

## AHA International England: Quick Facts

### **Academics**

- *Admissions Requirements*
  - 3.0 minimum GPA
  - Sophomore standing +
- *Program Academics*
  - Semester:
    - Typical course load 3-5 courses
    - All courses are 40 contact hours, which translates to 4 AC credits.
    - Internship program offered - past placements:
      - Public Relations and Marketing, Education, Publishing and Journalism, Arts Management and Museum Administration, Fashion and Design, Sciences and Healthcare
    - Classes take place at the AHA London Centre, but students also have the opportunity to enroll in one additional course at a British university as well.
    - Academic focus: Architecture, Art & Art History, British Studies, Economics, Geography, History, International Studies, Literature, Political Science, Sociology, Theatre, Urban Studies
    - Fulfills "S" course requirement
  - Summer:
    - Typical course load 2-3 courses
    - All courses are 40 contact hours, which translates to 4 AC credits.
    - Academic focus: communications – journalism, political media
    - Fulfills "S" course requirement
  - Alma College allows pass/fail for a course provided it meets guidelines published in the Academic Catalog. Refer to the Pass/Fail Option form (provided with Step 4) for complete instructions. Pass/fail must be requested within nine weeks after the class begins.
  - Incomplete grades must be replaced by letter grades within six weeks from being recorded on the Alma transcript, or they convert to "E". Contact the Registrar for assistance when you have received an Incomplete grade.

### **Housing**

- Semester:

Two choices : **home-stay** or **independent housing**.

  - HOME-STAY:
    - Host family will provide furnished accommodation with 7 breakfasts (self help) and 4 dinners per week
    - Normally, two students are housed together, in single or double bedrooms.
    - You will live in the London suburbs, experiencing the typical London commute of between 45-75 minutes each way.
  - INDEPENDENT HOUSING
    - Independently owned residence hall
    - If you choose independent housing, you will be responsible for completing all arrangements on your own and must have signed a lease by the deadline.
    - The amenities offered in residence halls vary, and tend to be more expensive than living in a home-stay.
- Summer:
  - International Hall at the University of London
  - The Hall is located in central London, just minutes from the AHA Centre, the British Museum, and the Russell Square Tube station.
  - Single study bedroom with shared bathrooms with other residents.
  - Most meals are included (breakfast and dinner during the week, with lunch also provided during weekends), and are taken in the Hall's cafeteria.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *What travel documents do I need to go to England?*
  - A passport is required for international travel, and must be valid at least 180 days beyond the last date of the program.
  - A visa is not required of American students to enter Britain if the stay is to be under six months. However, an immigration certificate will be issued upon arrival, and students must provide proof of full time study and produce documentation as proof of meeting the costs of their stay to receive this.
  - More information about visas and immigration certificates will be given upon acceptance.
2. *Can I use my cell phone in the United Kingdom?*
  - Using a U.S. cell phone abroad to make local and/or international calls can be very costly. Check with your service provider for details.
  - One option is to purchase a mobile phone once you arrive at the program.
  - You could also purchase phone cards once you arrive in Britain. It is not recommended to purchase international calling cards while in the United States because they often will not function once you are abroad.
  - PicCell Wireless and other such companies allow students to rent a phone with a global SIM card and charger appropriate for the UK.
  - The cheapest option is to set up Skype or QQ, a free internet-based calling service. Look online for details.
3. *Will I have internet access at the school? Should I bring my laptop?*
  - The AHA London Centre has wireless internet and a limited number of computers available
  - AHA recommends that you bring your laptop, though its safe-keeping and insurance will remain your personal responsibility.
  - Many cafes offer free wireless, and internet cafes are cheaper than in the U.S. (typical charge: £1 an hour)
4. *Who can I contact if I have questions about the application process, or general questions about the AHA England program?*
  - Your first point of contact should be the official AHA website ([www.ahastudyabroad.org](http://www.ahastudyabroad.org)).
  - If your questions aren't answered by thoroughly checking the website, call AHA at 800-654-2051, or e-mail [ahamail@uoregon.edu](mailto:ahamail@uoregon.edu)
  - Off-Campus Studies staff are always available to help answer your questions.