



RICHMOND, THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN LONDON

KENSINGTON CAMPUS Spring 2012, STUDY ABROAD

**ORIENTATION WEEK ITINERARY
Tuesday 17th January – Sunday 22nd January**



TUESDAY 17th JANUARY FLIGHT ARRIVAL DAY

8.30am – 2.30pm Brunch is served in the dining room, Atlantic House

All meals in the dining hall are free during Orientation week from Tuesday through to Friday. On Saturday the 21st and Sunday the 22nd January brunch will be served in the dining hall at a charge, payable by cash.

Outside of Orientation week the dining hall operates for breakfast, lunch and dinner during the week, brunch on Saturdays and brunch and dinner on Sundays. Study Abroad students are entitled to breakfast and dinner, Monday through Friday on their meal plan. If you wish to eat at the other meal times of lunch or weekends you may pay cash on these days.

In addition to our dining hall we also have an on campus Starbucks coffee shop located in our Asa Briggs building that is open Monday through Friday, 8.00am-4.00pm that accepts cash and debit/credit cards. This is not part of the meal plan.

You will be a few blocks away from the Kensington commercial area, Kensington High Street, where there is every shop imaginable, including; Whole Foods, McDonalds, Pizza Hut and Starbucks. Lots of very pleasant local shops and eateries can also be found in close proximity to us and Sandwich World on Gloucester Road sell very cheap sandwiches and snacks!

1.00pm-1.30pm IT Introduction- Asa Briggs Building Room 216

Kensington's IT Support Analyst, Lola Arnaiz will talk to you about how you can get connected to the Internet and how you can use the University's Email and other IT facilities. Meet in front of Atlantic House at 12.45pm to be walked over to Asa Briggs by a member of the residence life team. **Additional Wireless support during Orientation week will be available Tuesday – Friday, 10am to 6pm in the Atlantic Common Room.**

2:30pm Walking Tour of Kensington – Meet in front of Atlantic House at 2.15pm to be taken on a great tour of the exclusive and historical area by highly qualified and experienced guides. You will also take in other parts of the Kensington campus.

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner is served in the dining room, Atlantic House

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm- Residence Hall Meeting

This meeting is to run through the rules, regulations and safety in your residences; it is mandatory that you attend. Your meeting location depends on your room number.

If you live in Atlantic House Rooms B1-B7 & 101-108, you will meet with Rachel in the Atlantic House Common Room.

If you live in Atlantic House Rooms 201-220 & 301-305A, you will meet with Eric in the Lower Dining Hall.

If you live in Atlantic House Rooms 306-316 & 401-413, you will meet with Geraldine in the Upper Dining Hall.

If you live in Ambassador House, you will meet with Josh and Beck in the Ambassador House Common Room.

If you would like to go for a few **drinks at the Imperial College Bar** after your hall meetings the Residence Life staff will show you the way. Incidentally this is a great way to meet British University students and see how College life differs in the UK. You may pick up some handy tips and make some new friends in London!

WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY COURSE REGISTRATION
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8:00am - 10:00am Breakfast is served in the dining room, Atlantic House.

9:00am – 1:00pm Main Advising, Course Registration, and Add/Drop

Faculty advisor Professor Dominic Alessio (Dom) will be available in **room 101 Asa Briggs Hall** on Ansdell Street (see map for directions or ask in the student affairs office for help if unclear).

9.30am Walking Tour of Kensington – This is a repeat of Tuesday’s tour.

Meet in front of Atlantic House at 9.15am to be taken on a great tour of the exclusive and historical area by highly qualified and experienced guides. You will also take in other parts of the Kensington campus.

9:00am – 10:00am International Internship Program Orientation. All students participating in the International Internship Program must attend a mandatory meeting this morning at **17 Young Street Lecture Hall**. Meet in front of Atlantic House at 8.50 to be walked over by a member of the residence life team.

10:00pm – 12:30pm Students on the International Internship Program will have Individual appointments held at 16 Young Street. Appointments will take place throughout the day. **See orientation packs for your scheduled time.** 16 Young Street is across from 17 Young Street. The internship office is first door on your left. If you are not sure where to go, please ask! A member of staff can walk you over.

10.00am-10.30am Managing Expectations and Introduction to British Culture (Room 216 Asa Briggs Hall)

(These are individual slots- check your welcome pack or Atlantic House notice board for your allocated session!) Meet in front of Atlantic House at 9.45am.

Hear first hand from some of our current students about their experiences of life at Richmond. The sessions will be facilitated by your AIFS London Resident Director Anderson Hillen and Katherine Lytle, the Student Affairs Coordinator.

