

# London Internship and London Semester Housing Information



The Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad guarantees your housing in London. This information will give you a general idea of the living arrangements you can expect on your study abroad program in London.

## **Housing Covered by the Fee:**

The program fee you pay to Arcadia University includes housing during the London orientation and before the start of classes and housing for all periods when classes are scheduled in session. Housing is not available before your program begins or after the conclusion of your program. Our London staff maintains current listing of relatively inexpensive short-term accommodations and can provide this information if you are planning to arrive early or stay on after your program ends.

## **Vacation Housing:**

Vacation housing is covered by students in Arcadia University housing. If you plan to stay in university housing during Christmas (full year students only) or spring break (full year and spring students) you will need to make arrangements to remain in residence with the accommodations office at your school. You will need to pay the appropriate fee and then submit your receipt to Arcadia's London office for reimbursement. You may be asked by the accommodations office to change rooms during these holiday periods. If you will not be in residence over these term breaks, you may be asked to store your belongings.

## **Housing Choices:**

There are two housing choices for students on the London Internship or London Humanities program. Your housing preference form lists the options from which you may choose.

- 1) Arcadia Housing
- 2) Independent Arrangements

## **Arcadia University Housing:**

While Arcadia guarantees housing for all students on the program, it is important to note that we cannot guarantee specific requests for roommates, a particular building, or type of accommodation. All Arcadia housing is centrally located and exceeds the standards established for student accommodation on Arcadia programs worldwide. We want all students to be as comfortable as possible during the stay in London. This can be achieved with your cooperation and understanding. Please be sure to read the following information carefully, and to speak to your program coordinator if you have specific questions.

## **The Basics:**

- Please remember, beyond meeting general standards, there is no way to guarantee uniformity of apartment and room size, distance from your classes or internship, furnishing, or extra facilities. Some housing provides extras for students such as dish-washers, washers, microwaves, and DVD players. These items may be available but should not be expected in all accommodation. These items are not part of our standard accommodation package, nor can we ensure their presence or take responsibility for their upkeep or repair.
- Arcadia places students either in residences for 20-40 students or in flats accommodating 4-7 students. Each of these options includes communal living, kitchen, and bathroom facilities. Students will be allocated space in single, double, or triple rooms.
- Arcadia provides basic kitchen utensils such as dishes, cutlery, pots, pans, glasses, and cooking implements.
- Student rooms are normally equipped with very limited storage space and a small chest of drawers so empty luggage is stored under the bed. Keep this in mind when packing.

- Each house is overseen by a Graduate Resident, or GR, who convenes housing meetings, ensure students are taking full responsibility for their house or flat, reports needed repairs, provides basic supplies, and handles any personal or group problems that may arise. Your GR may live in your flat, your building, or in a building nearby.

### **Meals:**

Arcadia University housing does not offer a meal plan. Students prepare meals in the kitchens provided or purchase inexpensive meals from the university or in local establishments.

### **Utilities, Linens and Furnishing:**

Electricity, Water, and heat are included in the housing fee. You should be prepared for cooler rooms than you are used to at home. Comforters and pillows are provided by Arcadia, but students should expect to bring or purchase a duvet cover, sheets, pillow-cases, towels, and wash cloths. The dimensions for single European sheets and duvet covers are: 54 x 78 inches or 140 x 200 centimeters.

### **Phones and Internet:**

Arcadia provides high speed internet access free of charge. Students will also be registered for email and internet access at your host university as well.

If your housing is equipped with a telephone, it will accept incoming calls only. Students are not permitted to accept collect calls on these phones. If collect calls are accepted, students will be billed for the cost of the collect call and incoming call access to the apartment or room will be removed. Students will be able to use calling cards to make outgoing calls. Local calls in the Britain cost money, so even a call next door can add up. Alternatively, students may consider purchasing a local network cell phone while in Britain and pay for air-time on a per minute basis.

### **Cleaning:**

You will be responsible for keeping your room and clean and laundering sheets and towels. All housing is equipped with coin operated laundry facilities and there are usually Laundromats within walking distance. Apartments and rooms receive basic cleaning service on a weekly basis. This is intended to keep the cleanliness of all accommodation up to standard. This service applies to the kitchen, bathroom, hallway, and communal areas only. All students are asked to help preserve the general order of bathrooms and common areas and to wash dishes and clean up in the kitchen.

