MU OHIO MATHEMATICS PROGRAM
LONDON: SUMMER 2011

4 JULY TO 8 AUGUST 2011

in co-operation with the American Institute for Foreign Study
Huge variety of music venues!

Diverse & multicultural

Over 40 theatres

World renowned museums & galleries

An Olympic city!

Royal parks

Fish & chips!
CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

- London is a big, busy, fast paced city
- It can be crowded and expensive
- Very multicultural – bring an open mind
- Safe and secure, despite its size
- We don’t always speak the same language!
ARRIVAL INTO LONDON

MONDAY 4TH JULY
ARRIVE LONDON
(remember London is 5 hours ahead of Ohio time)

Please make your own way to the student apartments
(please pick up directions – you will be mailed a tube
map and London city map) to arrive no later than 3pm.
If you are delayed, lost, etc, please call the AIFS duty
officer on 020 7603 1747. Please also email your flight
itinerary to: studentinfo@aifs.co.uk
IMMIGRATION

• YOU WILL BE SENT A LETTER TO PRESENT TO IMMIGRATION

• KEEP IT SAFE! (FOLD IT UP AND KEEP IN PASSPORT)

• YOU CANNOT WORK IN THE UK

• YOU CANNOT OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT

• PLEASE BE PATIENT AND BE PREPARED FOR LINES
KEY PROGRAM DATES

- MON 4TH JULY – ARRIVE IN LONDON AND SETTLE IN
- TUES 5TH JULY – ORIENTATION WITH AIFS STAFF AND SIGHTSEEING TOUR
- WED 6TH JULY – CLASSES BEGIN (TU/WED/THURS SCHEDULE– (WED-THURS- FRI SCHEDULE FOR FIRST WEEK ONLY)
- SAT 9TH JULY - STONEHENGE AND BATH DAYTRIP
- MON 8TH AUGUST – LONDON PROGRAM ENDS
HOUSING - APARTMENTS

- 2 OR 4 STUDENTS IN APARTMENT
- TWIN ROOMS & 1 BATHROOM
- BASIC FURNISHINGS
- KENSINGTON AREA
- SHARE KITCHEN, BATHROOM, LIVING SPACE
- LINEN & UTENSILS SUPPLIED
HOUSING - APARTMENTS
HOUSING

- WIFI IS AVAILABLE IN THE APARTMENTS
- ALL APARTMENTS ARE EQUIPPED WITH BASIC KITCHEN UTENSILS AND CROCKERY PLUS MICROWAVE, HOB AND FRIDGE
- THERE IS A LAUNDRY ROOM (WASHERS AND DRYERS – CHARGEABLE)
- THERE WILL BE OTHER AIFS STUDENTS AND AIFS STAFF (RAs) LIVING IN THE APARTMENTS
HOUSING

BED LINEN IS PROVIDED

TOWELS ARE NOT PROVIDED – PLEASE BRING THEM!
TRANSPORT

• TRAVELCARD INCLUDED

• TRAVEL ZONES 1 & 2

• USE ON UNDERGROUND (THE TUBE)

• AND BUSES/ NIGHT BUSES

• UNLIMITED TRAVEL WITH YOUR CARD FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME
WHERE ARE AIFS LOCATED..?

• KENSINGTON AREA  
  (10 MIN WALK FROM YOUR RESIDENCE)

• A ROYAL BOROUGH

• RICHMOND UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

• CLOSE TO HYDE PARK, HARRODS, VARIOUS MUSEUMS
AIFS STUDENT CENTRE
You will have access to the computer lab and library at Richmond University in Kensington
AIFS STUDENT SERVICES

- HERE TO HELP
- DEDICATED & FRIENDLY
- TRAVEL ADVICE
- MESSAGES & MAIL
- DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS
- HELP WITH ADJUSTING TO LONDON LIFE
- JUST TO CHAT (IN UK ACCENT)
TRAVEL ADVICE

• WELL TRAVELLED STAFF CAN HELP ADVISE ON WEEKEND TRIPS

• BOOK IN ADVANCE TO GET THE BEST DEALS

• LONDON HAS 5 AIRPORTS

• WE HAVE FACTSHEETS ON MANY EUROPEAN CITIES WHICH WE CAN EMAIL TO YOU – LET US KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY YOU WOULD LIKE
CULTURAL EVENTS

- A DAYTRIP TO STONEHENGE AND BATH
  SATURDAY 9TH JULY

- A LONDON THEATRE PERFORMANCE (DETAILS TBC)
CULTURAL EVENTS

THERE MAY BE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR OTHER AIFS ORGANISED CULTURAL EVENTS AT HEAVILY DISCOUNTED PRICES WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN LONDON (DAYTRIPS, THEATRE, SPORTING EVENTS).

