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Start the journey

We are delighted that you are considering studying at Roehampton University, London. A Study Abroad experience gives you an excellent opportunity to broaden your intellectual and personal horizons in one of the world's most exciting and cosmopolitan cities. Immerse yourself in another culture and you will return home with a global perspective and a life-changing experience.

We invite you to take advantage of the opportunities on offer at Roehampton University and in London. We hope this booklet gives you a flavour of student life here and inspires you to take the first steps on this exciting journey.

The benefits of studying abroad

- Bring an international dimension to your studies and your life.
- Develop a unique understanding of another country's culture that can only be gained by living and studying in that country.
- Further explore your current academic interests or change direction and study in new areas.
- Gain a deeper awareness of the values and way of life of your own country, your own place in that country, and its place in the world.

Overwhelmingly, students report that they return home from studying abroad feeling refreshed and invigorated by their experience, approaching their remaining studies with new energy and a broadened world view.

Campus life in London

Roehampton University is a friendly, modern, lively community, with a growing international reputation for the high quality of its teaching and research. It is thanks to these strengths that our students have the opportunity to engage directly with academic staff working at the cutting edge of their subject.

Roehampton University was ranked first in London for “good environment on and around campus” and for “good personal relationships with teaching staff” by the Times Higher Education’s Annual Student Experience Survey.



Our location, on a beautiful and historic campus in south-west London, means that our students are ideally placed to take advantage of the countless opportunities that the capital has to offer. The campus is set in landscaped parkland with teaching rooms, student accommodation and recreation spaces all located close to one another and with easy access to public transport.

Roehampton is proud of its history; the four Colleges that came together in 1975 to form the University still play an important role in the day-to-day social and home life of our students. Colleges provide a close-knit community within the larger University and staff support students to ensure they quickly feel at home.

The student experience

You can study abroad at Roehampton for one or two terms. You will join with British and non-British students in your classes: Roehampton is a diverse community of 8,000 students and home to over 1100 international students from over 100 countries as varied as Ecuador, Japan, Poland, Sri Lanka, Turkey and the United States. The international students on Roehampton's campus enrich the learning and social experience for other international students as well as for students from the UK.

Our state-of-the-art campus facilities are central to your success. The well-stocked Library is staffed by helpful and knowledgeable librarians. The campus also features a range of amenities for specific subjects, such as dance studios and sport and bioscience laboratories.



The London connection

At Roehampton you'll find the buzz of one of the most exciting capital cities right on your doorstep. London is a fantastic place to be a student and studying in south-west London means that whatever you're looking for, whatever you're into, you won't go short of things to do! Whether you're after film, music, sport, nightlife, theatre, fashion or art, you'll find it all here.

South London is renowned for its great nightlife and cafe culture. However, if you go north of the river, you'll find such treasures as Portobello Road, Camden and Spitalfields markets, which are vibrant and colourful at the weekends. Other highlights you should not miss include the festivals and street theatre at the South Bank and Covent Garden and the various shopping and eating districts. Time Out, London's weekly listings magazine, is a useful guide to activities and events in the capital.

Closer to Roehampton, the All England Lawn Tennis Club at Wimbledon is a short bus ride away; you'll never get a better opportunity to see top players competing in the most famous tournament in the sport. Or perhaps football is your thing; Chelsea is the biggest local Premiership club, but Fulham and Arsenal are also within reach of the University.

London is the starting point for many European adventures. You can take the Eurostar train from St Pancras International station to Paris for a weekend or hop on to one of the budget airlines now operating out of London's airports and go to almost any European city: Prague, Dublin, Barcelona and Rome are all firm favourites with our students.



Location



- Roehampton is in south-west London.
- It is only 30 minutes away from the centre of the capital.
- Set in 54 acres of parkland, Roehampton is London's only campus university.

London's many districts, each with their own distinctive character, provide opportunities for an extraordinary range of social and cultural experiences.

What can I study?

Study Abroad students are able to select classes from across all academic disciplines as we want your experience to be as diverse as possible. The only restriction we have is that you must be academically able to complete a class. Therefore, on occasion we may recommend alternative classes if you have insufficient equivalent prerequisites.

Roehampton offers a wide range of academic programmes.