10.45am-11.15am Managing Expectations and Introduction to British Culture (Room 216, Asa Briggs Hall)

(These are individual slots and is a repeat of above- check your welcome pack or Atlantic House notice board for your allocated session!) Meet in front of Atlantic House at 10.30am. If you are attending the IT Introduction at 11.30am- stay

in this room after this session. Hear first hand from some of our current students about their experiences of life at Richmond. The sessions will be facilitated by your AIFS London Resident Director Anderson Hillen and Katherine Lytle, the Student Affairs Coordinator.

11.30am-12noon IT Introduction- Room 216 Asa Briggs Hall

This is a repeat of Tuesday's session. Kensington's IT Support Analyst, Lola Arnaiz will talk to you about how you can get connected to the Internet and how you can use the University's Email and other IT facilities. Meet in front of Atlantic House at 11:15 to be walked over to Asa Briggs by a member of the residence life team.

1:00pm- Group Photo- Use this as a souvenir of your Study Abroad Experience- Meet in front of Atlantic House at 1:00 PM to walk over to the Royal Albert Hall where you will have your photo taken in front of this famous building. If you would like your own copy as a keepsake it costs **£5** which you can pay either beforehand online or in the Student Affairs Office up until the 27th January.

1:30pm – 4:45pm - Bus tour of London for all students. Take in the sights of the city with a qualified tour guide from the comfort of a luxury bus! Your coaches and your knowledgeable certified Blue Badge guides will meet you outside of the Royal Albert Hall after your photo is taken! This tour is one of the highlight of the Orientation Week, and is NOT to be missed...bring your camera and a smile!

5:00 pm OPENING ORIENTATION PROGRAM (IMPORTANT!) Imperial College

THIS IS A MUST! You will be dropped off by the bus tour operator to Imperial College following the tour or if you are not on this tour you can meet your Student Affairs staff on the Atlantic House steps at 4.45pm sharp.

This is the official welcome to Richmond University. The Richmond President, Professor John Annette will start the meeting with a welcome address.

The meeting will cover many aspects of student life in London, including social, cultural, personal safety, health and travel, essential academic and social information. It will be led by Study Abroad Academic Director, Dr Dominic Alessio. You will also be introduced to other members of the Study Abroad team, including your AIFS London Resident Director, Anderson Hillen; the Student Affairs Coordinator, Katherine Lytle; the Residence Life Coordinator, Tracy Wills; and the Dean of Students, Allison Cole-Stutz. After the meeting our Residence Life Staff will walk you back to campus.

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Dinner in the dining hall, Atlantic House.

8:30 pm British Pub Quiz

Get to know your Res Life team and other members of the Richmond student body at a typical British pub quiz in a local bar in Kensington. Your Residence Life Team will direct you.

THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY

8:00am - 10:00am- Breakfast is served in the dining room, Atlantic House.

9.00am-9.30am Managing Expectations and Introduction to British Culture (Room 216, Asa Briggs Hall)

(These are individual slots and repeated from Wednesday- check your welcome pack or Atlantic House noticeboard for your allocated session!) Meet in front of Atlantic House at 8.45am. Hear first hand from some of our current students about their experiences of life at Richmond. The sessions will be facilitated by your AIFS London Resident Director Anderson Hillen and Katherine Lytle, Student Affairs Coordinator.

9:30am–12:30pm Students on the International Internship Program will participate in the first session of your SSC Course (British Culture). This course will meet in Asa Briggs Hall, Room 305. Please meet outside of Atlantic House at 9:15am to walk over to Asa Briggs Hall with a member of staff.

9.45am-10.15am Managing Expectations and Introduction to British Culture (Room 216, Asa Briggs Hall)

(These are individual slots and repeated from Wednesday - check your welcome pack or Atlantic House noticeboard for your allocated session!) Meet in front of Atlantic House at 9.30am. Hear first hand from some of our current students about their experiences of life at Richmond. The sessions will be facilitated by your AIFS London Resident Director Anderson Hillen and Katherine Lytle, the Student Affairs Coordinator.

10:00am – 1:00pm - Main Advising, Course Registration, and Add/Drop with Dr Dom Alessio (Asa Briggs room 101).

1:00pm – 5:00pm Students on the International Internship Program will have Individual appointments held at 16 Young Street. Appointments will take place throughout the day. **See orientation packs for your scheduled time.** 16 Young Street is across from 17 Young Street. The internship office is first door on your left. If you are not sure where to go, please ask! A member of staff can walk you over.

