

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Iconic Libraries

Locations: Greenville, London, Liverpool, Marlborough and York, England

Dates: May 8-27, 2024

Program Description: By visiting libraries, archives and modern information centers, this class will consider how scholarship, knowledge and information have been preserved and made accessible in different times and places. We will ask how this work of preserving and making the valuable commodity of knowledge accessible by libraries has influenced education, religion, government, commerce, science, the arts and other parts of society.

Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	Never
Course work in English	Always
Laptop Required	Required (contact directors if this will be an issue)
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Recommend
Traditional Classroom	Sometimes
Group Work	Sometimes
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Journals, reflections, presentation
Interactions with local residents	Sometimes
Field Work/Research	No
Internship/ Volunteer Work	No
Other	

STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Foreign Language Environment	None
Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Cobblestones, flat with some hills
Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Mostly urban, some rural
Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Cool temperatures, possible rain
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	Low Risk
Is tap water safe to drink	Safe to drink
Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Pickpocketing in touristy areas
Cultural Dress Code	None
Curfew	None
Motion Sickness	Bus and train transportation
Laundry	Laundromats or hotel service (not included in the cost of the trip)

Other	Raincoats and umbrellas are recommended
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PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Always
Carrying equipment or program supplies	Never
Standing 60+ minutes	Possibly
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Always
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	Never
Walking 3+ miles per day	Always
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Always
Other	

HEALTH & DIET	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Always for vegetarian; vegan options can be accommodated if planned for ahead of time.
Food Allergy Accommodations	Can be accommodated if planned for ahead of time
Group Meals	A few
Cooking for oneself	Never
Host family prepares meals	Never
Healthcare easily accessible	Always
Quality of Healthcare	Excellent
Other	

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Host Family	Never
Roommate	Always
Shared Apartment	Never
Dormitory	Never
Camping	Never
Hotel	Always
Cell phone signal available	Always
Internet signal available	Always
Refrigerator Access	Available upon request
Air Conditioning	Always
Other	

WATER ACTIVITIES	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Swimming	Never
Snorkeling	Never
SCUBA	Never
Boat, canoes or other water activities	Never
Sea sickness	Never
Other	

Center for Disease Control Recommendations: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/united-kingdom
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