### **Commuting to classes and internships:**

Almost all students in London commute to class – American and British alike. You can expect a commute of 30-45 minutes by bus or underground, and in some cases the commute to internship placements may take up to one hour. Remember to budget for this commuting expense because local transportation is not included in the program fee. The Arcadia staff in London will assist students to purchase a discounted student transport card upon arrival in London.

## **LIVING INDEPENDENTLY**

If you plan to secure your own housing, please notify your program coordinator so that the appropriate arrangements can be made.

## **LATE CHANGES in HOUSING PREFERENCE**

Please review the Arcadia University Housing Policy for information regarding deadlines for changes in housing preference and the consequences of changing or deciding to live independently after housing deadlines have passed.



## **HOUSING REFUNDS**

Refunds for housing are explained under "Credits and Refunds" in the Financial Information section of our on-line Predeparture Handbook or in the 2005-2006 Arcadia Program catalogue for Great Britain.

## ARCADIA HOUSING DESCRIPTIONS

### THORESBY HOUSE

**Location:**

Thoresby House is situated in the London Borough of Hackney, on the City/Islington border. It is within Zone 1 of London, which encompasses the immediate center of the city.

The building is intended to serve students studying at City University, on the London Internship, and on the London Humanities Program. The campus of City University is a 7-minute walk away.

**Local Transportation:**

There are 2 underground stations, the Angel and Old Street, which are within an 8-minute walk from the house. Both are Northern Line stations allowing easy access to the City and to the wealth of entertainment and cultural activities found in London's West End. A typical journey to the West End takes about 20 minutes.

**Building Layout:**

Thoresby House is a detached property consisting of 5 floors. It accommodates 34 students and 2 Graduate Residents, called "GRs". The house is overseen by the GRs who convene house meetings, maintain order, oversee on-site maintenance and housekeeping issues and handle any personal or group problems that may arise. 24 students have single rooms and 10 share double rooms. There are approximately 9 students on each of the upper 4 floors. Each floor has its own television lounge/dining room, fully furnished kitchen, toilets and shower room. Most rooms are equipped with wash basin, small refrigerator, telephone (with voice mail) as well as traditional study bedroom furniture. There is a separate electrical supply to each room for the use of laptop computers. The house has wired, high-speed, internet access which is free of charge.

The lower ground floor contains a classroom for the 'Summer in London' courses, additional toilets, a kitchen / lounge, and a laundry room. Laundry facilities are coin operated and currently cost £1.60 for a wash and dry.

**Local Amenities:**

Within a 2-minute walk you will find various convenience stores, small grocery outlets, pubs and ATM machines. The nearest major road, Upper Street, is an 8-minute walk away and has supermarkets, drug stores, restaurants, bars, street markets and banks.

A library, computer and sports centre, e-mail facilities, travel and entertainment services are all provided at City University.

### PALACE COURT

**Location:**

Palace Court is situated in the district of Bayswater in Central London. The Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad office in London is also located at 11 Palace Court.

**Local Transportation:**

There are 3 underground stations, Notting Hill Gate, which is serviced by the Central Line and District and Circle Lines, Queensway (Central Line) and Bayswater (District and Circle Lines), which are within a 5-minute walk from Palace Court. These stations provide easy access to the City and to the wealth of entertainment and cultural activities found in London's West End. A typical journey to the West End takes about 20 minutes.

**Building Layout:**

Palace Court is a large 19<sup>th</sup> century converted family town house set over 6 floors. As well as the Arcadia Center for Education Abroad offices, it accommodates 26 students and 1 Graduate Resident, called a GR. The house is overseen by the GR who convenes house meetings, maintains order, reports needed repairs and deals with any personal or group problems, which may arise. There are 10 student rooms, which consist mainly of triple rooms. There is a very small selection of en-suite rooms but these cannot be requested on your Student Housing forms. Each room is fully furnished and includes a washbasin and telephone. The telephone accepts incoming calls and allows outgoing calls through the use of a calling card. Shower rooms are located on each half landing between student rooms. Students share a communal kitchen and lounge on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Level. For students living on the lower ground floor of the building, there is an additional communal kitchen and dining room, both of which are fully furnished. Laundry facilities are located on the lower ground floor and currently cost £1-20 for using the washing machine and 20p for using the dryer. There is free, high-speed wireless internet access in Palace Court.

