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I. INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAM

LONDON LAW PROGRAM & LL.M PROGRAM

The London Law Program has been in continuous operation since 1968. Each year about twenty-five J.D. students from the home campus spend their second year of law school studying in London. There may also be as many as ten students studying for their LL.M. degrees by taking many of the same classes as the J.D. students. These LL.M. students have earned their first law degree in countries as diverse as Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, U.K., and the United States.

All courses and instruction are taught in conformity to the standards of the Association of American Law Schools and the American Bar Association. **Approximately 50 credit-hours of courses are available, of which J.D. students are required to take a minimum of 28 and LL.M. students are required to take a minimum of 24.**

Several of the upper-level courses required for the J.D. are offered as well as international and comparative law electives. Students may also participate in Directed Readings for academic credit.

In addition, students may receive credit for the following co-curricular activities: 1) *Journal of College and University Law*; 2) *Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy*; 3) *Journal of Legislation*; 4) Legal Internship; 5) Moot Court - International; and 6) *Notre Dame Law Review*

Some students elect to do *both* Summer Law Program and the year-long program (ND students only; ABA regulations allow only up to 30 credits to be transferred back to the home campus); however, courses taken during the summer cannot be repeated during the remainder of the academic year.

II. THE PROGRAM AND THE PREMISES

The address of the London Law Centre is:

**University of Notre Dame
London Law Centre
1 Suffolk Street
London SW1Y 4HG**

Tube:

- **Charing Cross (Northern and Bakerloo lines)**
- **Piccadilly Circus (Piccadilly and Bakerloo lines)**
- **Embankment (Northern, Bakerloo, Circle and District lines)**
- **Leicester Square (Piccadilly and Northern lines)**

Telephone:

020 7484 7800 (Reception)

020 7484 7821 (Law Administration)

If dialed from the United States: 011-44-20-7484-7821¹

The normal opening hours are:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Weekends: 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Outside term the building operates more restricted hours and closes for some of the Christmas and Easter periods.

THE BUILDING

The official name for the Suffolk Street building is Marian Kennedy Fischer Hall. Located near Trafalgar Square, the building has some 27,000 square feet of usable space. The building was constructed in 1906, for the United Universities Oxford and Cambridge Club. Many of the original features of an elite gentlemen's club remain, including an impressive staircase, mahogany doors to the main rooms, intricate ceiling

¹ For international dialing, the first digits (here "011") are required to signal that the call is an international one. The "011" is the international dialing code for calls placed from the United States; the code is different in other countries. The second digits (here "44") are the country code. The "44" is the country code for England, from all countries in the world. The third digits (here "20") are the city code -- sometimes the city code is combined with the country code, so be sure you ask before dialing. For calls to London from overseas, the city code is -- "20"; if the calls were made from within England, you would have to dial "020" -- the initial "0" is not used on calls from overseas. The convention is to place a plus sign (+) in front of the number to indicate that the caller is first to dial the access code in their own country, followed by the numbers shown. For example, here the listing would be +44 20 7484 7821.

moldings, and ornate fireplaces. The building also houses the University's undergraduate programs, with 130 students each semester.

The Law Office does not accept personal calls for students, other than in emergencies, and does not take messages.

FACILITIES

❖ **Mail**

You may have your mail addressed to the Law Centre. You should realize that because this is a commercial address, the mail may not be as secure as if delivered to a personal address. Be sure that your address includes "London Law Centre," to help direct the mail sorters.

❖ **Building Access**

Students from the home campus need their ND student ID card to enter the building. Anyone who does not have a card will be issued a swipe card to gain entrance into the building (£10.00 deposit required).

❖ **Libraries**

The law library has a small, but significant collection of books. In addition to a collection of the most recent federal materials, there are limited collections of periodicals and treatises. There is also unrestricted access to LEXIS and WESTLAW for student use.

For anything other than the most rudimentary research, law students may use the **Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS)**, the outstanding London legal research library. The IALS is located about ten minutes away by Tube from the Law Centre (nearest tube stop is Russell Square). It is also within walking distance.

❖ **Computers**

There is a computer lab for law students. There are eight Windows-based machines, with printer. These machines provide access to email services as well as the web. If you use your own IBM or Macintosh laptop computer, you can use it in London as you would on the home campus, but **be very cautious about the difference in electrical current** – check with your computer manufacturer for information on the correct power source. Computers have fried in the past so be careful! Both the library and classrooms have points for computer access and most of the building is equipped with wireless technology.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS & FACULTY

Course and faculty descriptions are available on the London Programme website available at <http://law.nd.edu/academic-programs/jd-study-in-london/program-courses/>

Feel free to contact past London students for recommendations on courses or questions about the program in general.

TEXTBOOKS

There are a variety of options for purchasing textbooks with locations close to the Law Centre:

- **Blackwell's Bookstore**
<http://bookshop.blackwell.co.uk>
10% Student Discount with Student ID.

- **Foyle's Bookstore**
www.foyles.co.uk
10% Student Discount with Student ID.

- **Wildy & Sons**
www.wildy.com
A specialist legal bookshop

- **Amazon**
www.amazon.co.uk

Additionally, many used books are available in the Law Programme Administration Office.

EMERGENCY AND COUNSELING SERVICES

Emergency, Fire, Police, Ambulance	999
Alcoholics Anonymous	0207-833-0022
Citizen's Advice Bureau (legal advice)	0845-050-5152
Rape Crisis Helpline	0158-273-3426

III. PREPARING FOR LONDON

✓ CHECKLIST

- ☑ IMMIGRATION
 - Make sure you have your Passport and Visa applications prepared well before you leave according to the required deadlines
- ☑ TRANSPORTATION
 - Book Flights to London
 - Determine if you Qualify for any student discount cards
- ☑ TEMPORARY HOUSING
 - Book a hostel for temporary stay while searching for permanent housing.
 - You will probably want to book for at least a week; you can always cancel ahead of time if you find permanent housing sooner
 - A list of recommendations is provided; you will want to stay in zones 1 or 2 fairly close to the areas in which you plan to search.
- ☑ FINANCIAL MATTERS
 - Take care of financial matters early and bring all financial info with you to London
 - Contact financial Aid Office to have loan amount increased to account for increased costs of living, travel to London, etc.
 - Contact Financial Aid Office to have your loans directly deposited into a U.S. account that you can then access from a London ATM
 - If you plan to open a British Bank account, first open an account in the U.S. Recommended banks are Citibank and HSBC.
 - Have **A LOT of cash on-hand** when you arrive in London! You will have many up-front expenses, particularly for securing permanent housing, for which you will need a significant amount of CASH.
- ☑ HEALTH INSURANCE
 - Maintain your own private insurance from the states, but be sure to educate yourself on the terms of your coverage for injury abroad.
 - Register for the NHS on arrival in the U.K.
- ☑ PACKING
 - See list of recommended items.
 - Note that airlines are particularly restrictive of the amount of baggage allowed per passenger.
- ☑ 2L SUMMER JOB SEARCH
 - Plan ahead!
 - Contact firms well in advance of leaving for London.
 - Contact the Career Services office for questions and suggestions.

IMMIGRATION

This section is currently being updated to reflect current changes in the rules and regulations pertaining to passports, visas and other immigration matters.

You should check the appropriate website for current information.

❖ **Useful Websites**

- British Home Office
www.homeoffice.gov.uk/
- U.S. Department of State Travel Warnings
<http://travel.state.gov>
- Information for Americans Living Abroad
http://travel.state.gov/travel/living/living_1243.html

❖ **Useful Addresses**

Immigration & Nationality Dept.
Home Office
Lunar House, Wellesley Road
Croydon, Surrey

American Embassy
24 Grosvenor Square
London W1A
020-7499-9000

TRANSPORTATION TO LONDON

❖ **Flights to London**

Most of the major airports in the U.S. have direct flights to London several times per day. The challenge is in getting the best airfare. The best advice is to start early and be diligent. Different airlines will offer different rates on the same route. Call around, be flexible and do not be afraid to ask for prices on a different day or time. For example, often Mon-Thurs fares are cheaper than the Fri-Sun flights. Checking national newspapers for fare deals and shopping around travel agents both help to locate the best fare. Also check with your local travel agent concerning APEX fares, reduced-tariff tickets which must be purchased well in advance. These have varying lengths of duration and are generally non-transferable.

A useful website for securing discounted student rates on flights is:

www.studentuniverse.com (operated by Orbitz). STA Travel also offers student tickets at **www.statravel.com**. Beware that the branch offices typically offer different fares than the website, so it might be a good idea to check both sources.

❖ **CIEE Travel, ISIC Cards and STA**

Full-time students, and anyone under twenty-five, are also able to purchase reduced fare tickets through CIEE Travel.

The Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE) offers low-cost fares to holders of the **International Student Identification Card (ISIC)**. Not only is an ISIC helpful in finding cheaper airfares, but is also necessary when purchasing discounted student bus and train tickets and to qualify for student prices at museums, theaters, and other events in England and throughout Europe.

The ISIC can be obtained at the Notre Dame home campus (at Anthony Travel, in LaFortune Student Center), at any CIEE Travel Office, at any STA Travel office, or in London. The card costs approximately \$25.00; you will need a passport-sized photograph. The easiest way to obtain an ISIC is to get it at ND before leaving school.

To apply for an ISIC card by mail you should write or visit one of the following branches:

CIEE Travel 205 East 42nd Street New York, NY 10017 (212) 661-1450	CIEE Travel Newbury Street Boston, MA 02116 (617) 266-1926
CIEE Travel 312 Sutter Street, Ste 407 San Francisco, CA 94108 (415) 421-3473	CIEE Travel 1093 Broxton Ave., Ste 220 Los Angeles, CA 90024 (310) 208-3551
CIEE Travel 1153 N. Dearborn St., 2d Fl. Chicago, IL 60610 (312) 951-0585	
<p>STA in USA: Tel: 800 836 4115 Fax: 602 607 5154 Offices in: Boston, MA; Chicago, IL; Coral Gables, FL; Los Angeles, CA; Minneapolis, MN; New York, NY; Orlando, FL; San Francisco, CA; Seattle, WA; Washington, DC.</p>	
<p>STA in London: Tel: +44 870 160 0599 help@statravelgroup.co.uk</p>	

NOTE: This is not a full list of student travel offices. Check your local telephone directory for travel agents. Look for the CIEE, Council, or STA.

If you are going to apply by mail, you should call the closest branch of CIEE in advance and check on the price and the address. When applying by mail, allow at least 4-6 weeks for delivery. Also, when purchasing your ID, specify that you want it to be valid through *next* year.

If you are unable to obtain an ISIC before arriving in London, you can still purchase one for £9.00 (cheaper because the insurance cover is different) at Campus Travel, 52 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1 (Tube: Victoria) or at any Council Travel, Poland Street (Tube: Oxford Circus) or STA Travel.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

❖ **Financial Aid**

▪ **General**

One of the greatest concerns for students studying in London is money. As soon as you decide to go to London, contact the Financial Aid Office about your plans. They can **then increase the amount of loans** you are entitled to receive to reflect the higher cost of living in London. Also, if you have undergraduate loans that you wish to have deferred, be sure to contact your lender and request a deferment form before you leave.

▪ **Forms & Paperwork**

To minimize delay you should complete all forms for your loans as soon as possible, definitely before you leave for London. Loans will **not be disbursed until the first class day of the London program** at the earliest, so students will need to have an alternate method of funding to pay for temporary housing and apartment deposits/rent until the loans come in. Typically, students sign up to have their loans direct deposited into a Notre Dame Credit Union or other bank account so it will be available immediately after Notre Dame releases it. If you participated in Federal Work Study during your 1L summer, the Financial Aid Office already has your bank details and you just need to notify them that you want to have your loans directly deposited.

Remember to bring copies of your forms and correspondence concerning your loans to enable you to respond to difficulties or to request an increase in your loan amounts. In addition, landlords may want to see these documents to verify your ability to pay rent.

▪ **Receiving Loan Money in London**

The easiest and fastest method of cashing your loan checks is to call your US bank to increase your ATM withdrawal limit and then withdraw the money from a UK bank ATM. Most UK ATMs will not charge fees and American banks typically charge approximately 1% finance fee to

withdraw from a UK ATM. ATMs will typically offer the best exchange rate. However, many US banks have agreements with one or two UK banks that will reduce or eliminate withdrawal fees immediately, so you might want to check with your bank before you leave.

Another option is to do a wire transfer from US bank to your UK bank. This typically takes from 48-72 hours to complete, but the US bank will usually charge a fee to transfer money on top of giving you a worse exchange rate than you'd get at the ATM.

Finally, you can attempt to deposit a US check in the UK bank, but it may take up to 6 weeks for the check to clear, if the bank will accept the check at all. You should not rely on this method as a way to transfer money.

Note: Western Union is NOT a preferred option for obtaining large amounts of cash. The post-9/11 terrorism finance laws in the U.S. have made it incredibly difficult to have large amounts of money transferred outside of the U.S. Therefore, it is not advised that you try to have funds sent via Western Union due to the significant hassle. If you must receive funds immediately, note that you will only be able to have a limited amount sent to you in a given transaction.

For questions, contact the financial aid office:

Financial Aid Office

Phone: 574-631-6436

e-mail: finaid.1@nd.edu

www.nd.edu/~finaid

Student Accounts

Phone: 574-631-7113

e-mail: stdacct.1@nd.edu

www.nd.edu/~stdacct

❖ **Money**

▪ ***Exchanging Money***

Heathrow and Gatwick both have exchange facilities (“**Bureaux de Change**”), so if you arrive with foreign currency you may change money at the airport. Banks and bureaux de change in the city may offer better rates, so only exchange a small amount of money at the airport.

When converting money, be aware that what appears to be a favorable rate of exchange may be accompanied by a high service charge for each transaction. The best rates are found at American Express (with no commission charged on traveler’s checks; there is a commission charged on exchanges of cash), which is located at Heathrow, in Haymarket near to Suffolk Street, and several other locations.

Perhaps the best option is to draw money from home accounts at ATM machines in London. (see above section for further details)

Also an option for students who wish to have Sterling when they enter Britain is to purchase American Express Traveler's Checks in Sterling in the States. They can be purchased from some American Automobile Association (AAA) offices (call your nearest branch for information) and are commission-free for AAA card holders. They may also be purchased at American Express offices selling traveler's checks.

For up to the minute exchange rates, visit www.xe.com.

❖ **Bank Accounts**

- ***U.S. Bank Accounts***

Students should keep a checking account open in the States or their home country. This allows you to keep your money in your own currency. You can then pay off your home credit cards with your home account and extract money in London by using your ATM card. You may also send your private loan checks and other checks back home to deposit in the account until the money is needed.

Some students have not opened a British account in London and have done all their banking from home. However, if you do want to open a British account, you will want to do so **before leaving the U.S.** as opening a bank account in Britain can be quite challenging otherwise. If you live near a Citibank or HSBC office in the States, you may want to inquire about an account, which enables you to have an account in the U.S. but also to use branch offices in Britain. However, you cannot deposit checks in their offices. The Citibank branches closest to the London Law Centre are at 81 Aldwych, London WC2; and 335 The Strand, London WC2. For all London branches, the Citibank phone number is 0207-500-5000. HSBC branches are found throughout London.

- ***British Bank Accounts***

When opening your account, bring copies of your financial information, a recent bank statement from home is useful, and a letter from the London Director. Be aware that opening a British bank account may be very difficult since as of fall 2007, no British bank has Notre Dame listed as an educational institution. Even if Notre Dame is on a list, most foreign students find it very difficult to open a UK bank account.

Students have had the most success opening accounts at Citibank, which has four branches in London (see Citibank info above for addresses). It should not be necessary to open a U.S. account before coming to London. Recently, students have had only limited success opening up an HSBC account in the U.S. and trying to open a U.K. account afterwards.

Whether you succeed will really depend on the branch and bank representative. Students have also had some success at Barclay's and Lloyds. Beware that some banks may try to offer you a limited account that will allow only ATM withdrawals or other minimal functions. It is useful to have a U.K. debit card as the U.K. uses a chip+pin payment system and many companies cannot accept cards that do not carry the chip. In addition, many online retailers and airlines will charge a larger fee to use a foreign credit card than a U.K.-based Visa debit card.

BANK ACCOUNTS TIPS

➤ **U.S. Bank Accounts:**

- **Notify your Bank** - Even if you retain your U.S. billing address (e.g., if you use electronic billing and don't need paper copies of your bank or credit card statements), it is advisable to call your banks and credit card companies anyway to let them know the dates that you'll be in London. Charges made in foreign countries raise red flags in the fraud departments of some banks and credit card companies, and some will freeze your accounts unless they have advance warning.
- **Adjust Cash Limits** - Most banks have a limit on how much cash you can take out of the ATM each day. Before leaving for London, check with your bank to see what this limit is and raise it as high as possible. This will save a lot of trouble when supplying cash for first/last month rent as well as each month when rent comes due!
- **Avoid ATM Fees** - Most banks will charge additional fees when using international ATMs. Therefore, you will want to find out what these fees are and if your U.S. bank has any partner banks in the U.K. where you can receive reduced (or no) ATM fees.

