

# **STUDY ABROAD**

# **STUDENT GUIDE:**

# **LONDON**







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My overall evaluation for my time at Richmond can be described in one word: **INCREDIBLE**. All of my professors were fantastic, they were engaged, knowledgeable, and overall just great professors.

The workload is manageable, and all of the professors I had explained everything to me and made me feel prepared for all that I had to do.

I think the program as a whole was fantastic."

**James Nugent**  
Visiting Student, University of Southern California



# STUDY ABROAD WITH RICHMOND AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LONDON

Richmond American University London is a unique London-based university offering exciting and cutting-edge Study Abroad programs which are accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in the US and validated in the UK.

What makes us special? We award a UK and US qualification at both undergraduate and master's degree level. Richmond was the first UK university to be granted this power to award dual taught degrees in 2018. The high standards of teaching and academic support at the University have been recognised in the National Student Survey (NSS) where 95 per cent of Richmond final-year students said that teaching staff supported their learning well.

Richmond American University London was recently awarded an 86% overall positivity rating in the 2024 NSS results as well as winning three WURI awards in Social Responsibility, Student Support & Engagement and ranking 2nd overall in Global Resilience. UK students also voted Richmond American University London in the top twenty universities nationally in 2024 for student satisfaction according to the Times Higher. Our own students have also previously voted us one of the top five London universities for overall satisfaction levels in the quality of the course.

We are also extremely proud of our award-winning Student Affairs team, who are dedicated to students' welfare, safety and development, aims to provide all students with the best possible experience of university life, offering help on many areas including housing, health and well-being, visa support, mentoring, financial guidance and careers advice.

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WURI

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# WHY

## RICHMOND AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LONDON?

We are a global community with staff, students and alumni from over 100 countries, creating an academic environment that is welcoming, nurturing and diverse. You will study a global curriculum in London with students from across the world and learn to understand and celebrate what makes us different and what makes us the same. Choose your own path and decide your major and minor as you learn and develop rather than having to decide before you arrive. Enjoy flexibility across your subjects and the chance to study and to intern across the globe - a life-transforming opportunity.

### Standout features of the Richmond programs include:

- A US curriculum, allowing for easy transfer credits back to a home university
- Faculty that are well-qualified, experienced and research-active
- Smaller, more intimate classes combined with substantial weekly contact hours
- State of the art campus facility for students in the west London borough of Chiswick
- A choice of single or double occupancy accommodation options with all the amenities
- Fully supported for-credit workplace internships in the UK, Italy, China, Argentina, or South Africa
- A choice of over 350 classes per year, allowing students to study abroad for a summer, semester or year whilst not losing time at their home institution

### Additional benefits of the Richmond Study Abroad experience in London include:

- An extensive social and cultural program of trips and activities to further student learning
- Exciting classes on topics as diverse as British fantasy writing and fashion and media
- Have your class schedule, including classroom number, professors and syllabus, all finalised months before you arrive
- On-campus security and emergency assistance
- Award winning International programmes team (QS, IHE, WURI, NSS)
- Personalized and dedicated academic advisors
- University organized trips throughout the UK and Europe
- A specialized orientation program
- Computer labs
- Airport arrival pick-up service included in the tuition price

## AWARD-WINNING TEAM

We are proud to have an award-winning International programme team, winner of the UK's Advancing International Education Award in the highly prestigious Independent Higher Education Awards 2022. This Award recognised the team's work in assisting Ukrainian students to continue with their studies after the invasion.

The range of free initiatives included room and board for refugee students over summer 2022, organising online classes with university partner Ukrainian American Concordia University for students still in Ukraine, setting up full year tuition scholarships for students to come to London, and working with our housing partner on free accommodation.

Richmond has also recently joined the QS Stars ratings and has achieved 4 out of 5 stars overall, with 5 stars in global engagement, programme strength, employability and equity and inclusion.





