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ABOUT US

FIE: Foundation for International Education is a London-based not-for-profit international educational organization providing customized partnership, first-year student, faculty-led, and individual student study and internship programs in **London, Dublin, and Amman.**

Our Mission

We provide high quality educational experiences to the global community. In pursuit of this goal, FIE is committed to the development of creative learning environments wherein an understanding of, and appreciation for, the privileges and responsibilities of international citizenship is fostered. This commitment is driven by the belief that interaction between people of diverse cultures is the base upon which empathy among nations is built.



ABOUT US

FROM OUR FORMAL MISSION, FIE DERIVED SPECIFIC VALUES THAT UNDERPIN AND MOTIVATE ALL ASPECTS OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

Our Values

From our formal mission, FIE derived specific values that underpin and motivate all aspects of our organization. From the initiatives taken on in our residences to student scholarship projects, our values of Substantiality, Social Justice, and Diversity & inclusivity are at the core of all FIE activities. Our academics pay particular focus to these themes, as each and every course is designed to engage with our articulated values. 95% of FIE's curriculum involves three of the value areas, which can be found in the Charting the Course document on our website and through our Academics department.

WE PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES TO THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Sustainability

As an educational organization, FIE is dedicated to active engagement with, and awareness of, our environmental impacts and responsibilities. FIE is committed to **fostering a sustainable future** by implementing initiatives to encourage practices such as ethical consumption, fair trade, and education of those within our community. We continually research methods of improving upon current practices, policies, and procedures. Here are a few ways we encourage students and staff to be environmentally conscious:

- FIE Environmental Responsibility Scholarship
- NUS Student Switch Off (UK student residence energy saving competition)
- Sustainability Action Group
- Sustainability Lecture
- Meat Free Monday
- Two Tips Tuesday

Social Justice

We encourage **student awareness and involvement in international conflict resolution issues** through our work with leading peace and justice scholars in England, Ireland, and the Middle East. Interaction with these concepts offers opportunities for critical analysis of some of the most daunting issues of our time. Through our courses, co-curricular activities, and student and staff initiatives, we continue our engagement in cross-cultural and multicultural communication. We bring these topics to light through:

- Peace & Conflict Resolution program, Amman
- Marol Academy of South Sudan Partnership
- FIE Charity Scholarship in support of Marol Academy
- Peace, Conflict, and Social Justice Academic/ Internship track, London
- Northern Ireland weekend study tour, Dublin & London Amman

Diversity & Inclusivity

FIE provides a **welcoming, supportive and inclusive** living, learning, and working environment for the entire FIE community. Our facilities, courses, student interest groups, and staff reflect our dedication to maintaining an organization open to all.

- Diversity and Inclusivity Scholarship: Challenges & Opportunities Faced by Underrepresented Groups
- Dedicated Accessibility Manager
- Time to Talk (mental health campaign)
- FIGS: FIE Interest Groups (LGBTQA, ESL, First Generation, Fraternity & Sorority Life)
- Safe Spaces
- Zero Tolerance

WE ARE COMMITTED
TO ACHIEVING THE
HIGHEST STANDARDS
IN ACADEMICS,
HEALTHY AND SAFETY,
AND FACILITIES

Quality Assurance

FIE conducts a variety of internal reviews of our program provision in addition to voluntarily participating in reviews by industry colleagues such as the Forum on Education Abroad and Diversity Abroad. We also undergo mandatory external review by the British Accreditation Council and the Quality Assurance Agency to provide further focus our quality assurance efforts. We are committed to achieving the highest standards in our relevant industries including academics, health and safety, and facilities.

British Accreditation Council (BAC)

FIE has been fully accredited by the **BAC**, an independent accreditation body for educational quality, since 2006. The review process examines all aspects of FIE's UK provision including facilities, teaching, learning, management of quality assurance, staffing, and student support. The BAC accreditation review pays particular attention to health and safety standards in all environments, such as classroom, housing, and social spaces.



Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)

The **QAA** provides oversight for all higher education in the UK and FIE undergoes educational oversight monitoring visits by the QAA on an annual to biennial basis. Decisions are based on a thorough review of the quality of academic provision, learning opportunities, and public information. The QAA highlights examples of high-quality internship experiences, writing support for students, clear guidance for faculty, and the establishment of a faculty community.

