

England



STUDY ABROAD AT

Middlesex University

## California State University, Sacramento Study Abroad Program

Students who would like to study in England while still enrolled at California State University, Sacramento have an excellent opportunity through this study abroad program. There are some 500 courses at **Middlesex University** open to our students. All these courses form part of the degree studies of British students. This means that our students at Middlesex share the British education experience rather than simply participating in an American program on English soil.

**Middlesex University**, with about 25,000 students, is one of the largest of the United Kingdom's institutions of higher education. The university has campuses across north London ranging in style from modern centers to buildings which have been standing for hundreds of years. These include a mansion and country park estate. The major campuses of Middlesex are all within 40 minutes journey time of central London, giving students easy access to the capital's rich store of academic, cultural, artistic, and social facilities. The campuses include:

**Cat Hill:** a specialist center for art and design, fashion, textiles, fine art, graphics, and media arts. It is home to the Museum of Domestic Design and Architecture (<http://www.moda.mdx.ac.uk>), housing what is considered to be one of the world's most comprehensive collections of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century decorative arts for the home.

**Hendon:** the university's largest campus and home to the business, computing, and health and social sciences programs. Hendon has been transformed in recent years by a massive development plan. The new Sheppard Library, a state of the art Learning Resource Centre and the largest building ever erected by the university, was opened in 2004. A new teaching and research building (the Hatchcroft building), comprising specialist laboratories (for psychology, biomedical and computing sciences), was recently opened. Also recently opened is the new Student Centre, featuring places to eat, bars and social spaces.

**Trent Park:** a unique 60-acre campus surrounded by 900 acres of wooded parkland, lakes and meadows. It is home to the programs in dance; drama and performing arts; English language and literature; media, culture and communication; music; theatre arts; languages and translation studies; philosophy; product design; teaching and education. It is one of the largest centers for dance and drama in the U.K.

Additional facilities at Middlesex University include comprehensive computing facilities and audio-visual facilities, services to students with disabilities, halls of residence at some campuses, sports and leisure facilities, and a Center for International Education which houses the support team for international students. There is a vast range of sports clubs and societies and many social events.

### COURSE OFFERINGS

Students choosing to study at Middlesex University for an academic year have access to the same courses offered to the British students (courses from across the university's wide curriculum). Students typically take four modules (courses) over the academic year from within the four main schools: **Arts and Education:** advertising, public relations and media; animation; creative and media writing; creative writing and journalism studies; dance; interior design and applied arts; early childhood studies; education studies; English language and literature; English literature and media; fashion design; fashion textiles; film studies; fine art; French; German; graphic design; illustration; interior architecture and design; Italian; jewelry; journalism and communication studies; magazine publishing; media and cultural studies; philosophy; photography; primary education; publishing and media;

Spanish; teaching English as a foreign language; television journalism; television production; theatre arts; translation.

**Health and Social Sciences:** biological sciences, biomedical sciences, complimentary health sciences, criminology, development studies, hospitality management and tourism, housing studies, politics, psychology, sport and exercise science, sociology.

**Engineering and Information Sciences:** business information systems, computer communications, computing and multimedia technology, product design and engineering.

**Business:** accounting and finance, business and management, economics, human resource management, law, marketing and enterprise, statistics, tourism.

Academic year modules can be found at:

<http://www.mdx.ac.uk/study/undergrad/courses/az.asp> (undergraduate)

<http://www.mdx.ac.uk/study/postgrad/courses/az.asp> (taught postgraduate)

**Applicants interested in academic year modules should contact the Office of Global Education to learn if the specific modules in which they are interested are available to them through this study abroad program.**

**Students choosing to study for one semester choose from a specialized group of modules from across three academic areas: Business, Arts and Education, and Health and Social Sciences.** Fields of study include business, creative and media writing, criminology, dance, development studies, drama and theatre, education, English language, English language and teaching, English literary studies, fine art studies, health and social sciences, media arts, modern languages (French, German, Italian, Spanish), philosophy, politics, psychology, sociology, translation, and visual communication design. These semester modules can be found at the following website: <http://www.mdx.ac.uk/study/international/study/coursedir.asp>.

**Please note that students applying to take dance or drama and theatre modules must have a major in the field to which they are applying and must take a full load of courses in this one field only.**

**All students are advised to take modules on only one of the Middlesex campuses due to the travel distance between campuses.**

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## **LONDON INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME**

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Middlesex University provides the opportunity to gain work experience in a U.K. organization while at the same time undertaking regular courses as part of the study abroad program. The London internships are offered during each semester for a period of twelve weeks. They are part-time and normally take place over two days, so students can combine them with their other university courses. Academic credit is given. The Internship Programme includes the Business Internship and the Placement Learning Internship. Within the Placement Learning Internship, students choose Community Service Learning, Public and Social Policy, Criminal Justice, Third World Development Studies, or Politics. Placement staff assist each student in searching for an appropriate internship relevant to the chosen area of study. Students are expected to take two modules in addition to their internship. Access <http://www.mdx.ac.uk/study/international/study/london-internship.asp> for additional information.

