



# **RICHMOND, THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN LONDON**

**KENSINGTON CAMPUS  
FALL 2010, STUDY ABROAD**

**ORIENTATION WEEK ITINERARY  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

<b>TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST FLIGHT ARRIVAL DAY</b>
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Food will be available in the Atlantic House dining room between 8:30 am – 2:30 pm for Brunch and 6:15pm – 8:15pm Dinner

The dining hall operates a full meal service including 18 meals per week (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. The university operates an all you can eat dining room system based on one pass through the food area. Study abroad students are allocated a set amount of points on their card. These are for breakfast and dinner Monday through Friday. If you wish to eat at the other meal times of lunch or weekends you may pay cash on these days. See the Student Affairs Office for more information.

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 where the food is usually cheaper. For instance, on Gloucester Road you will find Sandwich World which sells very cheap sandwiches and snacks.

**2:30pm Walking Tour of Kensington** – Meet on the steps of Atlantic House 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. The tour will finish up at the mandatory Orientation meeting.

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

THIS IS A MUST! If you are on the Kensington walking tour you will be led to the meeting at Imperial College at the end of it. If you are not on the tour you need to meet a student representative outside your residence at 4:30pm and they will walk you over to the meeting.

This is the official welcome to Richmond University. 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 Director, Dr Dominic Alessio. You will also be introduced to other members of the Study Abroad team, including the Residence Life Co-ordinator Thomas Hague and the Dean of Students, Allison Cole-Stutz.

After dinner if you would like to go for a few **drinks at the Imperial College Bar** (just a two minute walk from the meeting room) the Residence Life staff will show you the way. Please meet outside your **residences at 8pm**. It is a great chance to meet some of your fellow classmates/roommates....

<b>WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER COURSE REGISTRATION</b>
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**8:00am - 10:00am Breakfast** is served in the dining room, Atlantic House.

**9:00am – 12:30pm Course Registration for Students Taking classes**

Faculty advisor Professor Dominic Alessio (Dom) will be available in room 101 ASA Briggs Hall on Ansdell Street (see map for directions).

**9:30am – 11:00am Internship Orientation.** All students here for internships must attend a mandatory meeting this morning at **17 Young Street Lecture Hall**. Meet on the steps of Atlantic House at 9.15 to be walked over by a member of the residence life team.

**1:00am - 5:00pm Further Advising**

Further Advising, Course Registration, and Add/Drop with Dr. Dom Alessio, (Asa Briggs 101). Additional faculty advisors available on the day.

**12:00 – 1:30pm Kensington Food Tasting**

During lunch you can visit the dining hall to taste some of the yummy food which you will be encountering during your stay here at Richmond. Food is a little different in the UK, with a lovely European slant which your taste buds maybe haven't encountered before. It will be a chance to taste the delights that Diego, our chef, will be serving up for the semester. All of this will be served up by the amazing cafeteria staff and Chris Hutton, Catering General Manager, who will all be able to answer any questions you may have.

**1:30pm – 4:30pm -** 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! Meet outside Atlantic House at 1:30pm.

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

**7:00 pm – 7:30 pm- Residence Hall Meetings**

These meetings will be held in both Atlantic House and Ambassador House common rooms. This is to run through the rules, regulations and safety in your residences; it is mandatory that you attend.

**8pm Student Union Welcome**

Get to know the students representing you at the University! Richmond's Student Union invites you to a reception to meet the executive board and hear about the students' plans for the up-coming semester. Venue TBA.

<b>THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER INTERNSHIP MEETINGS</b>
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**8:00am - 10:00am- Breakfast** is served in the dining room, Atlantic House.

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

**10:00am – 4:00pm Students on Internships 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, Asa Briggs Courtyard and Art studio. If you're not sure where to go a member of staff will meet you outside Atlantic House at 1:00pm.** 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 or join those going to a West End show or the Comedy Store near Piccadilly where over 3500 people per week pass through the doors for a laugh. Prices for both of the West End shows are subsidized by Richmond. Tickets for both shows are usually £60. Sign up Wednesday at 8.00pm online. See boards in Atlantic house for link to webpage.