➤ **British Bank Accounts**

- **Open Account in U.S. before leaving for the U.K.** - Opening a bank account in the U.K. is extremely difficult. If you would like to have one (for avoiding ATM fees, etc.), it is advised that you first open an account with a bank that has a London branch such as Citibank or HSBC. It will then be significantly less of a challenge to transfer this account to the U.K.

❖ **Credit Cards**

Many cash machines will give cash advances on Visa and Mastercard as well; you should call your credit card company and find out your PIN number before you come to London. Additionally, many places in Europe accept Visa and Mastercard but not American Express. Often, using a credit card gives a better exchange rate than can be obtained through local banks or ATMs. There is normally a transaction charge for withdrawals (\$2-5). If you open a HSBC

account, you can apply for a British Visa or Mastercard. If you retain your American cards don't forget to (i) change your billing address to the U.K. and (ii) keep a U.S. checking account open to pay your bills.

❖ **American Express**

If you have an American Express card, your personal check drawn on your hometown bank (in dollars) will be honored, and then converted into traveler's checks or cash, at the American Express office. There is no charge for this service. There are limits to the amounts, depending on the type of card you carry (\$1,000 every 21 days on a regular card; \$2,500 on the Gold Card). You should also enroll in the Express Cash service that allows you to withdraw cash from an American Express cash machine and debit your bank account at home. The American Express office closest to the Law School is on Haymarket, a few yards from Suffolk Street. An American Express card is highly recommended.

❖ **Helpful Translations**

English	American
current account	checking account
deposit account	savings account
“Switch/Solo/Maestro”	debit card
24-2-01 (24 Feb. 2001)	2-24-01 (Feb. 24, 2001)
postal order	money order
quid/sterling/pound	Pound

HEALTH INSURANCE

All students, J.D. as well as LL.M., are required to show proof of health insurance coverage. This requirement exists in addition to coverage provided by the National Health Service (NHS) – and it is a wise precaution if for no other reason than that it will allow you to be returned to your home country should you have a serious medical problem. For information on how to register with an NHS physician, see “NHS PHYSICIAN REGISTRATION”

PACKING

❖ **What to Bring**

- eye glasses (an extra pair may be a good idea)
- optical prescriptions for glasses or contacts
- dress suit, suitable for dining at Inns of Court (or other places) and for interviews

- contact lenses and their cleaners
- any special beauty or skin care products you may use
- medical prescriptions (keep with your medications to avoid problems in customs)
- any games, holiday decorations, or sports equipment you cannot live without
- a good, comfortable pair of shoes
- electrical adaptor (see below)

❖ **What NOT to Bring**

- plant items
- your pet
- cordless phones (will not work)
- electrical alarm clocks (will not convert, even with an adapter)
- VCR's and TV's (British ones run on a different system)
- sheets and bedding (if you end up in an unfurnished apartment you may want to have them sent)

❖ **Expensive Items**

If you bring expensive items you should leave a copy of their purchase invoices, serial numbers, and insurance policies (if any) with someone back home as well as bringing the originals with you. It is important to insure expensive items, such as your laptop, before leaving for the U.K. London is a large city and unfortunately thefts occur. If you are unable to insure your items before arriving, you may want to take out renters insurance (called “contents insurance” in the U.K.) through a reputable insurance company.

📁 **Personal Data**

When traveling to London initially there are a number of items that you should have readily accessible

- Passport
- Tickets and flight information
- Letter verifying your status as a full-time, Notre Dame student.
- Immigration records
- Letter(s) from your lender or bank showing that you have the financial capability to pay for your bills while in London (you must show this to the customs officer upon entry in addition to your Notre Dame letter)
- List of important numbers for you (and your spouse), including: Social Security numbers, passport numbers and renewal dates, employee ID numbers (if you have a job lined up), insurance policy numbers, health insurance numbers, bank account and bank card numbers and addresses, serial numbers and purchase receipts for any large items you may bring, credit card numbers and addresses, traveler’s check numbers, phone number of someone back home to call in case of an emergency, and the Law Centre's phone number and address.

❖ **Electricity**

The electrical current in the U.K. is different from the U.S. The U.S. current is 110 volts and 60 Hz while the U.K. current is 220/240 volts and 50 Hz. You might want to consider not bringing items that require transformers and buying them here instead (blow dryers and curling irons). A transformer here will cost anywhere from £15 to £75 with most being around £30-£35 (that's over \$50). You'll also need an adapter as well, because U.K. plugs and sockets are of a different size. Furthermore, not all products function well (or at all) with transformers and you'll need different ones for different appliances depending on their size and strength. When adapters blow they often fry the appliances with them and can even cause a fire. A better idea may be to bring a full set of rechargeable batteries in different sizes and buy a battery charger in the U.K. This will only set you back around £10 and you completely avoid the risk of ruining your equipment with a faulty adapter. If you need to buy minor domestic appliances there is a store called Argos (rather like Service Merchandise) within walking distance of the school near Tottenham Court Road tube station.

2L SUMMER JOB SEARCH

The difficulties of being in London while looking for a job in the United States are obvious. Indeed, even the London branches of American firms will generally not interview students for parent firms. In addition, many employers interview in the fall and have December deadlines for making offers. You may not be able to return to the U.S. before then without missing classes. You should therefore interview for summer jobs (that is, the summer *after* your year in London) before you come to London.

You should write to firms during the summer *before* you go to London and try to arrange interviews before you leave for London. Be sure to explain why you need to interview early. It can be an advantage to interview early because the firms will see you before the fall rush of resumes. You should also consider interviewing at the home campus during the first weeks of the interviewing season – the London term begins in late September, allowing you to interview before you leave for London. With the Career Services Office having web-based scheduling for fall interviews, you will be able to check the schedule from any place that has access to the web.

The same advice – plan ahead – also applies to applications for judicial clerkships.

The student Career Services Coordinator for the Law Centre will work with the office on the home campus to be certain that you receive information about summer jobs as well as judicial clerkships while you are in London. In addition, opportunities for summer employment in London may become available during your stay.

The Law Programme in London has its own video conferencing equipment which, with adequate notice, is available to students if a firm is willing to interview them in this way.

IV. ARRIVAL IN LONDON

TRAVEL FROM THE AIRPORT

❖ From Heathrow

- **Heathrow Express**

www.heathrowexpress.com

Heathrow Express trains **leave every 15 minutes** (between 05:30 and 23:48), traveling directly from **Heathrow to Paddington Station in 15 minutes**. A one-way trip costs £16.50 (online), £18.00 (ticket machine/office) and £23.00 (on the train).

- **Heathrow Connect**

www.heathrowconnect.com

Heathrow Connect trains leave every **30 minutes** give you direct access to the following local stations: Hayes, Southall, Hanwell, West Ealing, Earling Broadway, and Paddington with **25 minute travel time to Paddington**. A one-way trips costs £8.50 to Paddington. All National Railcards are accepted on the Heathrow Connect and discounts are available with Young Persons Railcards and Family & Friends Railcards.

- **London Underground (Tube)**

www.tfl.gov.uk/tube/

Follow the signs to the Underground (Tube). The Piccadilly Line will take you about one hour to get into central London. The Oyster Card fare is £4.50 for a one-way ticket, so you will probably want to purchase an **Oyster Card** or weekly pass at this time (see “PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION” below) for use until you receive your student discount card. Travel on the underground may not be a good option if you have a lot of luggage.

- **National Express Coach (Bus)**

www.nationalexpress.com

The bus may be a better alternative if you have a lot of luggage. The National Express Coach service runs frequently to central London from the central bus station at Heathrow, making a stop at Hammersmith in West London. Fares start from £5 single and will take 40 – 60 minutes to reach Victoria Coach Station, next to Victoria railway station. This is also a major station for tube lines.

- **London Transport N9 Night Bus**

Between midnight and 5.30am, the **N9 night bus** runs every 30 minutes to Central London (Trafalgar Square). Journey time is approximately 1 hour. For more information visit the Transport for London website. Standard bus fares apply (£1.30 Oyster/£2.20 cash) and Travelcards are accepted.

- **SkyShuttle Airport Transfers**

Web www.skyshuttle.co.uk

Email reservations@skyshuttle.co.uk

Luxury shared shuttle transfer to London Hotels for approximately £25.00. Contact SkyShuttle for details.

- **Airport Transfers**

You can book airport transfers online. In most cases you will be met by the driver at the arrivals terminal. The cost averages around £40-45.00. Use a search engine to find companies or try:

www.onlineairportcars.co.uk

www.airportscars.co.uk

www.britishairportcars.co.uk

www.unitedairportscars.co.uk

www.heathrowminicabs.com

- **Taxi**

The most expensive but perhaps most convenient way of getting into central London is by taxi. The ride will cost you £45-£70 and takes approximately 45 to 60 minutes. Another option is to hire a taxi in advance, through your travel agent. The driver will meet you at the gate and help you with your luggage. The price is comparable to those charged by London cabs and has the advantage of being paid for in advance.

