NYU Summer in London 2017
Pre-departure Orientation
Arrival

**Arrival Day: June 18, 2017**
- Students MUST check in to housing ON June 18, ideally between 8 am and 3pm.
- Late arrival ON June 18th is OK; but let us know!
  - All students will submit their flight details in the housing portal
- Arrival before or after June 18th is NOT permitted!
- If a student is in London before or after the program dates, they must find their own accommodations.
- There is NO shuttle service from the airport to NYU London housing.
- Detailed arrival instructions will be posted on the blog before departure.

**Departure Day: July 29, 2017**
- Students must check out of housing by 12 noon on departure day.
Events

- **June 18:** Arrival Date (there will be mandatory orientation events the first few days!)
- **June 30-July 2:** Weekend trip to Brighton
- **July 29:** Departure Date

**Additional Excursion Opportunities:**

Resident assistants in your NYU housing regularly organize outings on an ad hoc basis to a wide variety of cultural sites and neighborhoods in London. All are optional but highly recommended.

Depending on which of the academic courses you choose, you may also have museum, gallery and theater trips and walking tours around various parts of London during class time or on weekday evenings.
Registration

• All students must take 2 courses (8 credits)

• NO UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCESS!

• Wait for syllabi before planning your personal travel! Site visits/field trips are considered required class time.

• Required texts are available in the UK.

• Exams may NOT be taken early/late.
Academics

All students will register for 8 credits, or two of the following four courses.

• ENGL-UA 9201 – Reading as a Writer. The Ghost of Virginia Woolf—Boggs—4 Points

• ENGL-UA 9412 – Shakespeare and Elizabethan Stage — Hattaway — 4 points

• ARTH-UA 9011 – British Art in London — Douglas-Scott — 4 points

• POL-UA 9514 – British Politics: Contemporary Political Culture of Britain—Kelly — 4 points
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.
Housing

- NYU Housing is both required and guaranteed.
- All students will be living in **Guilford House**
- Apartment-style housing; 1-2 bedroom suites, with 2-4 beds in each room; kitchen; 1-2 bathrooms per suite.
- Each apartment layout is slightly different!
- Double, Triple or Quad rooms
- Assignments are NOT first-come, first-serve; they are based on preferences given in the housing application.
- You will receive your assignment upon arrival.
- All rooms/apartments are single-sex.
- All buildings are non-smoking.
- There are **NO MEAL PLANS** or dining halls at NYU London—plan to cook for yourself, or eat out!

*Please note that overnight guests are allowed in the NYUL residences, but you cannot plan any visits until you arrive in London, receive the housing guidelines, and submit a Residential Living Agreement with your suitemates!*
Housing Provisions

• 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; coin-operated laundry 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
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 on the front of the package)

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
Packing (continued)

**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!
Communication

- Purchase an inexpensive PAYG (Pay-As-You-Go) local cell phone in the UK for texting/calling locally.
- Consider unlocking your smart phone 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!
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
Health Insurance

- All students are enrolled in GeoBlue, 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 your home country!)
- 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.
Safety & Security

• NYU’s center is monitored by security guards 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
• 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.
• Have a working, charged cell phone with you
• Don’t leave your street smarts at home!
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 routes close at ~12-12:30am, but buses run 24hrs
• Mind Your Language!
  – We 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
Checklist

• Confirm your spot in the program! ASAP
• Read all blog posts.
• Make sure you have a valid passport and confirm with the Office of Global Services that you have the correct immigration documents.
• Register for courses abroad.
• Book your flight & submit flight details in the housing portal.
• Register with the Moses Center (if applicable).
• Pay your bill.
• Submit Housing Application and Required Forms within the Study Away Confirmation Portal.
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Thank you!