

Study Abroad Application Guidance

Step 1: choose your course

Use the programme pages to decide which options you wish to study and what courses and Colleges you are interested in.

Students for Camberwell, Central Saint Martins, Chelsea, London College of Communication and Wimbledon can apply for two different courses but will need to rank them in order of preference.

London College of Fashion students follow a different application process – visit the London College of Fashion website for more details.

Step 2: check our term dates, deadlines and fees

Integrated and Semester Programme students may apply to study during:

- the autumn term
- the spring term
- autumn and spring terms
- spring and summer terms
- The full academic year (autumn, spring and summer)

Check our term dates to help you decide when you would like to study and the tuition fees you will need to pay.

Once you have decided this check what deadline you need to meet when submitting your application.

Step 3: determine eligibility

To be eligible for the Study Abroad programme you must have completed at least one year's study at an overseas higher education institution in a Bachelor of Arts subject.

Your grade point average should be 3.0 or above. Students from institutions teaching in languages other than English must provide evidence of language proficiency to an IELTS score of 6.0 or above, with some courses requiring 6.5, 7.0 or 7.5.

It is also essential at this stage that you ensure that your home institution will recognise your studies in London and the grades gained. Please contact us if your officials need a copy of the Course Handbook, which comprehensively describes the academic content and structure of each course.

When you apply, our Course Directors will advise on whether you are most suited to join Year 1 or Year 2 of the course you have chosen, on the basis of your previous experience in the specialist subject area. Study Abroad students are not invited to join Year 3 - much of this final year is taken up with personal projects and research.

Step 4: complete the Study Abroad application form

This can be downloaded from the Study Abroad "Apply page".

Step 5: provide supporting documentation

You will need to provide a letter of support from someone within your academic department along with a transcript of your grades.

You must also submit a personal statement where you explain why you have chosen to study at University of the Arts London, what you would like to achieve in your work and personally during your time in London as well as describe your longer term goals. your personal statement should be one or two pages long.

In addition, all of our courses require some form of supporting documentation, for example a portfolio, showreel or piece of written work. You should refer to individual course descriptions when assembling this documentation. Please send work via a file-sharing site or on DVD or CD - do not send original work.

- *Art, Design, Fashion Courses:* Please submit a portfolio of 20-25 images. The work you include should show breadth, and demonstrate your creative thinking, and personal research,

progressing through stages to a finished piece.

Additional info for Fashion at CSM applicants: You should demonstrate your fashion research and creative process skills; sketchbook imagery which shows the origin of ideas displayed in your portfolio; and the progression through design stages to a finished piece.

- *Acting & Directing Courses:* Please submit a DVD of a recent performance in which you have taken a significant role.
- *Sound Art:* Please submit a CD/DVD of your original sound work
- *Film and Television:* Please submit a DVD showreel of extracts of your film projects, along with a short written film analysis
- *All other courses (such as Media Studies, Journalism, Publishing, PR etc):* Three pieces of written work appropriate to the specialist area.

Lastly, you must supply two passport sized headshot images and a copy of the picture page in your passport.

Step 6: accepting your offer

Once your application has been approved, we will send you an offer pack, which includes the following:

- Our offer letter
- Information about housing
- Information about arriving in London
- Information about visas
- Information about our Welcome Programme for new students (or this will follow as soon as it is available)
- Your University Identification Number (ID)

It is important you read all the information carefully and return all forms by the dates we ask you to. You will need to pay your non-refundable deposit of £500 to secure your place within a month of receiving your offer letter.

Step 7: before you leave

You must ensure that you have paid your full course fees six weeks prior to arriving in the UK.

If you wish to stay in university accommodation please apply as early as you can. Details can be found in your offer pack or you can contact the University's Accommodation Services on +44 20 7514 6240 or email them at accommodation@arts.ac.uk. Please inform Accommodation Services that you are a Study Abroad student.

Depending on your nationality you may need to apply for a Student Visitors Visa or a General Student Visa. Check our guidance on entry clearance page for up to date information. Details can also be found in your offer pack.

You should also take out appropriate health insurance for the duration of your stay.

As materials are not provided you should bring with you your basic art materials; sketch pad, note book, visual diary, drawing tools and camera plus a selection of your current work for presentation.

Step 8: Your study timetable

You will receive your study timetable only once you have started here. You will not receive detailed course information, or be expected to choose classes (except on the Semester programmes), before you arrive in London. It is up to you to ensure you have written approval of the programme from your faculty, and that you fulfil their requirements for assessment, attend classes and keep a record of all your study hours and projects.