Biological Sciences

Anthropology
Biological Anthropology
Biological Sciences
Biomedical Sciences
Conservation Biology
Human Biosciences
Zoology

Business and Computing

Business Management
Business Management – Human
Resource Management
Business Management – Retail Management and Marketing
Computing
Computing with Database Systems
Computing with Information Management
Computing with Web and Multimedia
International Business
Marketing
Marketing and Multimedia

Creative Arts

Creative Writing
Dance Studies
Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies
Film
Journalism and News Media
Photography

Culture and Humanities

Art History
Classical Civilisation
English Language and Linguistics
English Literature
History
Human Rights
Media and Culture
Philosophy
Theology and Religious Studies

Education and Childhood

Childhood and Society
Early Childhood Studies
Education
Primary Education

Health, Psychology and Counselling

Biomedical Sciences
Exercise, Nutrition and Health
Health and Social Care
Health Studies
Human Biosciences
Integrative Counselling
Nutrition and Health
Psychology
Psychology and Counselling
Psychology and Health
Sport Psychology

Languages

English Language and Linguistics
Modern Languages
Spanish
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
Translating and Interpreting

Social Sciences

Criminology
Human Rights
Social Anthropology
Sociology

Sport, Exercise and Leisure

Exercise, Nutrition and Health
Sport and Exercise Sciences
Sport Psychology
Sport Science and Culture
Sport Science



Sample programmes

We understand that choosing a Study Abroad programme can be challenging and we recommend you discuss your programme with a Study Abroad Adviser at your home institution. In the meantime, here are a few suggestions to get you started:

Creative Writing

Taught by working poets, novelists, screenwriters and journalists, this programme introduces writing practice in four main genres: screenwriting, non-fiction, poetry and fiction. As you explore the technical craft of writing, you will develop broad critical awareness and skills, while allowing for specialisation as you progress.

Suggested classes: Writing Journalism and Non-fiction
Introduction to Screenwriting
Non-fiction: Feature Writing
The History, Theory and Performance of Stand-up Comedy

Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies

We actively encourage intellectual curiosity and creativity, which helps you to articulate your ideas in writing, speech and performance. You will critically analyse plays, performances and audiences, build confidence and presentation skills and develop your understanding of specific performance activities.

Suggested classes: Theatre and the American Dream
Practical Approaches to Acting
Asian Theatre Forms, Culture and Society
Performance and Life Art



English Literature

If you're interested in children's literature or crime fiction, in Shakespeare or stand-up comedy, in Victorian novels or visual texts, then come to Roehampton. We offer a challenging programme of unrivalled range and richness.

Suggested classes: London in Literature
Master and Slave
Aspects of Early American Literature
Travel Writing

Social Science cluster

This thought-provoking cluster takes classes from across a range of programmes, including Criminology, Human Rights and Sociology, to encourage students to think both practically and critically about the topics of crime and crime control and the relationship between crime and gender, ethnicity, age and poverty.

Suggested classes: Questioning Citizenship
Crime Control and Criminal Justice
Sociology and Anthropology of Human Rights
Theories of Punishment

Early Childhood Studies

Discover how children think, learn and develop from birth to the age of six in this programme designed to meet the increasing demand for early years specialists. You will have access to the Froebel Archive for Childhood Studies, a unique collection of materials documenting the history of early childhood research.

Suggested classes: Studying Young Children
Children and Families
Froebel and the Kindergarten
Children from Diverse Communities

Academic issues

Entry requirements

- Your home institution must approve your application to Roehampton University.
- Applicants from the US are required to have a minimum GPA of 2.8.
- If you are a “gap year” Study Abroad student then Roehampton will treat your application in the same way as any standard undergraduate application. This means that you must meet the University’s general entry requirements plus any course-specific requirements.
- If English has not been the medium of instruction in your home institution, then you will need to show that you meet our English language entry requirement, ie IELTS 6.0 overall with 6 in the writing band or TOEFL 550 PBT or the equivalent.

How do I choose my programme?

Full programme and module descriptions can be found at www.roehampton.ac.uk/undergraduate-courses/

Credit transfer

Your home institution will need to approve your chosen course of study at Roehampton if you want to apply credits received here to your undergraduate degree.

A full-time student at Roehampton studies 60 credits each semester (approximately 12–15 US credits). Once you have successfully completed your programme of study at Roehampton University, you will receive an academic transcript and those credits may be transferred to your home institution.