Forum on Education Abroad

In addition to its UK quality assurances, FIE successfully completed the comprehensive **QUIP review** from the Forum on Education Abroad in 2008, making FIE one of the earliest UK-based international education organizations recognized by the Forum for meeting US Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad. Most recently, FIE also completed an interim report in 2014.

Tier 4 Sponsor

FIE is recognized by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) as a Tier 4 Sponsor. A Tier 4 Sponsor is able to sponsor Tier 4 Student Visas for students from outside of Europe. This status gives FIE the ability to continue offering its academic service and internship programs via independent enrollment and partnership programs.

Academic Advisory Board

The mission and responsibility of FIE's Academic Advisory Board (**AAB**) is to contribute to the academic quality and viability of FIE academic programs by providing insight, information, and support to FIE in the areas of:

- Program development, quality, and management
- Program outcomes & evaluation
- Outreach & enrollment development

Our Academic Advisory Board reflects the diversity of FIE partners and academic constituencies that support US education abroad. Our members make unique contributions that enable FIE to better fulfill our mission.

School of Record

The School of Record for FIE London programs, Drexel University, provides support, advice, and academic oversight on an ongoing basis, including review and approval of new courses and faculty, and annual re-review of selected courses. For certain programs, FIE also utilizes a second school of record, Marist College.

The Accreditation Network UK (ANUK)

The **ANUK/Unipol** National Codes are voluntary schemes aimed at both University-owned accommodation and private residence halls. Members join ANUK to demonstrate commitment to providing students with a good housing service. Membership ensures that our FIE-owned residences are accredited and have nationally recognized standards of service and facilities. FIE is the only study abroad provider in the UK to have this accreditation.

OUR PROGRAMS LONDON

EXPERIENTIAL
LEARNING IN
HISTORICALLY
SIGNIFICANT
CITIES.

All FIE programs emphasize experiential learning and feature unique curricular offerings that not only address the historical significance of our locations, but the contemporary issues and tensions inherent in multicultural urban centers.

Features of FIE programs:

- No required minimum or maximum independent student enrollment, small enrollment minimums for cohorts
- Partner pricing for FIE affiliates per student guaranteed in US dollars (prices in local currency may be available)
- Direct student acceptance through your own study abroad office admission procedures for most FIE programs
- Flexible academic credit for students through the home campus or FIE's School of Record



LONDON

Semester, Quarter, Summer, Summer Quarter (dual-city)

Study Only, Study & Internship, Study & Service Internship

Study:

Our menu of available courses includes Arts, Literature and Theatre, Contemporary Britain, Global Business, Global Studies, History and Politics, Humanities and Social Sciences, Media and Communications, and Peace, Conflict, and Social Justice. FIE faculty bring the richness of **London directly into the classroom** via experiential co-curricular activities that are built into every course.

THE MOST POPULAR
INTERNATIONAL STUDY
DESTINATION BECOMES
THE CLASSROOM.

Intern:

Internships and Service Internships are a unique feature of FIE's provision and an element that takes a study abroad experience one step further. They are first and foremost an **academic and cross-cultural workplace experience**. Interning in an international environment is an excellent learning opportunity for students to expand the cross-cultural skills needed in an ever-changing global marketplace. An internship or service internship with FIE allows students to diversify their experience and have a résumé that stands out among their peers when they return to their home country.

Explore:

Foundation House is the heart of FIE London and home to classrooms, faculty, and administrative offices. **Foundation House** is located in South Kensington, an attractive area of southwest London surrounded by historically and culturally significant points of interest such as **Royal Albert Hall, The Natural History Museum, and Kensington Palace**. The London Underground and local buses link students to the rest of the city, while trains from central London link the city to the rest of the world. Although London offers a treasure trove of events—including FIE's **subsidized extra-curricular calendar and adventure weekends**—popular weekend destinations for students include Paris, Amsterdam, and Berlin.