**Local Amenities:**

Bayswater is a thriving area of London. Local amenities include an abundance of shops, banks/ATM machines, grocery stores, clothes stores, drug stores, restaurants, and pubs all within a 5-minute walk.

Local attractions include Kensington Gardens/Hyde Park on Bayswater Road, which contains the former home of The Princess of Wales, Kensington Palace.

## REDCLIFFE GARDENS

**Location:**

Redcliffe Gardens are student apartments, or flats, situated in the Earls Court region of Central London.

The building is primarily used to accommodate London Interns and University of London students. Almost all London students commute to class, American and British alike. Redcliffe is approximately 40 minutes from University College London and SOAS, and approximately 40 minutes from City University.

**Local Transport:**

Earls Court underground station is a 10-minute walk from Redcliffe Gardens. From Earls Court you can take the Piccadilly or District line, which provides easy access to the City and to the wealth of entertainment, and cultural activities found in London's West End. A typical journey to the West End takes about 20 minutes.

**Building Layout:**

Keep in mind that European flats are typically much smaller than we are used to in the US. London in particular is a very expensive city and central apartments will be smaller and simply furnished. Student rooms are normally equipped with very limited storage space, a small chest of drawers, and emptied luggage is normally stored under beds. Additionally, students may need to share desk space.

Redcliffe Gardens consists of 5 flats, accommodating a total of 27 students and 1 Graduate Resident, called a GR. The house is overseen by the GR who convenes house meetings, maintains order, reports needed repairs and deals with any personal or group problems, which may arise. Each flat contains 2 or 3 bedrooms, 1 or 2 bathrooms, a kitchen and a lounge with TV and a VCR or DVD player. Kitchen appliances, silverware, and pots and pans are supplied. Students share bedrooms, predominantly triples or doubles. Each flat has its own phone line, which allows incoming calls and outgoing calls through the use of a calling card. There is free wireless internet access in the flats.



Heat is included in the flat, although not to the degree that you might expect at home. Duvets (a comforter with a removable, washable cover) and pillows are supplied, but you must provide your own duvet cover (standard single size, 54" x 78" or 140 cm x 200 cm), sheets, pillowcases, towels and washcloths.

You will be responsible for keeping your room clean and laundering your own sheets and towels. You will receive basic cleaning service on a weekly basis that is designed to keep the cleanliness of your house up to standard. This service applies to the kitchen, bathroom, hallway and communal area. You will also be asked to help preserve the general order of bathrooms and common areas and to wash your dishes and clean up after yourself in the kitchen. **THE CLEANING SERVICE WILL NOT CLEAN THE KITCHEN OR COMMON AREAS IF DISHES AND OTHER ITEMS LITTER THE AREAS.**

Laundry facilities are provided within the building. These are coin operated and currently cost £1-40 for using the washing machine and 50p for using the dryer. There are also nearby laundromats.

**Local Amenities:**

The main shopping street in the area is Earls Court Road, 5-10 minutes away. Located on this street you will find the underground station, banks, grocery stores, drug stores, book shops, post offices, fast food outlets, pubs and much more.



# London Internship Program Housing Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home School: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS FORM TO US IMMEDIATELY.**

**Please check the program appropriate to you:**

\_\_\_ Academic year \_\_\_ Fall semester \_\_\_ Spring semester \_\_\_ Summer program

HOUSING IS GUARANTEED BY ARCADIA UNIVERSITY UNLESS YOU ARE MAKING YOUR OWN LIVING ARRANGEMENTS.

- Arcadia University student housing  
If you have a *mutual agreement* to live with another student on your same Arcadia University program, please list your friend's name below and make sure s/he indicates your name on his/her form (you may only list **one** person).

Friend's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Very Important to Note: We cannot guarantee any living requests, including roommates, location, or type of accommodation. All Arcadia University Housing is centrally located.**

If you are making independent living arrangements, please indicate that below and provide your overseas address and phone number.

\_\_\_ I will be making my own housing arrangements

My overseas address will be: \_\_\_\_\_

Overseas Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle any term that applies to you:**

Extroverted Introverted Quiet Noisy Tidy Untidy Early Riser Late-to-Bed Religious

Vegetarian Athletic Artistic

**Do you smoke?** yes - no

**Would you share a room with a smoker?** yes - no

**Do you have any allergies or medical conditions, which may affect your housing assignment? Please list:**

I understand and accept the [Arcadia University housing policy](#).

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_