# OUR PROGRAMS

## Undergraduate Majors

- Accounting & Finance BSc (Hons)
- Art History & Visual Culture BA (Hons)
- Business Management: Data Analytics BA (Hons)
- Business Management: Entrepreneurship BA (Hons)
- Business Management: International Business BA (Hons)
- Communications: Advertising & Public Relations BA (Hons)
- Communications: Media Studies BA (Hons)
- Computer Science BSc (Hons)
- Criminology BA (Hons)\*\*
- Digital Marketing BA (Hons)
- Digital Communication & Social Media BA (Hons)
- Economics BA (Hons)
- Environmental Studies BSc (Hons)\*\*
- Fashion Management & Marketing BA (Hons)
- Film Studies BA (Hons)
- Film & Photography BA (Hons)
- Finance & Investment BA (Hons)
- International History BA (Hons)
- International Relations BA (Hons)
- International Sports Management with Men's Football BA (Hons)
- International Sports Management with Women's Football BA (Hons)
- Maths & Data Sciences BSc (Hons)\*\*
- Political Science BA (Hons)
- Psychology BA (Hons) - BPS Accredited
- Software Development BSc (Hons)

\*\* New for Fall 2025

## Postgraduate Masters

- Advertising & Public Relations (MA)
- Art History & Visual Culture (MA)
- Communication for Social Change (MA)
- Digital Marketing with Data Analytics (MA)
- International Business Management (MSc)
- International Relations (MA)
- International Sports Management and Football Industries (MA)
- Luxury Brand Management (MA)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Project Management for Sustainability (MA)

Get in touch with us if you have any questions, to apply or review more information please visit our website at:  
[www.richmond.ac.uk/study-abroad](http://www.richmond.ac.uk/study-abroad)

# OUR NEW HOME!

All Richmond American University London students are now based in a new campus building within the innovative and award-winning Chiswick Park in West London.

Everything about this state of the art campus building in a beautiful parkland location has been designed with students in mind. It is set in a vibrant community offering a gym, cafes, bars and restaurants, with easy access to central London.

We currently have one recommended provider for student accommodation - The Stay Club - North Acton. - Find out more on page I2.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

With over 200 companies currently based at Chiswick Park including Danone, Discovery, Starbucks and IMG, the location provides the University with new opportunities for internships and employment for students, links with local business and enterprises, and the chance for students to give back to the local community through the University's unique service learning and environmental programs.

## SUSTAINABILITY AT THE HEART

We are committed to improving the environmental impact of the University and Chiswick Park is the perfect location to help us do that, with sustainability at the heart of its design.

The campus building features extensive natural light and ventilation which, together with a displacement heating and cooling system, significantly reduces the requirement for air-conditioning.

Excellent public transport links mean that it is easy to access by bus, tube and train. Cycling is actively encouraged with the option to hire a bike for both short- and long-term hire. The park also offers numerous bike racks and a bike repair station.