OUR PROGRAMS DUBLIN

DUBLIN

Semester, Summer Irish Life & Cultures Program, Summer Quarter (dual-city), Academic Year

Study Only, Study & Internship

Study:

FIE Dublin offers students the opportunity to enroll in their choice of Irish universities including Dublin Business School (DBS), Trinity College Dublin (TCD), and University College Dublin (UCD), while also taking FIE's unique Irish Life and Cultures course. Located in the heart of the city center, DBS offers a wide range of courses in all **Business** specialties as well as comprehensive offerings in **Communications, Journalism, Psychology and Liberal Arts**, featuring small class sizes with Irish students. TCD is one of the world's most prestigious universities and a leader in **Chemistry, Law, Politics, Social Sciences, and Humanities**. UCD is a popular choice with American students and offers the most comprehensive array of courses and majors in Ireland, including those in the **STEM fields** and a STEM research program. UCD offers a more American-style campus, a short bus ride away from the city center.

DUBLIN HAS BECOME A HOTSPOT FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL AND START-UP TECH COMPANIES, POPULAR FOR STUDENT INTERNS.

A VIBRANT IRISH CITY WITH A BIG VILLAGE FEEL.



Intern:

Students enrolled at DBS also have the opportunity to have an internship at a small to medium-sized Irish company in the vibrant capital city. Dublin has become a hotspot for entrepreneurial and start-up tech companies as well as advertising, journalism, and tourism. Internships in Dublin have recently soared in popularity as students take advantage of the **'big village feel'** that is unique to Dublin.

Explore:

FIE Dublin offers sponsored co-curricular activities, volunteer activities, a packed extra-curricular calendar, and **study weekends away to Northern Ireland and the western coast** of Ireland. FIE students live within walking distance of the city center, allowing them easy access to the heart of Dublin and the wealth of museums, shops, historical sites, and cultural quarters in Temple Bar and many other areas.

OUR PROGRAMS AMMAN

BEGINNING IN LONDON AND ENDING IN AMMAN, THIS UNIQUE PROGRAM EXPLORES PEACE PROCESSES AND THE ROOTS OF SOCIETAL CONFLICT.

AMMAN

Summer

Study Only, Study & Arabic Language

Study:

The summer **Peace & Conflict Resolution** program provides a unique opportunity to explore the process of peace and the sensitive cultural and societal roots of conflict. Students begin their studies in London, using Northern Ireland as a case study. As part of the London course, students travel to sites in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland on a study tour to contextualize their coursework. Once in Amman, students use their new understanding of peace and conflict to examine how the Arab/Israeli conflict, tribal conflicts, and regional conflicts such as those in Lebanon, Yemen or Iraq are being addressed.

STUDENTS MEET WITH THOSE ON BOTH SIDES OF REGIONAL CONFLICTS AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHALLENGE THEIR OWN PREJUDICES WHILE TRAVELING IN NORTHERN IRELAND, THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, AND JORDAN.



Converse:

Following the conclusion of the Peace & Conflict Resolution Program, students have the opportunity to extend their stay in Amman and pursue a course in intensive Arabic language, including instruction in both **Modern Standard Arabic** and **Jordanian Arabic** at all levels from beginner to advanced.

Explore:

The program includes several tours and excursions, which serve to reinforce concepts learned in class and to provide a break from the intensive coursework. The Amman City tour visits the ancient area of Amman with ruins from the Bronze and Stone Age, including the **Roman Amphitheatre** and **The Citadel**. The Biblical Jordan excursion starts in the ancient city of Madaba, followed by Mount Nebo and the Baptism site in Bethany. Students also get to visit and swim in the **Dead Sea**, a site with cultural significance for thousands of years. The final excursion is to the south with stops in **Wadi Rum** desert and the ancient city of **Petra**, Jordan's most popular tourist destination.

ENGAGEMENT

TAKING STUDY ABROAD A STEP FURTHER, INTERNSHIP STUDENTS BUILD THEIR RESUME AND GAIN ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR TODAY'S GLOBAL MARKETPLACE.

Internships

LONDON, DUBLIN

An international internship in London or Dublin offers students the opportunity to immerse themselves in a city in a way that other study abroad students don't get to experience. By becoming a 'local', commuting on public transportation, interacting with colleagues from around the city, and **developing intercultural workplace skills**, students who intern return to their home country with résumé-boosting knowledge from their time in the global marketplace. FIE primarily places students in small to medium sized companies in London and Dublin, allowing students the ability to dive right into projects and work more closely with all levels of management at their internship. The internship placement forms an integral part of FIE's signature **International Internship Course (IIC)**. The IIC includes a series of seminars which students take on their non-internship days. The course helps them contextualize their experience as it's happening through class discussion and personal reflection.