Housing

Accommodation on campus is guaranteed for all Study Abroad students as long as they apply in good time. Rooms are single occupancy study bedrooms with shared kitchen facilities, internet connection and optional private bathroom. There are plenty of cafes and diners on campus if you're lacking in culinary skills, and none of these will be more than a 10-minute walk away. The goal of the University is to provide a living/learning environment that promotes academic and personal growth and a sense of community among students.

Living on campus is a great way to meet and make friends with other students who may be from the United Kingdom, Europe or elsewhere in the world. Additional benefits are the on-site Students' Union – with regular social events and numerous sports clubs for everything from football to martial arts – as well as 24-hour security cover and a Medical Centre.



Student life

Choosing to study abroad presents many exciting opportunities; however, we also recognise that it may also present some unforeseen challenges. This is why we offer a broad range of free support services that have been rated as a feature of good practice by the Quality Assurance Agency in the UK.

Our services start on arrival: we arrange an airport pick-up service at the start of each semester for new students and make sure you settle in to your accommodation. We also provide an intensive, but fun, orientation to ensure you are confident in both the local and London environment. We are a source of information and assistance that is available before, during and after your period of studying abroad.

At Roehampton you will receive plenty of academic help from your teachers with additional support if required through our Student Advice Centre. Part of the Study Abroad experience is the different teaching and learning environment that you will experience. We aim to develop the skills of independent learning in our students and to teach you how to think, not what to think. Most students adapt quickly to this and find Roehampton University to be a stimulating place in which to learn.



Money matters

You will be expected to pay for:

- tuition fees
- accommodation costs
- living costs
- travel expenses
- insurance.

Information on tuition fees and accommodation costs can be found online at www.roehampton.ac.uk/admissions/international/studyabroad

Living costs depend on your lifestyle but there are many ways you can minimise your expenditure. Meals are one area where you can save a great deal of money: cook for yourself rather than eat out or share the cooking with your flatmates. Also look out for theatres and clubs offering student discounts and remember that many London museums and art galleries provide free entry.

Travel expenses are variable, but it pays to book air travel well in advance and to search the internet for cheap flights. Once in the UK, a pre-paid Oyster Card is the best value on the public transport system in London.

Students from the US

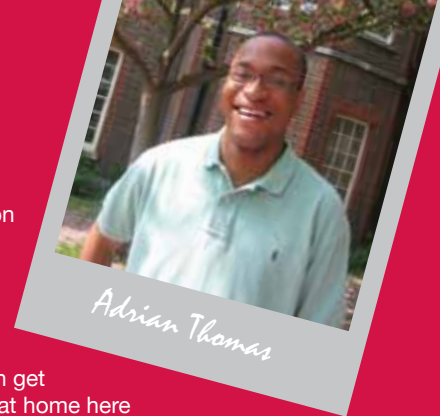
Federal loans and financial aid that you receive for study at your US university can be applied to Study Abroad. Roehampton University is approved by the US Department of Education for participation in the Federal Student Aid Loan programme and our School Code is G21019. We are also approved under the Veterans' Aid Scheme.

Student profiles

“When I arrived in London, transportation from the airport to the University was already arranged and that was a big relief for me. The facilities on campus are good with spacious living arrangements and there are several activities that international students can get involved in to meet other people. I feel at home here even though I am thousands of miles from the US.

I would advise students to keep an open mind and be prepared to experience different things. The experience for me has been one of the best that I have had in my life. I would also tell students to take advantage of the University's location; London is a great city to explore and you are really close to other cities in Europe.”

— Adrian Thomas II



Adrian Thomas



Chelsey Merlo

“Hailing a cab, mastering the underground lines, rain in the morning and sunshine in the afternoon, running to catch the bus, lectures, essays, flat dinners, outdoor markets, free museums, short flights to anywhere in Europe, train trips all over the UK – these are just a few of the many components that have joined to form the memories that I have of my time living in London. Studying at Roehampton has given me the incredible opportunity to experience ‘the other’ and remove myself from my normal university lifestyle in America.”

— Chelsey Merlo

How to apply

The Study Abroad application form can be downloaded from our website at www.roehampton.ac.uk/admissions/international/studyabroad

Alternatively, request an application form or further information by contacting us:

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What are the important deadlines?

- End of October for Spring applications
- End of June for Autumn applications

What happens after I apply?

We will consider your application and will normally contact you with our decision within two weeks of receiving your application.





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