- ❖ **From Gatwick**

- **Gatwick Express**

www.gatwickexpress.com

This rail service between Gatwick to Victoria Station is the most direct way of traveling into central London from Gatwick airport. Trains **leave every 15 minutes** with a **travel time of 30 minutes**. Tickets cost £17.90 and can be purchased at the station or on the train using cash or a credit card. Discounts available with Railcards.

- **First Capital Connect**

www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk

Another rail option is to take the First Capital Connect service to/from Gatwick. This service runs to London Main Rail stations and may stop at a few Tube stops along the way. This may be convenient if close to your hotel/hostel. Fares start at £12.70.

- **Southern**
www.southernrailway.com
Southern trains run to London Bridge and Victoria and generally stop at other stations along the way, which may be more convenient than an express service. Fares start at £12.70.
- **National Express Coach**
www.nationalexpress.com
National Express runs frequent bus services between Gatwick and Victoria Coach Station. Coaches run hourly. Journey time varies according to route but may take over 1 hour. Fares start at £5.50.
- **easyBus**
www.easybus.co.uk
easyBus offers a high frequency, low-cost express bus service between Gatwick Airport and Earls Court/West Brompton London which takes 65 minutes. Services will run every 15 to 50 minutes, depending on the time of the day, using a fleet of orange mini coaches. Departures from London are between 3am and 11:25pm, and from Gatwick at 4.25am through to 1am. Fares start at £2 one-way and vary according to demand. You should book early to get the best fares.
- **Taxi**
There are usually taxis queuing for customers at London's airports. Find out how much your journey will cost beforehand. Only use a black cab or reputable mini-cab and never use unauthorised drivers. A metered trip in a black cab to/from Central London will cost around £65 - £95. The official Gatwick taxi concession is Checker Cars.

❖ **From Stansted**

- **Stansted Express**
www.stanstedexpress.com
Stansted Express is the quickest way into Central London (Tottenham Hale and Liverpool Station). Trains leave Stansted Airport from 5:30/6am to 12:30/1:30am. Trains run **every 15 minutes** (every 30 minutes for the earliest and latest trains). Standard fares are £20.00 single and £27.70 for return. **Journey time is 45 minutes** and trains stop at Tottenham Hale station before terminating at Liverpool Street station.
- **easyBus**
www.easybus.co.uk
easyBus offers a high frequency, low-cost express bus service between Stansted Airport and Baker Street, central London. Fares start at £2 one-way and vary according to demand. You should book early to get the best fares.
- **National Express Coach**
www.nationalexpress.com

National Express operates a 24 hours service Victoria Coach Station, stopping at Golder's Green, Finchley Road Underground station, St John's Wood, Marylebone, Baker Street, Marble Arch and Hyde Park Corner.

Journey time is approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. This service runs at intervals of up to an hour. Standard tickets cost £10 single.

- **Taxi**

The cost of taxis is metered and displayed inside the cab. Extra charges, such as evening and weekend journeys are also shown here. A journey into central London will cost £70 to £80 and take approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes. You will have to book your taxi at the appropriate desk inside the arrivals hall.

- ❖ **From Luton**

- **First Capital Connect**

www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk

A regular shuttle bus links the airport to Luton Airport Parkway train station in around eight minutes. From there, First Capital Connect operates regular services to stations including King's Cross, Farringdon, London Bridge, Blackfriars and Charing Cross in Central London. Trains run throughout the day and night and the journey time is approximately 1 hour. Fares start at £14.50.

- **easyBus**

www.easybus.co.uk

easyBus offers a high frequency, low-cost express bus service between Stansted Airport and Baker Street or Marble Arch, central London. Fares start at £2 one-way and vary according to demand. You should book early to get the best fares.

- **Greenline 757**

www.greenline.co.uk/

The Green Line 757 coach service goes to Victoria Coach Station with stops at Brent Cross, Finchley Road Station, Baker Street and Marble Arch. **Services run 24 hours a day, every 15 – 20 minutes** during the day and every half hour in the evening. **The journey takes 1 hour 40 minutes.** A standard one-way ticket costs £15/16.

- **Taxi**

There are usually taxis queuing for customers at Luton Airport. Enquire with the driver or mini-cab company beforehand how much your journey will cost. A metered trip to/from Central London will cost £80 to £100. Only use a reputable mini-cab and never use unauthorised drivers.

- ❖ **From London City**

- **Tube/Docklands Light Railway (DLR)**

London City Airport is well-connected to the Tube network. Take the Jubilee Line to Canning Town or Canary Warf, or take the Central Line to Bank, and change to the Docklands Light Railway (DLR). Services run every seven to ten minutes. Fares on the DLR are the same as those on the Tube and Travelcards are accepted.

- **Bus**
Local bus routes serving the airport are the 473 (Stratford, Silvertown, North Woolwich, and Prince Regent Station) and the 474 (Canning Town, North Woolwich and East Beckton via Silvertown). Standard bus fares apply (£1.30 Oyster/£2.20 cash) and Travelcards are accepted.
- **Taxi**
There are usually taxis queuing for customers at London City Airport. The cost of the cab is metered and displayed inside the cab. A metered trip to/from Central London will cost about £30. Only use a reputable mini-cab and never use unauthorised drivers. Ask the driver or mini-cab company how much your journey will cost beforehand.

❖ **Useful Websites**

- www.visitlondon.com/travel/airport/
- www.nationalrail.co.uk

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

www.tfl.gov.uk

England is well known for its highly efficient public transportation system. The following prices are for travel fares in 2011:

18+ student

- Get 30 per cent off 7 Day, Monthly and longer period Travelcards with an **18+ Student Oyster photocard**

Tube and DLR (adult, discount and 18+ student fares)

Zones (#)	Cash single fares(*)	Oyster single fares Peak (off-peak **)	1 day Travelcard / Oyster daily price cap Peak (off-peak ***) [railcard ###]
1	£4.00	£1.90 (£1.90)	£8.00 (£6.60) [£5.30]
1-2	£4.00	£2.50 (£1.90)	£8.00 (£6.60) [£5.30]
1-3	£4.00	£2.90 (£2.50)	£10.00 (£7.30) [£5.30]

Zones (#)	1 week Travelcard Adult (Student ##)	1 month Travelcard Adult (Student)
1	£27.60 (£19.30)	£106.00 (£74.20)
1-2	£27.60 (£19.30)	£106.00 (£74.20)
1-3	£32.20 (£22.50)	£123.70 (£86.60)

Buses

18+ student

Cash Single	Oyster pay as you go		Bus and Tram Passes		
	Pay as you go	Daily Price Cap	7 Day	Monthly	Annual
£2.20	£1.30	£4.00	£12.40	£47.70	£496

Please check the link above for more details on fares and further information on public transport in London. Prices rise in January each year.

❖ Cash

Public transportation can be quite expensive in London, particularly when buying one-way tickets. Therefore, it is advised that you purchase at least a weekly Oyster Card (see below) which you can use while searching for housing and until you have submitted your application and received your Oyster Student Discount Card (see below).

❖ Oyster Cards

The easiest way to move around London by train or bus is to use the “Oyster” card. You can pick up a leaflet at any underground station to see how it works and obtain a card. It is particularly flexible in that you can buy a “pay as you go” card which means that you only pay for journeys you actually take (single fare rates will be capped once you reach a certain daily price) or you can buy multiple day passes. It is also much cheaper than paying cash for individual journeys. Oyster Cards can be used on the tube, buses, and DLR.

One additional benefit of Oyster is the ability to manage your account online. From your Oyster online account you can:

- Buy new tickets
- Renew your Oyster card or top up your cash balance at your nominated Tube station ticket gates
- Report your Oyster card lost
- View your current products including any cash balance that you use to pay for journeys as you go
- View your order history
- Update your personal details

❖ **Oyster Student Discount Cards**

Oyster Student Discount Card, valid for a year, ie students **30% discount for weekly and monthly passes for travel within the London area (see above)**. You can apply online at www.tfl.gov.uk/photocard You will need a digital, passport photo to upload as part of the application process. You can either have a passport photo taken, or take one with your own digital camera as long as the photo meets the following requirements:

- Neutral expression
- White background
- Head covers 75% of photo
- At least 300dpi
- No more than 1MB
- Physical size of the photo: The average of the width and height must be 1.44"

In addition to a digital passport photo, there is a charge of £5.00. Applications normally take 2 weeks to process (though this may be significantly less), so be sure you have applied in good time.