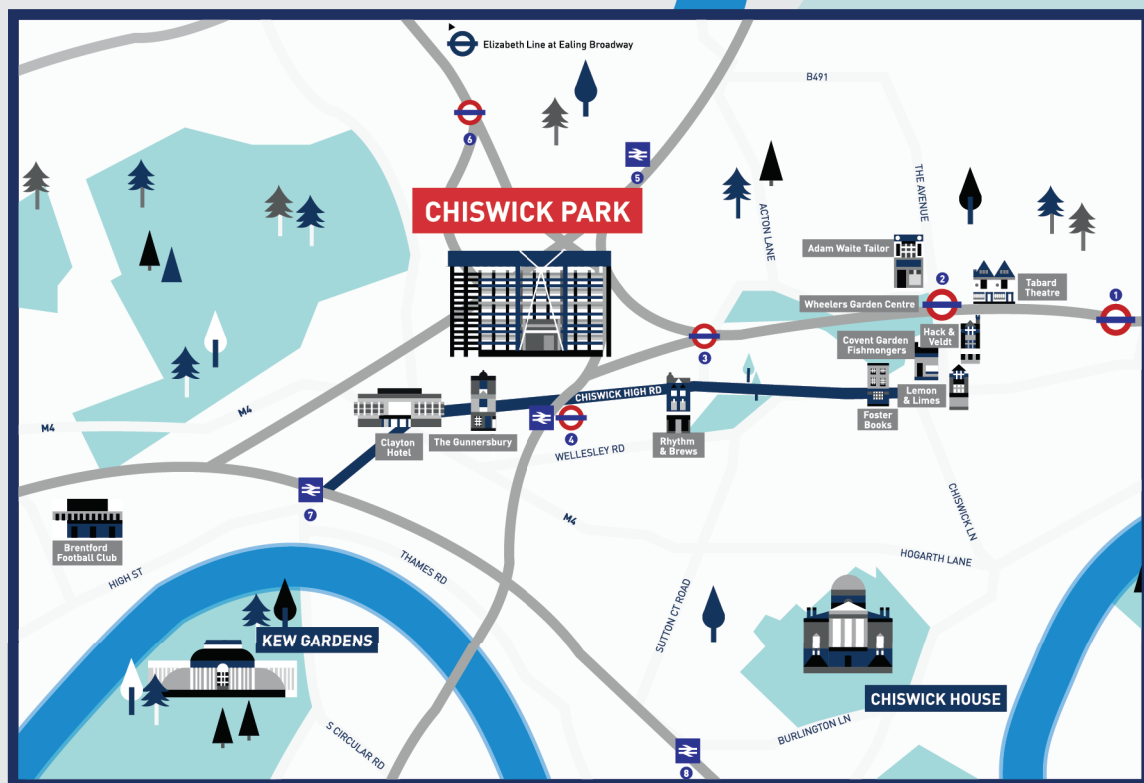
# LEARN IN LONDON



My time studying at Richmond was exactly what I was expecting it to be. I love a university that has a diverse population like my school in Florida. Richmond has that exact same thing and more. The advisors, counselors, and even the professors were all outstanding human beings. It was so easy to make friends since everyone welcomed each other regardless of their background and that made it easier to settle in. I regret only signing up for a semester because it was sad having to leave the friends I made behind. Thankfully now I have a reason to come back and visit London. The experience I had was one in a lifetime opportunity that if I could do it again, I would without a second thought."

**Frantzy Sylvestre**  
Study Abroad Student,  
Florida International University

## Where to find us



Building 12, Chiswick Park, 566 Chiswick High Road, London, W4 5AN

- 1 Stamford Brook
- 2 Turnham Green
- 3 Chiswick Park
- 4 Gunnersbury
- 5 South Acton
- 6 Acton Town
- 7 Kew Bridge
- 8 Chiswick



NORTH  
ACTON



CHISWICK PARK



Kew Gardens



RICHMOND

PUTNEY  
HEATH



VICTORIA



HIGH STREET  
KENSINGTON

REGENT'S  
PARK



Buckingham Palace

HYDE PARK



The Natural  
History Museum

V&A Museum

BATTERSEA



St Paul's Cathedral



The Gherkin



The Globe  
Theatre



London  
Eye



WATERLOO



The Shard



Tower Bridge



Heathrow Airport



North Acton

GREATER LONDON



Gatwick Airport



Studying at Richmond for a semester was an experience I will not forget. Staff and other students were very welcoming and helpful. There were so many events that allowed me to get to know both the school and the city over the semester. I had a great time!"

**Bella**

Study Abroad Student, University of  
Guam, Spring 2024

- Chiswick Park to Hammersmith  
15 minutes
- Chiswick Park to Kensington High Street  
19 minutes
- Chiswick Park to Knightsbridge  
31 minutes
- Chiswick Park to Heathrow Airport  
20 minutes



# ACCOMMODATION

We currently have one recommended provider for student accommodation - The Stay Club - North Acton.

North Acton is an ideal spot for students, combining a lively city vibe with all the essentials close at hand. Located in the London Borough of Ealing, West London, it's known for its convenient transport links, particularly with the Central and Elizabeth Line on the London Underground, providing easy access to central London and beyond.

The area has a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial spaces, with a growing number of modern developments, including new housing and office spaces. Essential conveniences, including supermarkets, fitness centers, and the scenic Acton Park, are just steps away, creating a well-rounded and enjoyable lifestyle in a vibrant part of the city.

Our student accommodation features our award-winning student support system including Resident Assistants (RAs) and Resident Directors (RDs) where possible. The Residence Life team, who are student staff living in the same accommodation, know the University and London well so are excellent resources in the first weeks of term.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR HOUSING

If you are interested in booking any of our accommodation options, in the first instance, please contact our Student Affairs Team at [studentaffairs@richmond.ac.uk](mailto:studentaffairs@richmond.ac.uk).