Students select three industry choices of interest and submit their résumé, personal statement, and coursework experience as part of their FIE application. Our London and Dublin teams review the information and hand match students to a company in their first, second, or in some cases third choice industry. Once the students arrive in London or Dublin, they are given information about their internship in a two-part orientation with tips on getting to the location, what to wear, and general intercultural workplace differences they may encounter.

London and Dublin internships are available in the following industries:

- **Accountancy & Finance**
- **Advertising**
- **Business & Economics**
- **Communications**
- **Education**
- **Entertainment**
- **Environment & Sustainability**
- **Fashion**
- **Film & Television**
- **Historical & Cultural Organizations**
- **Information Technology & Multimedia**
- **Journalism & Media**
- **Legal Agencies & Justice Organizations**
- **Music**
- **Politics & Government**
- **Psychology**
- **Public Relations & Marketing**
- **Social Welfare & Non-Profit Organizations**
- **Sports**
- **Theater & Performing Arts**
- **Travel & Tourism**



Service Internships

LONDON

An international service internship in London is a unique opportunity for students from all majors to have an international work experience with the central theme of serving the community. Unlike a traditional internship, the primary focus is civic engagement, encouraging personal and professional growth. Students gain insight into possible careers, develop intercultural and professional skills, and cultivate increased personal awareness.

Service internship placements are an integral component of the **International Service Internship Course (ISIC)** which students have on their non-internship days.

The service internship placement process mirrors the internship placement process, with students submitting their résumé, personal statements, and coursework for review to our **Experiential Education team**. The information is carefully evaluated and students are matched with a company based on the students' interests and goals for the service internship.

London service internships are available in the following areas:

- **Community Regeneration**
- **Disability Rights & Issues**
- **Education**
- **Environmental & Sustainability Issues**
- **Ethnic, Racial, and Religious Diversity Issues**
- **Gay/Lesbian Issues**
- **Heritage/ Arts Organizations**
- **Housing/ Homelessness**
- **Human Rights & Conflict Issues**
- **Mental Health**
- **Poverty**
- **Prisoner Welfare & Crime Reduction**
- **Refugee Issues**
- **Substance Abuse & Addiction**
- **Women's Issues**
- **Youth & Children's Issues**

Leadership

We are always striving for innovation in the way we teach to, connect to, and provide opportunities for the global leaders of tomorrow. Below are some of our special projects to reach out to all communities of students from around the world.

GreekConnect

New in 2012, GreekConnect is a London program designed for those actively **involved or interested in the Greek community** on their home campus. Through a series of extra-curricular activities as part of the 14-week semester Study or Study & Internship program, students have the opportunity to meet other like-minded students from different colleges and universities around the country and bond over a common interest.

While there is no direct UK equivalent to the fraternities and sororities seen on American campuses, students explore the wealth of resources about ancient Greece located in London as well as examples of ritual and living/learning communities in London and in Oxford. The aim of the program is to give those involved in the Greek community on their home campus context and background for their organizations through the vast resources in London during their study abroad program. Here are examples of past events for GreekConnect:

- Discussion on the ancient Greek foundations of fraternity and sorority life, followed by a facilitated tour of the British Museum ancient Greece exhibit and a group dinner
- Guided tour of the United Grand [Masonic] Lodge of England to explore the ritualistic foundations of fraternity and sorority life followed by a group lunch
- A day-long facilitated visit to Oxford to experience the collegiate residential learning community of Oxford University

Student Global Leadership Conference

Started in 2013, the biennial spring FIE **Student Global Leadership Conference** is an opportunity for FIE students and other local and international students to come together to discuss leadership through hands-on, interactive breakout sessions, engaging keynote speakers, and workshops. The conference was developed by FIE as a platform for students to build upon the aspects of leadership which form during and after a study abroad experience.