❖ **Discounted Railcards**

- ***Young Person's Railcard***
www.16-25railcard.co.uk

As the name suggests, you're eligible if you're aged 16-25! You can also apply if you're 26+ and in full time study. For just £24 you'll **save 1/3 on fares** throughout Great Britain for **12 whole months**.

- ***Family & Friends Railcard***
www.familyandfriends-railcard.co.uk

As long as you travel with at least one child you can! And up to 4 adults and 4 kids can travel on the one Railcard. It costs just £24 and you get **1/3 off adult fares** and **60% off kids' fares** for a whole year.

TRANSPORTATION TIPS

➤ ***Use Buses!***

One cheaper transportation alternative is to use the buses, particularly using Oyster pay-as-you go. Buses are great way to avoid the hot and crowded tube as well as to see the city. Besides, riding on a double-decker bus is just plain fun!

Also, the tube closes around 12:30pm and therefore you will want to find out what **24-hour and Night buses** travel to your neighborhood if you are planning on clubbing until late.

➤ ***Late Night? No Night Bus? Use "CABWISE".***

Simply text: HOME to: 60835 to get 1 taxi and 2 local, licensed minicab numbers.

❖ **Useful Resources**

- **Transport for London**
www.tfl.gov.uk
www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/fares-and-tickets-zones1-6.pdf
- **24-Hour London Travel Information**
Phone: 020 7222 1234
Operator will provide you with the tube/bus/etc. route to anywhere you need to go in London!
- **Getting Around in London**
www.golondon.com

❖ **Helpful Translations**

English	American
single	one-way
return	round-trip
underground/tube	subway
subway	underground walkway
way out	exit
time table	schedule
lift	elevator

MOBILE PHONES & INTERNATIONAL CALLING

There are a variety of options for calling/texting domestically as well as calling internationally from London. Mobile phones are particularly helpful when contacting leasing agents for housing (see below).

❖ **Skype**

When calling internationally, most students prefer to use Skype. Skype is a calling and messaging program that allows you to call another Skype user for free or a mobile or land-line at very low rates. Skype also offers a webcam feature. For more information and to download Skype, go to www.skype.com

❖ **Mobile Phones**

Most year-long students purchase mobile phones for calling and text messaging since international roaming rates on U.S. cell phones are likely to be very expensive. Two options are available: (1) contract and (2) pay-as-you-go. Past students have done both, depending on their mobile phone usage. Pay-as-you-

go is a great option if you just plan to call or text minimally or primarily domestically. Users are able to “top-up” (i.e., add credit) to mobile phones at many locations including convenience stores, ATMs, or calling or texting the phone company directly.

A variety of mobile phone companies are available in London. Each offers different features, depending on your needs.

- **Skype Phone** (available at 3 Store or Carphone Warehouse)
<http://threestore.three.co.uk/skype>
www.carphonewarehouse.com

The Skype Phone is a great option, particularly those students who call the internationally on a regular basis. While the phone itself is slightly more expensive, it allows you to call Skype users for free (just as you would if calling via Skype on the computer) and offers similar international rates.

- **O₂**
www.o2.co.uk
- **Orange**
www.orange.co.uk
- **3 Store**
www.three.co.uk
- **Vodafone**
www.vodafone.co.uk
- **T-mobile**
www.t-mobile.co.uk
- **Asda**
www.asda-phones.co.uk
Possibly the cheapest ‘pay as you go’ for very low usage – no special offers or free credit offers available like other networks. A SIM pack costs £0.50. You can buy it online – free delivery.
- **Tesco**
www.tesco.com/mobilenetwork
Free SIM packs can be ordered online. Very reasonable rates with special offers and free credit offers available.
- **Phones 4 You**
www.phones4u.co.uk
Compare rates and services of all the major mobile phone retailers.

❖ MOBILE PHONE TIP

Many students are able to save money by using their American cell phone with a U.K. SIM Card from one of the aforementioned cell phone companies rather than purchasing a new cell phone for usage in the U.K. and Europe. In order to do so, you must have your phone “unlocked” so that it will read a U.K. SIM Card. This can be done at many small souvenir stores in touristy areas, including Bayswater.

NHS PHYSICIAN REGISTRATION

Full-time students in the U.K. are entitled to the use of the U.K.'s National Health Service (NHS) for both your routine and emergency medical needs. The service is free if you are in the UK for more than 6 months and covers visits to doctors as well as hospital stays and emergency care. You should sign up with a GP (General Practitioner) as soon as you have a home address in London. Failure to do so may make it more difficult to get prompt medical attention when you need it.

The procedure for registering with a GP is as follows:

1. Find a doctor in your area using one of the following sites:
 - **www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories**
 - **www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk/find/results/index.aspx**
2. Call the doctor's office (surgery) and ask what days they will register new patients.
3. When you register, you will have to answer some questions about your health and may be given vaccines or tetanus shots if you are not up to date.
4. Holders of EU passports are automatically covered by the NHS, though they still have to register and should obtain a form/card from a government office to show their entitlement.

For more information on how to register with an NHS doctor, visit **www.twcsa.nhs.uk/how_to/doctors_register.htm**.

V. LIVING IN LONDON

Whatever your taste and whatever you're into, there is no shortage of things to do in London!

London Top 100

<http://www.londontop100.co.uk/>

Check this web site for London's top sites and attractions and other numerous things to do. The current list actually consists of 138 items.

SHOPPING

❖ Retail - Individual Stores

- **Harrod's**

www.harrods.com

Tube: Knightsbridge (Piccadilly Line)

Harrod's is arguably the most famous store in the world - which can trace its roots to a mere grocery shop on its present site back in 1849. With millions of items in stock, Harrod's certainly lives up to its motto of Omnia Omnibus Ubique (all things for all people, everywhere).

- **Primark**

Tube: Marble Arch (Central Line)

www.primark.co.uk

Primark offers lots of inexpensive (though not the best quality), bathroom supplies and textiles. This is often the first stop students make after finding permanent housing. Note: Due to the high demand, check-out lines can be extremely long. Give yourself plenty of time and avoid shopping here on weekends!

- **Argos**

www.argos.co.uk

Tube: Varies

Carries all sorts of items at discount prices. Shopping at Argos is a bit of a different experience because you select your items from a catalogue in-store and a sales representative retrieves them for you.

❖ Retail - Malls and Shopping Areas

- **Oxford Street and Regents Street**

Tube: Bond, Oxford Circus, Piccadilly Circus (Central, Bakerloo, Piccadilly and Jubilee Lines)

Oxford Street is where you can find all the major large retail chains. While quite an experience, novice buyers beware: Oxford Street is crazy with crowds of people 7 days/week, 365 days/year!

- **London Trocadero**

www.londontrocadero.com

Tube: Piccadilly Circus (Piccadilly and Bakerloo Lines)

- **Whiteleys**

www.whiteleys.com

Tube: Bayswater or Queensway (District, Circle, or Central Lines)

- **Bicester Village**

www.bicestervillage.com

Discount prices in more than 100 chic designer and brand name boutiques have been drawing thrifty fashionistas to Bicester Village, a designer brand outlet mall ten miles from **Oxford**, for years. They've kept this wonderful place - where everything is at least 30 to 50 per cent off normal prices - almost a secret.

- ❖ **Groceries**

- **M&S**

- Offers great food (including organic) and pre-made dinners at reasonable prices. A bit more expensive than Tesco or Spar, but worth the cost.

- **Tesco/Tesco Express**

- Offer pre-made snacks and dinners at cheaper prices than M&S.

- **Spar**

- Spar is a great option for cheap **Indian food**.

- ❖ **Markets**

- **Portobello Road**

- www.portobelloroad.co.uk

- Tube: Notting Hill Gate

- Located in Notting Hill, Portobello Road is the world's largest antiques market. The market is open every Saturday and the shops are open six days per week.

- **Borough Market**

- Tube: Borough or London Bridge

- Open Thursday-Sunday, Borough Market is the oldest fruit and vegetable market in London. Even the Romans bought fresh produce from the gardens of Kent in this area because until the 19th century London Bridge was too narrow for carts to cross. Borough Market is the only fruit and vegetable wholesale market in its historic location. In the 21st century

small retail traders joined who are selling their goods directly from the farm or from all parts of the world here. Many small traders show their specialties here.