IF WE DO HAVE AVAILABILITY FOR THESE EVENTS WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN LONDON AND YOU ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.
SAFETY & SECURITY

AIFS...

• ASKS YOU TO REGISTER WITH THE US EMBASSY

• LOGS WEEKEND TRAVEL PLANS

• RECEIVES US STATE DEPARTMENT ADVISORIES

• HAS EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND EXTENSIVE BACK-UP SERVICES

• HAS EXCELLENT LINKS WITH LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES
PACKING
WHAT TO PACK

DO PACK:

- PRESCRIBED MEDICINES
- TOWELS
- CLOTHING YOU CAN LAYER
- RAINWEAR
- REMEMBER LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS OF 50LBS PER BAG
WHAT NOT TO PACK

DON’T PACK:

• BED LINEN OR PILLOWS

• HAIRDRYERS/STRAIGHTENERS

• TOO MUCH STUFF

• CLOTHES YOU “MIGHT WEAR”

• HEAVY AND/OR EXPENSIVE ITEMS (CHECK INSURANCE)
WEATHER

The average temperature in London in July and August is between 60 and 80 degrees.

Bring sandals but don’t expect to wear them every day!

Be prepared for rain – the weather is very changeable so we advise that you take an umbrella/waterproof with you everywhere.
INSURANCE

• ALL STUDENTS RECEIVE MEDICAL INSURANCE AS PART OF THEIR PROGRAMME FEES
  (THERE IS A $50 DEDUCTIBLE PER CLAIM)

• PERSONAL EFFECTS COVERAGE IS NOT INCLUDED – WE RECOMMEND YOU HAVE THIS COVERAGE (LAPTOPS, DIGITAL CAMERAS, IPODS ARE EXPENSIVE). CHECK IF YOU ARE COVERED ON YOUR PARENTS HOME INSURANCE.

• TAKE CARE OF YOUR BELONGINGS

• FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON INSURANCE VISIT AIFSPARTNERSHIPS.COM
MONEY

• CURRENCY IN THE UK IS THE BRITISH POUND
100 PENNIES IN A POUND
EXCHANGE RATE IS CURRENTLY 1 US DOLLAR: 1 POUND

EASIEST WAY TO GET CASH IS VIA ATMS (CASHPOINTS)
CIRRUS, PLUS, STAR SIGNS ON YOUR CARDS

• CREDIT CARDS
VISA & MASTERCARD WIDELY ACCEPTED

• GOOD IDEA TO TELL YOUR BANK YOU WILL BE ABROAD
SO THEY DO NOT STOP YOUR ACCOUNT
STAYING IN TOUCH - MAIL

YOUR NAME
AIFS STUDENT CENTRE
ATLANTIC HOUSE
1 ST ALBANS GROVE
LONDON
W8 5PN
UNITED KINGDOM

• BE AWARE OF IMPORT CHARGES IF SENDING ITEMS FROM THE US

• MARK GIFTS “USED PERSONAL GOODS”
STAYING IN TOUCH - PHONE

CELL PHONES
PURCHASE LOCAL CELL PHONES INEXPENSIVELY IN UK (IT IS FREE TO RECEIVE CALLS) OR PURCHASE AN INTERNATIONAL PLAN WITH YOUR CURRENT CELL PHONE

AIFS EMERGENCY CONTACT (24HRS)
011 44 20 7603 1747
FACEBOOK PAGE
AIFS PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMS FACEBOOK FAN PAGE
www.facebook.com/AIFSPartnerships
This was a great program - it changed my life.

I’ve had the time of my life! No college experience could be complete without study abroad. I’ve learned more about myself and life here than in 3 years of college at home.
FURTHER INFORMATION

- ASK QUESTIONS NOW

- IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO KNOW?

- EMAIL US
  studentinfo@aifs.co.uk