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

**Wicked at the Apollo Victoria Theatre (£25)**

Meet on the steps of Atlantic House at **6.00 pm**

**Legally Blonde at the Savoy Theatre (£25)**

Meet on the steps of Atlantic House at **6.00 pm**

**The Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre (£25)**

Meet on the steps of Atlantic House at **6.00 pm**

**Comedy Store near Piccadilly underground station (£25)**

Meet **6.30 pm** on the steps of Atlantic House

<b>FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER FINISHING TOUCHES</b>
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**8:00am - 10:00am** Breakfast is served in the Dining Room, Atlantic House

### **9:00am – 5:00 pm- Library Orientations**

Library Orientation: 30-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. See orientation packs for your assigned time. **If you want library access you must attend.**

**10:00am – 12:00noon - Main Advising, Course Registration, and Add/Drop** with Professor Dom Alessio (Asa Briggs room 101) and Sonja Strack (Asa Briggs 103)

**10:00am to 4:00pm - Students on Internships 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.

**1:00pm – 5:00pm - Main Advising, Course Registration, and Add/Drop** with Dr Dom Alessio (Asa Briggs room 101).

**4:30pm – 7:00pm - Dinner** is served in the dining room, Atlantic House

**7:15pm – ‘Welcome to London’ Boat Party.** Meet outside your residence at 6.30pm, 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 sights along the way, you can also request your favorite tunes with the on board DJ.

The boat departs at **7.30pm 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.**

<b>SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER DAY TRIP OPTIONS</b>
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**11:30 am – 2:00 pm Brunch served in the dining room, Atlantic House.**

### **The All England Lawn and Tennis Club, Wimbledon – £10**

#### **Meet on the front steps of Atlantic House at 9:30am**

If tennis is your thing, take a trip to the most famous tennis grounds in the world, Wimbledon! Take a tour of the grounds, including Centre Court, and the amazing Wimbledon Museum.

### **London Eye - £10**

#### **Meet on the steps of Atlantic House at 3:00pm**

Observe London from the famous Eye, 147 meters high! A geography, engineering and cultural lesson all in one. After seven years of construction it weighs in at a staggering 2100 tonnes and can carry 800 people at once!

**5:00pm – 7:45pm- Dinner** is served in the Cafeteria.  
Please do check in with the study abroad staff in Atlantic House for other suggestions.

<b>SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER FINAL PLAY DAY</b>
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**11:30 am – 2:00 pm** Brunch is served in Atlantic House.

**Chelsea Football Club Stadium Tour- £5**  
**Meet on the steps of Atlantic House at 11:30am**

See the changing rooms, trophy room, pitch and manager Luiz Felipe Scolari's dugout on a behind the scenes tour. You never know you might just bump into John Terry or Frank Lampard along the way!

**The Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Rooms – £10**  
**Meet on the steps of Atlantic House at 11:00am**

Shortly after becoming Prime Minister in May 1940, Winston Churchill visited the Cabinet War Rooms to see for himself what preparations had been made to allow him and his War Cabinet to continue working throughout the expected air raids on London. The Cabinet War Rooms have created the first national museum dedicated to Winston Churchill. Not only can visitors explore his 'finest hour' during the Second World War, but also investigate the private man, his successes and failures.

**5.00pm – 7.00 pm** Dinner is served in the Dining Room, Atlantic House.

**6.00pm - Walkabout in London - Jack the Ripper Walking Tour – £2**  
**Meet on the steps of Atlantic House at 6.00pm**

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.

<b>MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER REALITY RETURNS</b>
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Yes, that's right; it's 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 Add/Drop for any further class/timetable changes runs all week until 10<sup>th</sup> September. See Dom in Asa Briggs.

Please note that this schedule is subject to changes as well as 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 your selves!

Cheers from your Study Abroad team!

Dom, Thomas, Allison and your residence life team.

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