- **Camden (Lock) Market & Camden Stables**
www.camdenlock.net
www.camdenlockmarket.com
Tube: Camden Town or Chalk Farm (Northern Line)
Set amongst former horse stables, Camden Lock, the original market of Camden Town, distinguishes itself from others by offering an individual and extensive range of high quality goods from designer clothes and accessories, to one-off pieces of art, food and furnishings.
- **Spitalfields Market**
www.spitalfields.org.uk
www.visitspitalfields.com
Tube: Liverpool St. Station (Central Line)
Spitalfields Market offers an eclectic array of goodies on offer. To get a real flavour, explore by foot to discover the different cuisines on offer, clothes, jewellery and lots more!
- **Covent Garden Market**
www.coventgardenmarket.co.uk
Tube: Covent Garden or Leicester Square (Piccadilly and Northern Lines)

DINING

Contrary to popular belief, London offers a variety of different foods from all over the world. However, dining out can be quite expensive. Below are some great food options close to the Law Centre:

❖ **Cheap Eats**

- **Café Canova**
A favorite hangout for all the London abroad students to grab a coffee or bite to eat between classes. The family that owns it is amazing and the food is delicious. Great place to stop by and grab lunch right by school on Whitcomb. Stop by **Orsini** next door for delicious sandwiches.
- **Tossed**
<http://www.tosseduk.com/>
Get your daily dose of greens at Tossed. Like a Subway, for salads, you all are made to order. Soups also available.
- **Pizza Hut**
Meal Deals (personal pizza & side - £7.49)
Lunch Buffet (pizza, pasta, salad, breadsticks - £5.99)
- **Nandos**
www.nandos.co.uk

Tasty (and spicy!) Portuguese classics (half-chicken and rice). Located around London; closest location to school is in Soho between Leicester Square and Tottenham Court Road.

- ***Tortilla*** (“Chipotle” London)
www.tortilla.co.uk
Tube: Angel

❖ Pub Food

- ***Waxy’s***
Hearty food in a great atmosphere. A great place to go day or night. Be sure to try the traditional Irish stew.
- ***Hand and Racquet***

❖ Vegetarian

- ***Hummous Bros***
<http://www.hbros.co.uk/>
One of the most famous restaurants in London and very popular with London students (even the meat eaters in the group!). Make sure to check it out on Thanksgiving for their famous Turkey topping. Offers 10 pounds all you can eat on Sundays. For those die-hard fans, join the facebook group for free specials!

❖ Indian/Pakistani/Middle Eastern

- ***Imli***
<http://www.imli.co.uk/>
Delicious Indian tapas - across from Hummus Bros. Offers half off tasting menu on Sunday.
- ***Brick Lane (neighborhood)***
- ***East Ham (neighborhood)***
- ***Edgware Road (neighborhood)***
Tube: Edgware, Marble Arch (Central, District, Circle Lines)
Great area for Middle Eastern food. Fattoush, Lebanese restaurant near the Edgware Road Tube is recommended.
- **Tooting Broadway**
Check out Kebabish on Upper Tooting Road for amazing Pakistani food.

❖ Asian

- ***Mango Tree***
<http://www.mangotree.org.uk/>
A bit pricey, but good for a nice night out.

- **Miso**
Inexpensive noodle soups great for take-away back to school.
- ❖ **Spanish and Mexican**
 - **La Tasca**
www.latasca.co.uk
Restaurant offers a variety of Spanish style tapas. Better rates are available with meals for two. Also have discounted drink specials on Sangria every Friday.
 - **Café Pacifico**
<http://www.cafepacifico-laperla.com/>
Good Mexican food is hard to find, but restaurant in Covent Garden is probably your best bet. Great atmosphere and always crowded.
- ❖ **Italian**
 - **Spaghetti House**
 - **Bella Italia**
- ❖ **Greek**
 - **Beotys**
Traditional Greek restaurant located in Covent Garden.
- ❖ **Dining Guides**
The Good Food Guide, edited by Drew Smith
There is a selection of guides available in the law library, e.g. The Good Pub Guide

ENTERTAINMENT

- ❖ **General Entertainment Guides**
 - *Time Out Guides*
Time Out guides come out once a week for £2.50 at any news stand but is also taken by the Law School library. The bulk of this publication is made up of a section called “This Week” which includes schedules and descriptions of just about everything going on in London that week. In the fall it also publishes its “Eating and Drinking Guide,” about £10. This is a bit expensive but essential reading for anyone looking for good food in London. A copy can be found in the Law Library.
 - Last Minute Travel & Entertainment
www.lastminute.com
 - *Evening Standard* (local London paper)
www.thisislondon.com
 - General London Information

www.londonvisions.com

❖ **Theatre**

▪ ***Musical Theatre (West End)***

Think of the West end as the Broadway of Europe. Located in Soho, just north of the Law Centre, come here to enjoy all your favorite shows!

There are a couple of ways to secure cheap seats at the top shows:

1. Line up at the Leicester Square half-price ticket booth, "TKTS". This is the **ONLY** shop from which you should buy discounted tickets! (Leicester Square Tube stop)
2. Many theaters sell reduced-price student tickets the day of the performance.

▪ ***Plays***

○ **The Mousetrap @ St. Martin's Theatre**

www.the-mousetrap.co.uk

Tube: Leicester Square or Trafalgar Square (Northern or Piccadilly Lines)

Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* is a famed murder mystery that is the longest running show, of any kind, anywhere in the world (56 years and counting!). As a result, student and discounted tickets are not available, but tickets start at around £14. Don't miss this timeless classic!

○ **Shakespeare at The Globe**

www.shakespeares-globe.org

Tube: London Bridge, Monument, Canon Street, or Mansion House
Come see Shakespeare as it was meant to be performed. The Globe Theatre and Exhibition is a unique international resource dedicated to the exploration of Shakespeare's work. The Globe Theatre is a faithful reconstruction of the open-air playhouse designed in 1599, where Shakespeare worked and for which he wrote many of his greatest plays. The theatre season runs from April to October with productions of the work of Shakespeare, his contemporaries and modern authors. Ticket prices start at only £5 (Yard, standing room only). Theatre tours are also available.

○ ***Old Vic Theatre***

www.oldvictheatre.com

Tube: Waterloo

Old Vic Theatre offers a variety of both classic and new drama.

▪ ***Opera, Dance, Ballet***

○ **English National Opera, London Coliseum**

www.eno.org, <http://royalopera.org>, <http://sadlerswells.com>

A variety of theatre guides are available:

- *London Theater Guide*
www.londontheatre.co.uk
- *Official London Theater Guide*
www.officiallondontheatre.co.uk
- *The Pocket Guide to London Theatre*

❖ **Concerts**

- **O₂ Arena**

www.theo2.co.uk

The O₂ Arena host a variety of events. The complex consists of: (1) The O₂ Arena - A 20,000-capacity indoor pop, rock and sports arena; (2) Vue Cinema - A plus 11-screen multiplex cinema; (3) indigO₂ - A music venue hosting edge artists and bands; (4) The O₂ Bubble - A stunning exhibition centre; (5) Over 20 premier bars, restaurants and clubs in a 1km entertainment avenue encircling the arena. Check the website for the latest events.

❖ **Cinemas**

There are numerous movie theaters in London, most of which offer reduced student ticket prices during the week or for afternoon shows.

- **Prince Charles Cinema**

www.princecharlescinema.com

Tube: Leicester Square (Northern and Piccadilly Lines)

Shows older movies and independent films at discounted. Members receive further discounts. Free WiFi available in the cinema bar/coffee shop.

- **IMAX Cinema**

www.bfi.org.uk/whatson/imax

Tube: Waterloo

The Evening Standard and *Time Out* list the movie offerings in London.

❖ **Museums**

London boasts over 240 museums! The best thing about London museums are that almost all of them have periods when admission is **FREE**, while others offer student concession rates on admission.

FREE Museums	Other Museums
British Museum	Museum of London
National Gallery	Transport Museum
National Portrait Gallery	National Army Museum
Tate Modern	Benjamin Franklin House
Tate Britain	Charles Dickens Museum
Sir John Soane's Museum	Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Rooms

Natural History and Science Museum	Freud Museum
Victoria Albert Museum	Sherlock Holmes Museum
Imperial War Museum	
National Maritime Museum	

For more a more comprehensive list as well as more information on museum locations, rates, and hours of operation visit one of the following:

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_museums_in_London
- www.londontourist.org/museums.html

❖ **Television/Movies**

Using any computer as a TV, whether using a PCTV card or equivalent or streaming from the internet while a programme is running simultaneously on air and online, still requires a TV license. You do not need a license for archived downloadable material. You can be fined up to £1000 if you do not have a TV license. For information on licensing go to:

<http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/topics/detection-and-penalties-top5/>

A selection of recommended viewing sights are as follows:

- www.watchtvsitcoms.com
- <http://quicksilvercreen.com>
- www.sidereel.com
- www.ovguide.com
- www.15alluc.org
- www.itv.com/catchup
- www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer
- www.channel4.com
- www.five.tv

****Please note that movies and TV programs should not be downloaded illegally from the internet.** Law enforcement agencies regularly monitor illegal downloads. Any student caught illegally downloading music or video files from the internet over the London Law Centre internet network (as has happened in the past) will be in violation of Notre Dame's internet use policies and subject to repercussions.**

❖ **Pubs and Clubs**

London offers its share of night entertainment. Pubs are usually open until 12:00am and Clubs may be open until the early hours of the morning. For information on the club scene look in *Time Out* or even the Hot Tickets section of the *Evening Standard* (free with Thursday paper).