The conference is designed for:

- Current student leaders
- Students who wish to learn more about leadership
- Anyone seeking inspiration and motivation from diverse leaders

Aspects of the conference:

- FIE London and Dublin students from our partner universities are invited to attend and sponsorship opportunities are available
- Sessions focus on giving participants practical examples and take-away tools for real-world implementation
- The conference workbook provides participants a 'study guide' to use throughout the weekend.
- Programming presents aspects of leadership relevant to students currently studying abroad as well as UK and international students
- Materials are available after the conference for reference

Previous SGLC keynote and session leaders have included world leaders in business, education, and politics as well as professionals from a variety of industries. Students are also actively encouraged to submit proposals to present on topics they are passionate about. Historically, undergraduate and graduate students have made up about half of breakout session presenters.

www.fie.org.uk/SGLC

Co-curricular Activities

LONDON, DUBLIN, AMMAN

Woven into the fabric of our study and internship programs, co-curricular activities are an essential part of student coursework in all of our locations. Our faculty utilize the historical and cultural aspects of the global cities we operate in and see the entire area as an extension of the classroom. Theaters, museums, eateries, galleries, parks, and local events are all possible venues for exploration to complement in-class learning. As much as possible, co-curricular activities are designed around the goals of the course as well as FIE values such as social justice and diversity and inclusivity.

In London, multiple courses have optional weekend study tours such as Shakespeare and Elizabethan Literature, which takes students to Stratford-Upon-Avon, the home of William Shakespeare. Students attend performances at the Royal Shakespeare Company and visit the homes of Shakespeare accompanied by faculty and FIE staff. Courses also have co-curricular components, for example visiting an Islamic Mosque as part of Understanding Civilizations: Islam and the West or guided tours of London's outdoor markets and food halls as part of Food, Society, and Culture in Britain.

In Dublin, students are taken to Northern Ireland and western Ireland on weekend study tours to explore the rich history of peace and conflict between the two countries through guided tours to Derry and Belfast as well as activities in Galway and the Aran Islands. FIE co-curricular activities in and around Dublin also get students out of their seats and into the city center campus of FIE Dublin.

In Amman, students visit culturally significant locations such as the Citadel in Amman, Bethany and the baptism site, and Petra in the south of Jordan on weekend study tours. As part of their course in Amman, faculty facilitate meetings and discussions with local tribal leaders and take advantage of Amman's vibrant souks and places of worship to illustrate the themes developed in the classroom.

Community Service

LONDON, DUBLIN

In line with our values, FIE works with our partners to customize community service, service learning, and volunteer activities for students. Some past examples include soup kitchens, river cleanup, and donation drives. FIE London and Dublin students have also taken initiative and raised money for charity through half marathons and football tournaments during their own time. Students are encouraged to register to volunteer independently during their time abroad and to stay informed about any volunteering opportunities that may arise in the local community.

