

Global Education Oregon (GEO) England, London: Quick Facts

Academics

- *Admissions Requirements*
 - 2.5 minimum GPA
 - Sophomore standing +
- *Program Academics*

Multiple programs to choose from at the, each with its own academic focus.

 - Semester:
 - Typical course load 3-4 courses.
 - All courses are 45 contact hours at last printing. In the past, courses with 45 contact hours have typically translated 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 GEO London Centre.
 - Fulfills "S" course requirement
 - Summer:
 - Typical course load 1-3 courses.
 - All courses are 40 contact hours, which translates to 4 AC credits.
 - Academic focus: communications – journalism, political media
 - Fulfills "S" course requirement
- Students complete Off-Campus Study Course Approval Forms with Alma College Dept. Chairs prior to program start in order to confirm exact number of credits awarded by Alma College.
- Alma College allows pass/fail for a course provided it meets guidelines published in the Academic Catalog. Refer to the Pass/Fail Option form (on Alma's website under International & Off-Campus Study Programs>Academic Policies) 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:
 - Furnished host family 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.
- Summer:
 - International Hall at the University of London with approximately 850 residents
 - The Hall is located in central London, just minutes from the GEO Centre, the British Museum, and the Russell Square Tube station.
 - Single study bedroom with bathrooms shared with other residents.
 - Breakfast is included and 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 GEO London Centre has wireless internet and a limited number of computers available
 - GEO recommends that you bring your laptop, though 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-£2 an hour)
4. *Who can I contact if I have questions about the application process, or general questions about the GEO Oviedo program?*
 - Your first point of contact should be the GEO website: www.geo.uoregon.edu
 - If your questions aren't answered at the GEO program page, click on "talk to an advisor" on the program page for the email and phone contact information of the person who can best answer your questions. Alternately, click on "CONTACT" in the upper right corner of all GEO program pages and send a generic email with your questions.
 - Off-Campus Studies staff are always here to help answer your questions.