Neighborhoods that have popular nightlife are: Soho, Camden, Vauxhall, and Fulham Broadway.

Pubs and Clubs that have been popular with students in the past include:

- **O’Neil’s (Chinatown)** - “Backer London”
Missing the Backer? Check out O’Neils in Soho. A bit dirty and a bit younger crowd, but always a good time.

- **Waxy’s & Waxy’s Little Sister**
Fun Irish Pubs with unique atmosphere located across the street from each other in Soho next to O’Neils. Check out the drink elevator at Waxy’s Little Sister and the “tree house” feel of Waxy’s.

- **Guanabara**
Tube: Holborn (Central Line)
Brazilian Nightclub that has Capoeira dancers at 9pm, and Samba music all night. Also has great food. Beware, get there before 8pm to avoid the gigantic line.

❖ NIGHTLIFE TIP

Late Night? No Night Bus? Use “CABWISE”. Simply text: HOME to: 60835 to get 1 taxi and 2 local, licensed minicab numbers.

❖ **Special Events**

London is home to many important events throughout the year. Below is a listing of some of the more interesting events:

Date	Event
January 1- New Year's Day	Mayor's Parade
January sales	The sales are an event in themselves. Harrods is the biggest and starts the second week of January.
Late January	Chinese New Year Celebrations in Chinatown. Usually features performances and a parade.
February 6	Accession of Her Majesty – an anniversary salute of 41 guns in Hyde Park
April	Football League Cup Final at Wembley
April	Easter Sunday Parade at Battersea Park and Tower of London
May-last Sunday	Trooping the Colour rehearsal from Buckingham Palace

June/December	Spitalfield Music Festival www.spitalfieldsfestival.org.uk
September	Brick Lane Indian/Asian Cuisine Celebration
July	London Pride
August	Notting Hill Carnival
October 21	Trafalgar Day – Nelson's Column
November 5	Guy Fawkes Day – fireworks and bonfires are usually held during the week, check local papers for times and places.
November-second Saturday	Lord Mayor's Show – a big parade throughout the City
November	State Opening of Parliament – the Queen rides from Buckingham Palace to open the House of Commons with her Queen's Speech
Thanksgiving	American Thanksgiving Service – St. Paul's Cathedral at 12:00pm
December	Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – Trafalgar Square

AROUND TOWN

❖ **Tours/Sightseeing**

- ***New London Walking Tours - FREE***
www.newlondon-tours.com; www.neweuropetours.eu
HIGHLY recommended by past students. Two London tours are offered: (1) Royal Tour and (2) Old City Tour. All tours are *FREE*; you simply tip as you wish at the end (Trust us, the tours are so good you'll *want* to tip generously!). The guides are very fun and tours educational and insightful. A great way to get a more in-depth, insider's view of the city. Also check out New Europe tours in other cities including Paris, Berlin, Munich, Amsterdam, and Edinburgh.
- ***Fat Tire Bike Tours***
www.fattirebiketourslondon.com
This bike tour is a unique way to see the city. Tour sites include Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Kensington Palace & Park, and more! Tours run every day between March and November, including twice per day from May to mid-August. Tour duration is 4 hours with a student price of £12.

- **Thames River Cruises**

www.londoneye.com

www.citycruises.com

Enjoy London from the Thames. London Eye River Cruises offers a unique 40 minute circular sightseeing cruise on the river Thames with fascinating live commentary presented by trained guides. Highlights include the Houses of Parliament, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London. City Cruises operates sightseeing cruises and evening dinner & dance cruises on London's River Thames all year round.

- **London Eye**

www.londoneye.com

Night or day the London Eye offers spectacular views across London and its famous landmarks such as the Houses of Parliament, St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

❖ **Sightseeing Tip**

- Upon arrival to London, take either (or both!) of the New London Walking Tours (FREE!) to acquaint yourself with the city. This will introduce you to all the main sites which you can then visit later.

❖ **Food & Drink**

- **Afternoon Tea at the Orangery, Kensington Palace**

www.hrp.org.uk/KensingtonPalace/CafesAndRestaurants.aspx

Tube: Queensway or Bayswater

One of the best places to go to experience traditional English afternoon tea. Tea packages start at about £20 but is well worth it for the experience and the quality and quantity of food. This is practically a meal in itself so don't eat beforehand! Also, the cheapest tea package, "The Orangery Tea" is sufficient, especially for first-timers. Make this a more semi-formal or a casual afternoon out. Enjoy! **(High Tea also available at Harrod's, the National Gallery, and the Ritz).**

- **Vinopolis**

www.vinopolis.co.uk

Tube: London Bridge (Northern and Jubilee Lines)

Wine has been an important part of the lifestyle of this particular area of London for nearly 2,000 years. Built on ancient Roman foundations, the Vinopolis site is spread over three acres beneath the arches of a Victorian railway viaduct and dedicated to experiencing the pleasure of the world's wines, British beer, whiskey, absinthe, gin, and more. Some of the features of Vinopolis include tours of the site, self-guided tasting tours, masterclasses, the Majestic Winehouse, the Whiskey Exchange which offers an unprecedented whiskey selections, and four of the best restaurants and wine bars in the city.

❖ Recreation

▪ **Queens Bowl & Skate**

www.queensiceandbowl.co.uk

Tube: Queensway or Bayswater (Central, District or Circle Lines)

Feeling left out of the South Bend Thursday Night Bowling? Start your own London team! Queens Bowl & Skate is London's only ice rink and bowling venue!

▪ **Roller Disco**

www.rollerdisco.info

Tube: Vauxhall (Victoria Line)

Whip out your spandex and leg warmers for one of the most friendly and fun-packed nights in London, complete with the best seventies hits, funky house music and rare soul grooves. With its musically and visually kitsch/cool atmosphere and retro appeal, the Roller Disco is THE hotspot for clubbing on wheels.

❖ Other Notable Sites

▪ **Buckingham Palace/Changing of the Guard**

www.royal.gov.uk

www.tourist-information-uk.com/buckingham-palace.htm

www.goldentours.co.uk

Buckingham Palace serves as both the office and London residence of Her Majesty, The Queen, as well as the administrative headquarters of the Royal Household. It is one of the few working royal palaces remaining in the world today. Tours of the Palace are available July-September with tickets priced at £14 for students.

▪ **Tower of London & Crown Jewels**

It is no wonder that the Tower Of London is the nation's leading historic visitor attraction. This ancient fortress was founded by William the Conqueror and almost 1,000 years of British history have been played out within its walls. It was here that Anne Boleyn was executed. Guy Fawkes interrogated. Richard II and Elizabeth I incarcerated and the 'Princes in the Tower' disappeared without trace. The price of admission is £16.50.

▪ **Westminster Abby**

www.westminsterabby.org

Westminster Abbey is steeped in more than a thousand years of history. It has been the coronation church since 1066 and is the final resting place of seventeen monarchs. The Abbey offers a variety of events including tours, church services, concerts, and more. Check out the website for more details!

▪ **London Dungeon**

www.thedungeons.com

Tube: London Bridge (Jubilee and Northern Lines)

In the dark and dingy underbelly of the capital, the London Dungeon dwells, waiting to scare the life out of you and any willing visitors brave enough to cross the threshold! Tickets start around £14 for students.

INTERNSHIPS AND EMPLOYMENT

❖ **Internships**

The internship program is a co-operative effort between the Law Centre and qualified legal employers. The program's purpose is to allow students to work for employers in exchange for academic credit. Students have worked for American law firms, multinational corporations, British solicitors and barristers, and non-profit organizations. Firms and individuals are offered great flexibility in determining what type of work the intern should perform. This may include tasks a lawyer normally performs, such as research, interviewing clients, taking notes in court, etc. Each entity selects an intern from resumes submitted by interested students.

The intern must work a total of sixty hours to receive one credit, or one hundred and twenty hours to receive two credits. Interns may earn a maximum of two credits for internships throughout the year. These credits do not reduce the number of co-curricular credits students may earn.

The program is administered by Professor Bennett with the assistance of the student Internship Coordinator. No one is guaranteed an internship; every year there are disappointed students who were not able to obtain one. You may seek an internship yourself, but to obtain credit it must be approved by Professor Bennett. To avoid misunderstandings, you should check with Professor Bennett before contacting a prospective internship provider. That preliminary inquiry will enable you to learn whether the provider already has an arrangement with Notre Dame. Failure to check in advance risks confusing providers by having multiple, uncoordinated inquiries.