1:00pm – 3:00pm Activity & Trip sign-up and community fair, Room 216, Asa Briggs Hall. If you're not sure where to go a member of staff will meet you outside Atlantic House at 12:45pm. A chance to get a cell phone sorted, chat with local travel companies about getting out & about in the UK and sign up with the local gym. You also have the chance to sign up for theatre and weekend trips organized for you. To help your decisions along there will be a free food, drinks and tunes!

All AIFS students have membership to the Imperial College Student Union which gives you access to the Union facilities as well as the student clubs and societies. Representatives from the Union will be here to let you know how to make the most of your membership. Using the union or joining a club is a great way to meet local students, so come along and find out what is available to you.

5:00pm - 7:45pm - Dinner is served in the Dining Room, Atlantic House

Evening – Do your own thing; join those going to a West End show; venture out into London on the Harry Potter Walking Tour!

Please note that prices for West End shows are subsidized by Richmond. Tickets for shows are usually £60. Sign up at the activity fair, or online below by the latest 4.30pm today!

<http://www.richmond.ac.uk/student-affairs/student-activities/orientationSpring12.aspx>

Theatre Night: Your chance to see a **West End Play!** Choices of shows include:

- 1) **Wicked (£25)** Meet in front of Atlantic House at **6.00 pm**
- 2) **Les Misérables (£20)** Meet in front of Atlantic House at **6.00 pm**

Harry Potter Walking Tour (£5)

Kensington Campus students: Meet in front of Atlantic House at **6pm to allow time to travel to the venue by public transport. Richmond Hill** Campus Students: Meet in the main reception area of the Main Building at **5.30pm**

This tour starts from Leicester Square and ends at King's Cross. The itinerary includes the cinema where each of the Harry Potter films has had its world premiere, the cafe attack (The Deathly Hallows), the Seven Potters Battle in the London sky (The Deathly Hallows), the real thoroughfare on which Diagon Alley was based, Platform 9¾! Where Hogwart's students alone can catch the Hogwart's Express, The entrance to the Leaky Cauldron that Harry and Hagrid entered on their way to Diagon Alley (Sorcerers Stone / Philosophers Stone), the secret hideout where Harry is reunited with Sirius Black (Order of the Phoenix), and more! A must-do for all Harry Potter fans!

FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY FINISHING TOUCHES / LIBRARY ORIENTATIONS
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8:00am - 10:00am Breakfast is served in the Dining Room, Atlantic House

9.30am – 1:30pm Students on the International Internship Program will have **Individual appointments held at 16 Young Street**. Appointments will take place throughout the day. **See orientation packs for your scheduled time.** 16 Young Street is across from 17 Young Street. The internship office is first door on your left. If you are not sure where to go, please ask! A member of staff can walk you over.

10.00am– 3.45pm- Library Orientations

Library Orientation: 45-minute sessions throughout the morning and afternoon offer a brief introduction to what is available in the Library, and crucially, allow library staff to create a Library account for you. **These are compulsory sessions – Make sure you attend. (This is not a drop in session- you have an allocated individual**

slot. Check your welcome pack or Atlantic House noticeboard for your assigned session!)

11.00am-12.00noon- Travel Workshop. (Room 214, Asa Briggs Hall.) Run by Travel Guru, Andy Steves. Take advantage of Andy's 24 years of European Travel Experience and get tons of travel tips to get your semester started on the right foot! Meet in front of Atlantic House at 10.50 to be walked over to Asa Briggs if you need help finding the way.

11:00am – 13:30pm - Main Advising, Course Registration, and Add/Drop with Professor Dom Alessio (room 101 Asa Briggs)

2:30pm–5:30pm Students on the International Internship Program will participate in the second session of your SSC Course (British Culture). This course will meet in Asa Briggs Hall, Room 305. Please meet outside of Atlantic House at 2.15pm to walk over to Asa Briggs Hall with a member of staff.

4:00pm – 6:00pm - Dinner is served in the dining room, Atlantic House

7:00pm – ‘Welcome to London’ Boat Party. Meet outside your residence building at 5.45pm, a residence life staff member will be waiting to accompany you to the boat or make your own way there. Maps are available from Student Affairs. Tickets are only £10.00 in advance from the orientation events webpage. This is a great chance to get to know other students. The boat will move up and along the Thames River, taking in all the famous and historical sites along the way, you can also request your favorite tunes with the on board DJ.

The boat will board at **6.45pm** and depart at **7.00pm from Temple Pier**, the nearest underground station is Temple on the District line. The boat will not wait so be on time to avoid disappointment. ***The bar onboard won't accept cards so please bring plenty of cash.**

SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY DAY TRIP OPTIONS
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Trip 1: BBC Television Studio Tour (£7)

Kensington Campus students: Meet in front of Atlantic House at **9.15am** to allow time to travel to the venue by public transport. **Richmond Hill** Campus Students: Meet in the main reception area of the Main Building at **8.45am** to allow time to travel to the venue by public transport.

