Tier 4 visa to work (maximum 20 hours per week)
How will I stay in touch with people?

➢ Contact your cellular provider to discuss unlocking your phone and/or international perks your plan already includes.

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

➢ Create a communication plan
  • You should inform family and friends that you will call or email them as soon as you can after arrival, BUT this may not be for several hours after your plane lands.
  • 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!
Taking care of your health and medical needs

➢ If you are currently registered with the Moses Center for Students with Disabilities, you MUST re-register so they know you will be studying away
➢ All students are enrolled in GeoBlue, an international health coverage plan
  ● No advance out-of-pocket payment for students to see a doctor or counselor
  ● Routine dental care coverage is NOT included
  ● Credentialed, western trained, nearby, English-speaking health professionals
  ● REMEMBER to register when you receive an email from them.
➢ Students should consult with NYU site staff if you need help seeking medical attention and locating doctors
➢ 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. It is covered by GeoBlue!
➢ Free emergency health care in the UK at 24/7 Accident & Emergency departments
Counseling and Wellness Services

In addition to the 24/7 Wellness Exchange, NYU London has a full-time Student Wellness Counsellor available, Dr. Maisie Chou Chaffin as well as a part time Global Wellness Counsellor, Aylish O’Driscoll, a Counselling Psychologist.

Appointments are FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Some examples of reasons students have used wellness while studying away:

“Balancing time away with attention to friends and family at home: Making choices about how you use your energy.”

“Having a discussion about whether or not to continue your prescribed medications – and support connecting to a local psychiatrist for further evaluation.”
Register with the Moses Center

Students with special needs, academic or otherwise, must contact the Moses Center prior to departure; resources and services may differ abroad.
Safety

- 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.
  - Follow all recommendations by NYU Public Safety
  - Don’t leave your street smarts at home!
How can I meet people?

SIGN UP FOR CULTURAL PROGRAMING...

▶ Aimed at giving you:

- A sense of being in Britain
- A “place to start” when exploring the range of cultural opportunities available in London;
- A chance to bond with Britain and with each other

Various events offered during the semester, may include:

- Day Trips to Bath, Brighton, Cambridge, Stonehenge & York,
- Weekend trip to Scotland
- Performances at the Royal Ballet and English National Opera
- Trips to West End theatre shows
- Walking tours of London
- Live soccer and rugby games
- Cultural eating nights (e.g. fish n chips, curry night!)
- White Water Rafting
- Climb the O2

More information about all activities, including the Cultural Programming Calendar, and Global Orientations will be released in the “Letters from London” series, which will start on the guide later in the semester.
University College London Union is another great way to connect with London students. With a subsidised gym, infinitely more choice of clubs and societies to join and great places to eat. You will receive membership and a UCLU card shortly after arrival. NYU London pays the fee, so all you will have to do is pop into Student Hub to get your card!

www.uclu.org
VOLUNTEER!

- Meet other NYU students and people from the UK
- Immerse yourself in the local culture and give back
- Build your resume with international experience
- You do NOT need a Tier 4 Visa for most charitable volunteering or community service.
- You can apply to take part in the NYU London Community Service Award, which recognises the volunteering contributions of students who volunteer while studying abroad.
- You may like to:
  - Commit to a regular opportunity such as SHINE, or Action Tutoring
  - Go on the Volunteering Weekend trips to Calais, France or Wales, UK with other NYU students
  - Volunteer with UCLU and meet British students
  - Participate in as many one-off events as you like with local hospitals, soup kitchens, or find your own opportunity!
Your Community in London:

How should you support each other?

- **Support your peers** when they’re in need
- **Develop relationships** with people different than yourself
- **Take responsibility to educate yourself** and do your OWN research
- **Expand your knowledge** and awareness of both domestic and global social issues
- **Learn what it means to have privilege** based on your social identities and social location
- **Be sincere in your efforts and operate with integrity; recognize your impact,** not just your intentions; lean into discomfort
- **Educate others,** including speaking out against oppressive language and behavior
Final Checklist

1. Complete the Mandatory Pre-departure Quiz by December 4th

2. Register for classes

3. Read NYU London Spring 2018 Student’s Guide

4. Submit Study Away Confirmation Portal (Housing Application) by November 27th

5. Arrive in London on January 24th!