The following is a brief list of organizations in London that offer student (legal) internships:

LONDON INTERNSHIPS	
Organization	Contact Information
Human Rights Watch	http://hrw.org/internships/graduates/graduates.html
REDRESS	http://www.redress.org/internship02.html
Amnesty International UK	http://www.amnesty.org.uk/volunteer.asp?
National Consumer Council	http://www.ncc.org.uk/contact.php
OneWorld UK	http://uk.oneworld.net/article/archive/5516/
International Crisis Group	http://www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm?id=2362&l=1
UK and Europe NGO and Political Organization List	http://www.euro-jobbing.com/ngos.htm
European Council on Refugees and Exiles	http://www.ecre.org/get_involved/internships_volunteers

(ECRE)	
EuroBrussels.com	www.eurobrussels.com/internships_links.php#law
Alternative Family Law	www.alternativefamilylaw.co.uk/afl/intern.htm
Idealist.org	www.idealist.org
UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group	www.uklgig.org.uk
Immigration Advisory Service	www.iasuk.org

❖ **Paid Employment**

Working obviously detracts from your ability to study and participate in the life of the law program. Just as obviously, London is an expensive place to live and you may need to earn the money to finance your year. Accordingly, you should work only if necessary, and you should choose your job judiciously.

▪ **External Positions**

Recent legislation in the U.K. makes it easier than it used to be for students to take part-time work. You can normally take employment as long as you do not work more than 20 hours per week. Even though you are a foreign citizen, you must pay tax on your earnings. The student also has to provide written evidence from the school that the part-time employment will not affect their studies

If you are thinking about working in a London law office for the summer, you may encounter additional difficulties, including: (1) British firms prefer British students; and (2) American firms with offices in London generally require students to interview at the main American office.

▪ **Employment for Spouses**

BECAUSE OF THE RECENT CHANGES IN VISA REQUIREMENTS, EACH STUDENT SHOULD SEEK THE ADVICE OF THE CLOSEST BRITISH CONSULATE FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT SPOUSES OR CHILDREN.

❖ **Networking**

Your year in London is a great way to Network with individuals who you would not have access to otherwise, particularly if you are interested in working abroad or with the international law. One way to do this is to search on **IrishOnline** for Notre Dame Alumni working in London and request an informational interview.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

❖ **V.A.T.**

“VAT” means value added tax. It is the equivalent of sales tax within the U.S. In the U.K., a 20% VAT is already included in the price and is charged on almost everything. Non-EU citizens are entitled to reclaim VAT money spent but only on items bought in the U.K. within three months before they leave the country. To reclaim the VAT, you must have the retailer fill out the export documentation, Form VAT 435. Overall, reclaiming VAT is a hassle; but if you are planning to

purchase expensive items while you are in London, then waiting until your last months and reclaiming the VAT may be worthwhile.

❖ **Haircuts**

At some point, you may decide to get your hair cut. Hair cuts in London can be very expensive. The most reasonable places to be found at the hairdressing schools, which use your head as a training dummy. Not too scary though, since a master stylist needs to take them through it step-by-step. It can be time consuming, expect to spend at least 2 hours in the salon. Also though walk-ins are allowed, its best to make an appointment and check the prices

Salon	Services
Vidal Sassoon School of Hairdressing 56 Davies Mews London W1 Tube: Bond Street 0207-318-5205	Cut and blow-dry: £10, with student ID; also do perms, coloring
Toni and Guy, Academy 33 St. Christopher's Place London W1Y 0207 486 4733 Tube: Bond Street 16 West Central St. London WC1A Tube: Oxford Street	At both locations, a cut and blow-dry starts at £5. £15 for a colour.

❖ **Weather**

The weather is not extremely cold or nasty in London (this is not South Bend). The temperatures vary from highs of 80 °F (24 °C) to lows of 28 °F (-2 °C). July is the warmest month while January is the coldest and rainiest. It does drizzle in London, so bring an umbrella or raincoat along. It is also essential that you bring clothes so that you can dress in layers, because the heating in some buildings is not optimal. A quick and easy tip in converting Celsius to Fahrenheit is to double the Celsius and add 30 degrees.

VI. TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF LONDON

The academic calendar provides two breaks: (1) three weeks in December and (2) one week in March. You should budget funds for whatever traveling you want to do during these breaks.

STUDENT TRAVEL AGENCIES AND ISIC CARDS

Students and under-25's may receive especially good travel prices from student travel agencies, particularly with an ISIC Card. Two popular student travel agencies in London are Campus Travel and Council Travel. (See "TRANSPORTATION TO LONDON")

DISCOUNT AIRLINE SERVICES

- Skyscanner
www.skyscanner.net

- Kayak
www.kayak.co.uk

- Last Minute Travel & Entertainment
www.lastminute.com

- Ryan Air
www.ryanair.com

- Easy Jet
www.easyjet.com

- Country Airlines (Sterling (Denmark); Span Air (Spain); Air Italia (Italy); etc.)

RAIL PASSES

❖ ***Britrail Passes and Young Person's Railcards***

Britrail passes are available only in the United States or certain other locations outside of Great Britain. The Youngperson's Railpass is often a better option.

❖ ***Eurail Passes***

If you are planning to travel to the Continent, you may want to get a Eurorail Pass before you leave for London, although you can also obtain them while in London. Interrail passes are less expensive than Eurorail Passes but are issued only to citizens of EU countries and to U.S. students only after they have been in the U.K. for six months or more.

ACCOMMODATION

When traveling in Europe, most students prefer to stay in hostels; doing so will give you the true “backpacker’s” experience. Hostels vary, however most cater to younger travelers (late-teens to late-20’s) and provide a variety of services at a lower rate than traditional hotels. Rooms may be shared (large rooms with bunk beds) or private and baths may be shared or ensuite, with prices varying accordingly.

- ❖ **Hostel World**
www.hostelworld.com

❖ ACCOMMODATION TIP

Multiple listing hostel sites are a great way to research your trip, however before booking, check to see if the hostel has its own website through which you may be able to obtain a cheaper rate or preferable cancellation policy.

ISH TRAVEL CLUB

The Travel Club at International Student House offers a variety of subsidized trips throughout the U.K. and Europe each semester at very low rates. This is a great way to get the most “bang for you buck” while traveling with other students living in the U.K. Most trips book fast so be sure to check the schedule as to when trip registration opens. Before reserving a trip, you must go to the ISH Events Office at 220 Great Portland Street (Tube: Great Portland Street) and register as an ISH Travel Club Member.

The schedule for ISH trips is available at www.ishevents.org.uk.

TRAVEL HEALTH

Before you travel to countries outside of Europe, be sure to check vaccination recommendations/requirements and get medications for any health risks. These can be done at a local travel clinic.

- ❖ **MASTA Travel Health**
www.masta-travel-health.com
- ❖ **Travel Doctor**
www.traveldoctor.co.uk
- ❖ **Center for Disease Control and Prevention**
www.cdc.gov

TRAVEL GUIDES

The law student common room contains travel guides for London and other cities in Europe. Although some of these travel guides may not be the most up-to-date editions available, you may want to keep this resource in mind before packing several bulky travel guides for the summer.

A few guides recommended by students include:

- *Rick Steves "Best of Europe"*
- *Lonely Planet "Europe"*
- *Let's Go Europe, Susan Causin*
- *The Good Bed and Breakfast Guide, Elsie Dillard*

VII. RECOMMENDED READING

A selection of guides and history books is located in the London Law Library and Lounge.

❖ **Insights Into Being A Foreigner In England**

- *Brit-think - Ameri-think*, Jane Walmsley
- *Dictionary of Britain: An A to Z of the British Way of Life*, Adrian Room
- *Englishness*, Godfrey Smith
- *Living in London*, Junior League of London
- *New to the U.K.*, Genevieve Munzier; published by Routledge and Kegan Paul Ltd.
- *Notes From A Small Island*, Bill Bryson

❖ **Social and Political History**

- *Contemporary British Politics, An Introduction*, Bill Coxall and Lynton Robins
- *The Lives of the Kings and Queens of England*, edited by Antonia Fraser
- *A Social History of England*, Asa Briggs
- *The English*, Jeremy Paxman

❖ **London Information**

- www.talkingcities.co.uk/london_pages/london_main.htm.
- www.allinlondon.co.uk

VIII. RECOMMENDED WEBSITE

For very helpful information on moving to London (includes information as seen from an American's perspective) see the following website which is a type of guide similar to this one and includes information on London transport and help for finding accommodation

along with tons of general useful information and blogs. Highly recommended before leaving home.

www.moove2london.co.uk

(please note the double o in the word moove)