They will provide you with more information, answer any questions you may have and ask you to complete a pre-booking form. For more details, please visit our webpage on accommodation: <https://www.richmond.ac.uk/accommodation/>

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# LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

## The Stay Club - North Acton

210 Western Avenue, London, W3 6FW

Acton to Chiswick Park  
25 minutes

Acton to Oxford Circus  
30 minutes

Acton to Kensington  
High Street  
40 minutes

Acton to Heathrow Airport  
35 minutes

Based on average travel time  
by train/underground





# LONDON AS YOUR CLASSROOM

A global, vibrant and diverse city, London has been voted by students as the top city in the world to study for the sixth time in a row (QS, 2018 - 2024), providing a wealth of cultural and career opportunities.

London is the European and global hub for many industries, most notably finance, with the headquarters of major banks like Barclays and the Bank of England located in the City of London and many international companies recruit in London, such as Google, Amazon and Unilever.

You can also find free culture! The city is home to some of the best museums in the world, including the Natural History Museum, the British Museum, the Imperial War Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum. And they're all free to get in!

All of London is easily accessible from our campus facility in Chiswick, West London.

London has an excellent transport system spanning the city consisting of underground and overground trains, buses, bikes, cars and even trams and cable cars.

London is yours to explore while you study here.

## THE RICHMOND INTERNSHIP

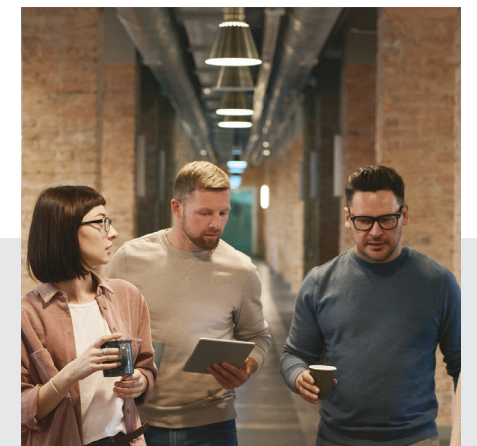
Richmond is able to offer students who meet the minimum requirements of the internship program the opportunity to carry out an internship for academic credit (8 US credits) in the spring, summer, or fall semesters. All internships are completed over a 6 - 12 week (full time) period for a minimum of 200 hours. Students and employers can agree working hours so that students either work 40 hours or 20 hours each week, depending on the length of the internship.

All students on the Richmond internship program benefit from the support of:

- A supervisor within the work place to train and mentor them
- A faculty supervisor from within Richmond who is personally assigned to them throughout their internship and who will support them
- The overall support of the Internship Office staff throughout the program of study



**6 -12 Weeks**  
**210 Hours**  
**(Minimum)**  
**8 US Credits**



I had an amazing study abroad experience at Richmond. The staff played a huge role in helping me learn how to navigate the city and adjust to a new style of education. I truly enjoyed having the opportunity to take courses that are not offered at my home university.

The courses introduced me to new topics such as fashion and the importance of service learning. I even had the opportunity to volunteer at a food bank throughout the semester which allowed me to engage with members of the community that were not apart of the Richmond community.

Outside of school and service learning, I had a lot of fun exploring and experiencing as much of London as possible. In the city, I enjoyed the food markets, fashion exhibitions and the graffiti alleys! Overall this has been one of my favorite semesters throughout my undergraduate career."

**Tiani**

Study Abroad Student, Sewanee, University of the South Student, Fall 2023



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

## Academic requirements

Please visit our website for qualification and country specific requirements along with further guidance on our academic admissions requirements: [richmond.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions](http://richmond.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions)

## English Language Requirements

If you are not from a majority English speaking country, you will normally be required to have achieved CEFR level B2 in a recognised English language test or qualification that is acceptable to the University prior to entry to the program.

Acceptable tests include IELTS, TOEFL and PTE. Please see our website for the range of English language tests that may be used for admission.