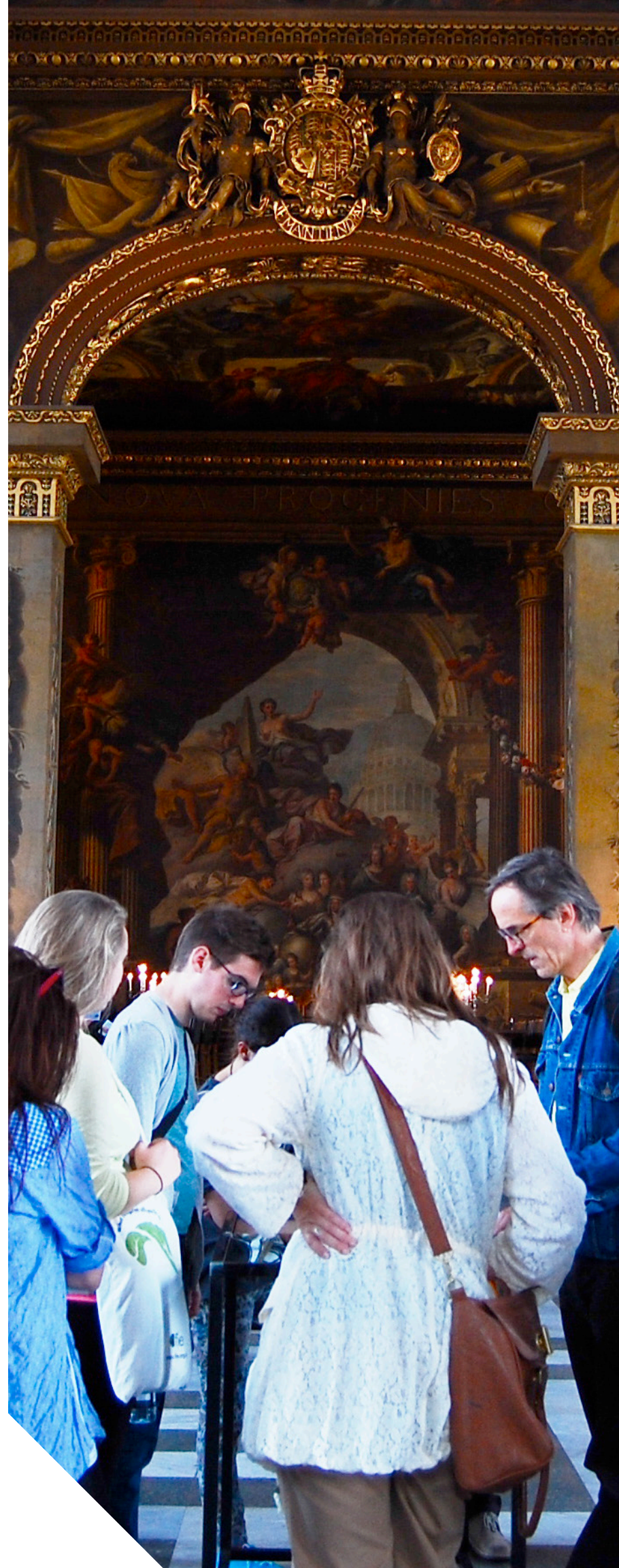


COLLABORATION

WE COLLABORATE WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

Since 1998, FIE has been partnering with study abroad offices, faculty members, and campus leaders at US colleges and universities to develop first-year, faculty-led, and customized programs. In a time of decreasing resources and increasing demand for quality study abroad opportunities, FIE offers a variety of ways to build and deliver strong academic programs rich in experiential learning.

OUR PARTNERS VALUE OUR EXPERTISE AND CONSISTENCY IN DELIVERING HIGH-QUALITY CUSTOM PROGRAMS.



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ON YOUR CAMPUS

HOW FIE CAN HELP

- Programs that strengthen your institution's brand and international profile

ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING CUSTOM OR SEMI-CUSTOM PROGRAMS ABROAD with keen attention to the home institution's international identity.
- A wide range of courses that offer strong home institution equivalency

OVER 40 EXISTING COURSES AVAILABLE IN LONDON as well as curriculum development and matching opportunities across a variety of disciplines in London, Dublin, and Amman. Assistance with the home campus course approval and equivalency process.
- Academic internships and service internship opportunities

CAREFULLY VETTED INTERNSHIPS AND SERVICE INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS in more than two dozen disciplines at over 700 placement sites. Integrated seminars contextualizing intercultural workplace learning and civic responsibility.
- Opportunities for faculty leadership and development

COMPREHENSIVE ACADEMIC AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT in the development and delivery of faculty-led programs. Opportunities for faculty research and collaboration. Dedicated faculty housing.
- Programs addressing key global issues

INTEGRATED INITIATIVES in peace and conflict resolution, social justice, sustainable development, leadership, and global studies.
- Strategic use of limited on-campus resources

ALLEVIATION OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY DEMANDS on faculty and study abroad offices.
- Comprehensive health, safety, and student service resources

ATTENTION TO ALL ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE PROVISION, including medical and mental health, 24/7 emergency response, and extra-curricular event planning. Secure, insured, and appropriate student housing.
- Programs with low financial risk

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT with no minimum or maximum, as well as custom programs with low cohort numbers. Prices guaranteed in US dollars.
- Financial aid support

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS IN ALL OF FIE'S PROGRAM LOCATIONS. Opportunities for co-branded scholarships and program fee discounts.
- Advising and marketing

DEDICATED US TEAM available to answer your questions and assist with on-campus promotion, student recruitment, and pre-departure orientations. Assistance with marketing your program through custom poster and brochure development.

