


HOLLINS ABROAD

# LONDON





**SEE THE WORLD.  
CHANGE YOUR LIFE.**



*There is no better way to understand a country than to live there. That's exactly what students from colleges and universities around the country have been doing for over 60 years on Hollins Abroad. Hollins was among the first colleges in the nation to offer an international study program – in Paris, in 1955. Since then, Hollins has been nationally recognized for the quality of our study abroad programs.*



Hollins Abroad–London is a distinctive program combining outstanding field-trip-based classes with optional British university classes and internships to provide a comprehensive British cultural experience. With all these options, students can design their own semesters.

Hollins Abroad's offices and classrooms are located in Connaught Hall on Tavistock Square in the heart of the University of London district. Our faculty includes scholars who have studied and taught at Cambridge, Oxford, and the University of London. Our full-time, on-site director works individually with students to make sure they have the best possible study-abroad experience both academically and personally.

Join us on Hollins Abroad. It will open your eyes in ways you never expected. What you learn will last a lifetime.

# USE THE CITY AS YOUR CLASSROOM



*Hollins Abroad—London courses are designed to take advantage of the rich cultural resources of one of the world’s greatest cities. They focus on British and European art and architecture, literature, theatre, history, politics, and media, with field trips that make the city your classroom. Depending on your course choices, in any week field trips might take you to Parliament, Westminster Abbey, the British Museum, the Tate Gallery, the Globe Theatre, the BBC, or to a small museum, fringe theatre, alternative media outlet, or neighborhood that you would never have found on your own. You’ll see the London you’ve heard and read about, but you’ll also experience the London that tourists don’t see. Most Hollins Abroad classes meet for one seminar and one guided field trip per week, Monday through Thursday. Fridays are reserved for group trips, museum and other outings, study, and private exploration of the city.*

You have several options for how to design your semester:

- Four Hollins Abroad courses
- Three Hollins Abroad courses and a course at either Queen Mary University of London or London South Bank University
- Three Hollins Abroad courses and an independent study
- Two Hollins Abroad courses and an internship

Students applying for QMUL or LSBU courses or internships must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. For all other students, the minimum GPA is 2.5.

## UNIVERSITY COURSES

Hollins Abroad-London students may also enroll in a course at one of our partner institutions (Queen Mary University of London and London South Bank University), which offer extensive course offerings in arts and media, biology, business and finance, literature and creative writing, psychology, social and policy studies, sports science, social care, and tourism, among others.

## INTERNSHIPS

Internships are another option for students (available to second-semester sophomores and up) and provide a great way to gain valuable work experience while learning about the global marketplace. Our six-credit internship placements are based on your academic and career interests and can be in any area, including politics, business, law, media, public relations, marketing, design, fashion, sports, education, arts, and community service. Past placements include: Members of Parliament, Dulwich Hamlet Football Club, Marriott Hotels, Venture Business Research, Shorts International Film, Carlton Books, Cutting Edge Press, Tesco, Jane McAdam Freud, Travel Channel, National Portrait Gallery, British Museum, Westminster Archives, Teatro Technis, and the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain.



## LONDON THEATRE SEMESTER

Take performance courses with British faculty, study Shakespeare as dramatist, and see London's hottest shows. Each semester offers master classes, conversations, and workshops with professional guest artists.

## DANCE

A special option for students majoring in dance is an independent study in conjunction with classes taken at the renowned London dance studio The Place.

## MUSIC

Students who need to continue voice/instrumental private lessons while abroad may have this arranged as an independent study with a London instructor.

## LONDON SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Beyond the semester program described in this brochure, rising juniors and rising seniors also have the option to participate in the London Summer Internship Program. Gain academic credit while interning in one of the world's most diverse and fascinating cities. Hollins Abroad-London offers an eight-credit, seven-week summer internship program. The program includes a four-credit internship based on academic and career interests, and a four-credit course on Contemporary Britain that includes field trips to Parliament and other London sites. The program provides you with housing in a homestay or residence hall. Meals will vary depending on choice of housing. For full program details, including dates and fees, please visit [www.hollins.edu/london](http://www.hollins.edu/london) for access to the online materials and application.





## BEYOND LONDON

In addition to the Hollins Abroad class trips, the director also organizes a trip each term to a city on the European continent chosen by the program participants. The cost of this trip is included in the Hollins Abroad comprehensive fee. Recent destinations have included Venice, Dubrovnik, Prague, Barcelona, Sicily, and Lisbon.

The director also organizes an optional UK group trip outside London each term. You'll have the chance to explore Bath and the Cotswolds, York, Edinburgh, or a similar site. The cost of this optional trip, which includes both guided tours and free time to explore, is not included in the Hollins Abroad comprehensive fee.

Each term includes a one-week break for travel on your own. The director has guidebooks and travel information and is happy to advise you on your travel plans.

## STUDENT LIFE

Connaught Hall has social spaces and a garden, where Hollins Abroad students can relax and meet the British and international students who live on the upper floors of the building. All Hollins Abroad students are also members of the University of London Student Union, within easy walking distance of Connaught Hall. The Union is a great gathering place for students, with restaurants, shops, pubs, and athletic facilities. It is headquarters for dozens of student clubs and organizations, which Hollins Abroad students can join.

## HOUSING AND MEALS

Hollins Abroad–London offers two housing options. Most students choose to live with British hosts, to learn in depth about the British way of life and share a lively cultural exchange. Students who choose this option have a friendly “home” environment but are treated as independent adults with their own space and key to the home. Our hosts live in residential areas of the city near neighborhood centers with shops, cinemas, restaurants, and pubs. Students in homestays are provided with all breakfasts and three dinners per week by their British hosts and are given a cash allowance by Hollins Abroad toward all other meals. They also receive a free pass for the London tube and bus system. The program director matches students with hosts based on information provided by students during the application process. All hosts are carefully screened by the program director and most of the hosts have been with Hollins Abroad for many years, receiving excellent student evaluations. Occasionally new host families are added, as the need arises.

The other option is a student residence hall. Location and availability will vary each term, as housing is provided based on student interest. Students opting for a residence hall are provided a small daily stipend toward meals, along with a free transportation pass for the London tube and bus system.



### **AN INCLUSIVE PROGRAM WITH ONE FEE**

The Hollins Abroad comprehensive fee for the semester program covers tuition, housing, meals (depending on housing choice), public transportation pass, and all class field trips except theatre tickets. Students in theatre courses receive tickets, often for the best seats in the house, at greatly reduced prices.

The comprehensive fee does not cover transatlantic airfare or personal expenses, including independent travel. The current fee can be found at [www.hollins.edu/london](http://www.hollins.edu/london).

### **FINANCIAL AID**

Some students from other institutions are eligible for scholarships. Inquire with us to find out if you may qualify. In addition, students attending institutions that are members of the Women's College Coalition (WCC) or the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV) will receive a 10% discount on the comprehensive semester-based program fee.

You should check with your college's financial aid office to ascertain its policies on aid for study abroad. In some cases, all home school financial aid can be applied to Hollins Abroad. In almost all cases, students can continue to receive federally subsidized grants and loans.

All Virginia residents enrolling in Hollins Abroad-London are eligible for Virginia Tuition Assistance Grants. Information on these grants is available from the Hollins Abroad office.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The minimum requirements for enrollment are a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 out of a possible 4.0 and good standing at your college or university. If you wish to enroll in a university course or internship, you must have at least a 3.0 GPA. Hollins Abroad is open to men and women who are sophomores, juniors, and sometimes seniors, in U.S. colleges and universities. Students can enroll for fall term, spring term, the academic year, calendar year, or summer.





### **HOW TO APPLY**

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