Take an exclusive look into the BBC newsroom, see the famous studios, and take part in making your own bit of TV in an interactive studio. Well-informed guides will make sure that you see the most interesting areas available on the day of your visit, as well as giving you a fascinating insight into how TV really works. Keep your eyes peeled because you never know who you might bump into along the way!

The Tour starts at 10.30am and will last between one and a half and two hours.

Brunch: 11:30am – 2:00 pm. If you are on campus brunch is served to order and at a charge in the dining room at Atlantic House.

Trip 2: Westminster Abbey Tour (£17)

Kensington Campus Students: Meet in front of Atlantic House at **11.45am** to allow time to travel to the venue by public transport. **Richmond Hill** Campus Students: Meet in the main reception area of the Main Building at **11.00am**

Kings, queens, statesmen and soldiers; poets, priests, heroes and villains - the Abbey is a must-see living pageant of British history! Every year Westminster Abbey welcomes over one million visitors who want to explore this wonderful 700-year-old building. Thousands more visit the Abbey for worship at our daily services. The Abbey is in the heart of London, and in April of 2011 held the Royal Wedding of Katherine Middleton and Prince William!

The tour starts at 12.30pm.

Evening- You are free to do your own thing so you can have a well earned rest, catch up with new friends or discover London on your own terms! **You are also free to join your Res Life Staff and Orientation Leaders for a Pub Crawl through Kensington – meet outside of Atlantic House at 7:30 PM for this event!**

SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY FINAL PLAY DAY
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Trip 1: The London Eye (£16)

Meet in front of Atlantic House at 10.00am to allow time to travel to the venue by public transport. **Richmond Hill** Campus Students: Meet in the main reception area of the Main Building at **9.30am**.

Take a trip in a glass pod onboard The London Eye, a gradually rotating observation wheel 135 meters up in the sky. On a clear day you will have a 40 kilometer panoramic view of London, taking in its famous landmarks such as Big Ben and St Paul's Cathedral.

The whole flight takes 30 minutes and is at 11:30am, the group must arrive however at 11.00am at the latest for ticket collection.

Brunch: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. If you are on campus brunch is served to order and at a charge in the dining room at Atlantic House.

Trip 2: Chelsea Football Stadium Tour (£11)

Kensington Campus students: Meet in front of Atlantic House at **1.30pm to allow time to travel to the venue by public transport.** **Richmond Hill** Campus Students: Meet in the main reception area of the Main Building at **12.45pm**.

See the changing rooms, trophy room, pitch and manager's dugout on a behind the scenes tour of Chelsea Football Stadium. You never know, you might just bump into Ashley Cole, John Terry or Frank Lampard along the way! The Tour starts at 2.30pm. The group must be at the stadium by 2.15pm.

5:00pm – 7:00 pm Dinner is served in the dining hall of Atlantic House at a charge.

Trip 3: Jack the Ripper Walking Tour (£5)

Kensington Campus students: Meet in front of Atlantic House at **6pm to allow time to travel to the venue by public transport.** **Richmond Hill** Campus Students: Meet in the main reception area of the Main Building at **5.30pm**

This guided walking tour of 'Olde' London gets rave reviews every semester from study abroad students. Here is an opportunity to sense the atmosphere of Victorian London, including an exploration of sites and pubs that Jack purportedly frequented. The tour starts at 7.00pm from Tower Hill Tube station.

MONDAY 23RD JANUARY

It has been nearly been a full week since you first arrived in London! Now it's time to get your thinking caps back on and start enjoying the first day of your classes. We really hope you enjoy! **Do remember that the Add / Drop Period for any further class / timetable changes runs all week until the 27TH January. See Dom Alessio in Asa Briggs.**

5:30pm – 7:00 PM Welcome Reception with Sir Cyril Taylor, Founder and Chairman of AIFS and the Mayor of Kensington & Chelsea – The dress code is smart day wear.

Come together as a group for drinks and canapés as the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea welcomes the group to the neighborhood and we celebrate the start of the semester in London! Meet outside of Atlantic House at 5:15 pm to walk to the venue as a group!

Please note that this schedule is subject to changes as well as some additions. Make sure to check your Richmond emails and bulletin boards regularly and check in periodically at the Study Abroad office in Atlantic House, even if it's to say hello and introduce yourselves!

Cheers from your Study Abroad Team!

Dom, Katherine, Tracy, Anderson, Allison and your Residence Life Team

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