Custom Programming LONDON, DUBLIN, AMMAN

We work closely with colleges and universities to tailor academic year, semester, quarter, or summer programs that meet each institution's specific curricular and program needs. Working with our experienced US and international staff, FIE can help your institution develop **custom programs in all of our locations.** FIE believes in true partnership between our organization and the colleges and universities with which we work. We will collaborate with you every step of the way to develop, launch, recruit for, and grow your study abroad programs.

“What makes FIE stand out in the field of study abroad is the full comprehensive service they offer - FIE provides a high quality academic program, engaging and charismatic faculty, and excellent administrative and student development staff. Our office depends on the expertise of the FIE staff to help our institutions deliver a quality program that works for our needs every time. We really value the consistency that FIE provides when we send a new faculty member every semester.”

Joy Ruis, Assistant Director, Semester Education Abroad and **Joe Rogers**, Director of the Center for Global Education, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

Faculty-Led Programming LONDON, DUBLIN, AMMAN

“FIE offers our students so many resources that help them to have an extraordinary experience living abroad, from housing in one of London's great neighborhoods to plays that introduce them to London's rich theater history, to up-to-date classrooms. I know of no other program that so thoughtfully and consequently enables students to learn about another place, to become international citizens, and to discover in themselves the resources to live in a globalizing world.”

Lee Palmer Wandel, Visiting Faculty; Professor of History, Religious Studies, and Visual Culture, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Our faculty-led program partners benefit from access to our professional staff, classroom facilities, student and faculty housing, organized study tours, extra-curricular activities, emergency service, and more. We work with our partners to design **flexible custom or semi-custom faculty-led programs** and provide as much or as little hands-on assistance as required. Some faculty prefer to organize their own activities and courses for their students during their time abroad while others take advantage of standard FIE curricular offerings and extra- and co-curricular activities. FIE organizes social events for visiting faculty to meet other faculty members and FIE staff such as theater outings and dinners.

FIE can collaborate on faculty-led programs in virtually any academic discipline. Past program disciplines have included:

- Communication
- Dance
- History
- Fashion
- Film
- Graphic Design
- History
- Internships
- Literature
- Music
- Nursing
- Political Science
- Sport & Culture
- Shakespeare
- Theater & Performance
- Theology
- Travel

First-Year Programming LONDON, DUBLIN

In response to the growing interest in study abroad program options for freshmen, FIE began offering first-year programs in 2008. Since then, we have developed regular semester- and quarter-based programs with multiple US institutions. FIE staff are first-year experience experts, with academic and student services designed to support first-year students that have different needs than more experienced upper-classmen.

Why might your institution consider a first-year program abroad?

For freshman students, a fall or spring semester abroad offers an international perspective that will guide and inform the entirety of their undergraduate career. Many students will choose to study abroad again later in their degree program after participating in a first-year program.

For institutions, first-year programs can serve as an effective enrollment management tool or an enticement for the best and brightest applicants. Universities and colleges can offer a first-year fall option to spring-admitted students as a way for those students to make progress toward their degrees and to retain them for the spring-admit pool. First-year programs can focus on a particular major or college within an institution, and others are open to all incoming freshmen. Some schools offer highly selective spring semester first-year programs as an enrollment highlight for their top-tier applicants.

Whatever the motivation or focus, FIE can help build a comprehensive first-year program tailored to your institution.

What can students do academically on a first-year program?

FIE will help your institution develop and deliver freshman-specific courses, such as Writing and Composition, so first-year students come back to campus having met preliminary academic requirements. In London, students generally participate in courses developed for and delivered specifically to their first-year cohort. In Dublin, students often take one or two closed-cohort classes and integrate with Irish and international students at one of FIE's affiliated institutions for the rest of their academic work. In both locations, all of FIE's first-year programs include a core course in either British or Irish Life and Cultures that has been adjusted to the first-year level.

Each FIE-taught course involves extensive co-curricular experiences in order to take advantage of the outstanding learning environments of London or Dublin. These academic experiences also serve to enhance the group dynamic and, with good branding, connect the students more deeply to their home-school culture, which can be threaded throughout the course topics.