## English Language Requirements Based on Qualification

Applicants who are not native speakers of English must demonstrate the required level of English Language proficiency indicated below. There are a number of ways this can be achieved:

- A valid (in date) recognised English Language test for those who require a Student Visa (programs longer than 6 months in duration) to study in the UK
- Nationals from a Majority English Speaking Country\* as defined by the UKVI, are not required to provide proof of English language proficiency
- Completion of an undergraduate program in the UK

Qualification	Requirement	Validity Period
IELTS (Academic)	6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each of the four components	2 Years
TOEFL iBT	79 overall with 17 in Listening, 18 in Reading, 17 in Writing, 20 in Speaking	2 Years
Pearson Test of English	55 with no less than 51 in each component	2 Years

All information is correct at the time of publication. Please check our website for up to date requirements.

# HOW TO APPLY

Complete and submit a direct online application available at [richmond.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate-admissions](http://richmond.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate-admissions)

## Attach the following supporting documents

- A personal statement of approximately 500 words
- Official high school transcripts/final examination results and certificates
- Evidence of English language proficiency, e.g. IELTS. Other English language tests may be provided but please contact us for further advice
- Copy of the photograph and signature pages\* from a valid passport\*\*
- Copy/Copies of all previous UK Visas\*

\* If applicable  
\*\* Required of all applicants, including UK citizens

Please note: for Transfer Students with fewer than 30 credits, submission of your High School grades are required in addition to your current in-progress University transcripts.

## Deadline for direct applications

For autumn (fall) entry, students who require a visa to study in the UK should submit a direct application and supporting documents by 1st July. Applications will still be considered beyond this point on an available space basis, as priority will be given to applications received by the deadline.

## What happens next?

Your application will be given to an Admissions Officer and a decision will be made on your application.

## The offer

If your application is successful, you will be sent an offer of admission via email. Your offer letter will state the conditions of your offer, if applicable, and information on how to accept your offer.

## Tuition fees

The most up-to-date information about our tuition fees can be found on our website: [www.richmond.ac.uk/undergraduate-student-tuition-fees-and-funding/](http://www.richmond.ac.uk/undergraduate-student-tuition-fees-and-funding/).

## Which fees should I pay?

The fee you have to pay will depend on your fee status as a UK, EU, US or international student.



My time in Richmond was one of the best times of my life, not only because of its location but also because I've had the best teachers in my entire university degree. I can also say that you will find friends for life, and that there is always something to do in London!"

**Natalia Fernandez**  
Study Abroad Student, CEU Madrid



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## Richmond is an equal opportunity university

It does not discriminate in admissions, employment or access to programmes. The policy of the University is that students, applicants and employment candidates are considered without regard to race, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin or age. The University complies with the Equality Act 2010.

### Background information on Richmond

The University's history is linked to the building which was its original location on Queen's Road in Richmond where construction started in 1841 and was completed in 1843, when it opened as the Wesley Theological Institution. Later known as Richmond College, it became part of the University of London, whose degrees it awarded until 1971. In 1972, it became Richmond College, an independent, international, not-for-profit liberal arts college. Today the University is known as Richmond American University London, based in Chiswick Park. Richmond is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (267-284-5000).

Richmond is licensed to award Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, and Master of Business Administration degrees by the Department of Education in the State of Delaware. The University is incorporated as a not-for-profit educational institution in the State of Delaware, USA, and is a recognised 501(c)(3) public educational charity under US law. In the UK, Richmond has UK Taught Degree Awarding Powers by the Privy Council.

Richmond's degrees are also designated by the Secretary of State for Education of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom The Education (Recognised Awards) (Richmond The American International University in London) Statutory Order 2017 (SI 1185) dated 30 November 2017, Statutory Order 2016 (SI 1209) dated 12 December

2016 and Statutory Order 2006 (SI 3121) dated 23 November 2006. The University has "Highly Trusted Sponsor" status as defined by the United Kingdom UK Visas and Immigration Agency.

Richmond has been a voluntary subscriber to the QAA since August 2009. The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) conducted an Higher Education Review for Alternative Providers in December 2017, and Richmond was found to have met expectations in all review judgements including: the academic standards of the awards the University offers, the quality and enhancement of student learning opportunities and the publication of information about those opportunities. The full reports can be consulted at: [qaa.ac.uk/reviewing-higher-education/quality-assurance-reports/Richmond-The-American-International-University-in-London](http://qaa.ac.uk/reviewing-higher-education/quality-assurance-reports/Richmond-The-American-International-University-in-London).

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