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## **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

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Applicants should have **upper division standing with a declared major** or **classified graduate standing** at this university by the time of departure, **good academic records**, and a **3.0** cumulative grade point average or better at the time of the application deadline. The applicant also should be prepared to accept the challenge of study in a country with an educational system different from our own. All applicants should check to ensure that they are on track for meeting the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR). In most cases, the **lower division courses** of the appropriate field of study must have been completed prior to participation in this program. Applications will be accepted for **one semester** or **one academic year**. Students are required to be **full-time** while studying in London and, thus, take the equivalent of 15 units during each semester for undergraduates and 12 units per semester for graduates.

Please note that students applying to take art and design courses, offered at the Cat Hill campus, will have to submit a portfolio in addition to the other requirements for application.

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## CALENDAR

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Modules (courses) at Middlesex University are taught on an academic year-long basis. The academic year begins toward the end of September and ends toward the last part of April, with exams lasting through the middle of May. The university is closed for two to three weeks each at Christmas and Easter.

For the study abroad student wanting to participate for one semester only, the university offers a semester-long program. The fall semester begins toward the end of September with exams lasting until the end of December. The spring semester begins around the first week of January and ends toward the end of April, with exams lasting through the first part of May. Housing contracts may last through the end of June.

A “Welcome to Middlesex Orientation Programme” is usually held around the third week of September and again around the first week of January. Study abroad participants must pay for this orientation, which in the past has cost approximately 80 pounds. Accommodation fees are not included in the orientation cost and should be paid separately.

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## HOUSING

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Middlesex University has several housing options: halls of residence, rooms in flats (apartments) or houses with other students, or rooms in houses with live-in landlords. Locating housing is the individual student’s responsibility although the Middlesex Accommodation Services will give assistance in this area.

The halls of residence are located either on or near the campuses. They range from traditional halls with study bedrooms and shared facilities to en-suite rooms in specially constructed apartments. The residences have public phones and most also have access to laundry facilities and TV lounges. Access into the halls is controlled by combination door locks and all halls have night security staff. The cost of a single room ranges from approximately £87 to £104 per week.

Students in the study abroad program usually will be offered a room in the university’s halls of residence (self-catering) providing they meet the housing application deadline for the first semester of participation. Students who accept a place in the halls will be required to sign a binding agreement to remain in the halls for a full semester /academic year.

For the student who prefers private accommodation in London, the Accommodation Services also can assist in finding private rented accommodation. It suggests students begin the search as early as possible since competition for accommodation can be strong towards the beginning of the term. The staff can offer guidance on general housing issues and tenancy agreements. Middlesexstudentpad is a search engine featuring up-to-date details of rented accommodation and can be accessed at <http://www.middlesexstudentpad.co.uk>. Students also can register for the Middlesex message board which allows students to post messages to one another about issues related to student housing. Local newspapers are another resource for locating rented accommodation.

More information on on-campus and off-campus housing options can be found at the Middlesex Accommodation Services at <http://www.mdx.ac.uk/campus/accomm>.

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## FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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Students accepted to the program will **pay the usual California State University, Sacramento fees, remain eligible for financial aid** (except work/study), if otherwise qualified, and receive **resident credit** just as if they were attending classes at this university. (Please note that equivalency of courses falls under the jurisdiction of the academic department.) Middlesex has agreed to waive non-resident tuition, approximately 9,400 pounds (over \$15,925) per year, making this a particularly attractive opportunity for participants. Students will pay for their travel to and from England, room and board, books, and incidentals. In addition, each student must have the required insurance during his or her stay in England.

Expenses for a semester in England are estimated at the following: usual undergraduate fees - \$2,450 (graduates would pay the graduate fee); insurance - \$220; round-trip transportation - \$1,030; room, food, and personal expenses, including clothing, entertainment, books, postage, local transportation - \$8,020. Total \$11,720. The estimated expenses for an academic year are about \$22,410. This estimate is given for planning purposes only and is subject to changes from currency fluctuation, inflation, and fee changes. Keep in mind that the costs to obtain a passport and a student visa are not included in this estimate.

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# SCHOLARSHIPS

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For information on scholarships for study abroad, you should register for and attend a scholarship workshop in the Office of Global Education.

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## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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You should consult these resources for further information:

The Office of Global Education home page: <http://www.csus.edu/oge>

The Middlesex University home page: <http://www.mdx.ac.uk>

Middlesex University Semester Abroad Course Directory:  
<http://www.mdx.ac.uk/study/international/study/coursedir.asp>

Middlesex University academic year course information:  
<http://www.mdx.ac.uk/study/undergrad/courses/az.asp> (undergraduate)  
<http://www.mdx.ac.uk/study/postgrad/courses/az.asp> (taught postgraduate)

Middlesex Accommodation Services: <http://www.mdx.ac.uk/campus/accomm>

Middlesex University information for international students: <http://www.mdx.ac.uk/study/international>

24-7 Middlesex University student life information: <http://www.mdx.ac.uk/24-7>

The Middlesex University videotape and catalogs available at the OGE

For information about London and the United Kingdom, visit:

<http://www.visitbritain.com>  
<http://www.visitlondon.com>  
<http://www.lonelyplanet.com>

To obtain an application or to speak with a study abroad advisor, please call the **Office of Global Education** at **278-6686** or go to **Lassen Hall, Room 2304**. Applications, references, and transcripts should be sent to the address below. The **deadline** for materials to be received is **March 1**. Please note that there is an interview process for this application, also.

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