How are these less-experienced students supported?

FIE has in place extensive academic feedback structures and student support services to monitor the students' academic achievements and create social experiences suitable for the first-year audience. FIE's Student Life team has extensive experience with the first-year demographic and FIE recognizes the need to engage more frequently with this young population than with our more independent upperclassmen. As such, first-year students are involved in a rigorous and nurturing schedule in and out of the classroom.

FIE also welcomes home institution staff if a campus wishes to send them to support the program. Some partners hire their own Resident Directors to work in concert with FIE's Student Life team, while others appoint one or two upperclassmen to accompany the group as Resident Advisors.

SUPPORT

AN EXTENSIVE RANGE OF STUDENT SERVICES, HEALTH AND SAFETY RESOURCES, FACILITIES, AND ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO OUR STUDENTS, ENSURING AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE ABROAD.

Student Safety & Emergency Support

Student safety is paramount while students are in London, Dublin, or Amman. Students are informed of our regular safety and emergency safety procedures from their initial application and again in their pre-departure and on-site orientations. London and Dublin each have Emergency Incident Response Plans with protocols in place to keep students safe. Our partner in Jordan, AMIDEAST, also has its own specific health and safety protocols for students while they are on the ground during the Amman portion of their program. All three locations have 24-hour emergency numbers, which are provided to students and available on our website.

FIE residences and Foundation House are equipped with CCTV and safety checks such as fire drills are made throughout the program. Students are required to submit a travel form including their destination, intended return, and contact information when they leave London or Dublin during their time with FIE.

All FIE students are offered international travel insurance with health coverage as part of their program which covers basic medical visits, though the institution or family may opt to provide their own in replacement of or in addition to the FIE policy.

Our Student Life team in London and our Resident and Assistant Resident Directors in Dublin are the first point of contact for day-to-day concerns of illness or issues and are trained to advise students on situations at any level of severity.

All FIE buildings, offices, and events are Safe Spaces and we operate with a strict Zero Tolerance policy on bullying, harassment, or intimidation.



Student Services

From the initial application to the student returning home, our US and location-based staff offer comprehensive student support services to ensure the experience is as smooth as possible.

US Based Team

- Attends and supports partner study abroad fairs
- Visits partner institutions regularly
- Assists with marketing and recruitment for programs
- Can deliver a pre-departure orientation on your campus or work with you to develop one to be delivered by home university staff

Location Based Team

- Delivers on-site orientation to students after arrival
- Offers full student support with an open-door policy
- General welfare services
- Health and safety resources
- Tips on travel in, around, and out of the city
- Residence Life Supervisors provide around the clock support to students where they live

Extra-Curricular Programming

FIE London and Dublin offer an extensive subsidized extra-curricular calendar for students during their time abroad. Students are given information about the activities and sign up online. Past events include:

LONDON

- A spin on the London Eye
- Daytrip to Bath and Stonehenge
- West End theatre productions such as Wicked or The Lion King
- Adventure weekend in Wales
- Sporting events
- Harry Potter studio tour
- The Nutcracker Ballet

DUBLIN

- Rugby games
- Abbey Theatre productions
- Rafting
- Concerts
- Hellfire Club moon walk

AMMAN

- Madaba Archeological Park
- Mount Nebo
- The Dead Sea
- Wadi Rum Desert
- Petra



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Foundation House

A 19th century townhouse, **Foundation House** serves as the administrative hub for FIE staff and classroom space for our students. The building features nine classrooms, a student common room, our faculty work stations, and staff offices.

Student Housing

Our students usually live in converted townhouses similar to Foundation House in South Kensington. Rooms range from singles to quads in floor or apartment style flats. Kitchens and bathrooms have been renovated in FIE housing and safety features such as CCTV and a 24-hour reception desk provide comfortable and safe residences for our students. All rooms are fully furnished and our housekeeping staff has a rotating schedule for linens and cleaning.

External Teaching and Living Space

Depending on enrollment, FIE occasionally reaches out to other academic entities and student residences in the community to provide additional facilities for our students and faculty. Our Student Life, Senior Management, and Facilities teams carefully vet new locations for classes and housing to ensure FIE standards are upheld.





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