

St Mary's
University
Twickenham
London



Study Abroad in London



Join our close-knit community where you will be both welcomed and valued

St Mary's University, located just 30 minutes from central London on the beautiful River Thames, is an ideal place to spend a semester or year abroad. Offering great transport links locally and to the rest of UK and Europe, our tranquil green campus has everything you need to feel at home.

St Mary's provides a high-quality academic and professional education, where everyone is welcomed and valued. With 5,750 students from around the world and a range of clubs and societies, it's easy to meet people and become a part of our friendly community.

Founded in 1850, St Mary's is the only Catholic university in London and the largest in the United Kingdom. This ethos underpins our four core values of inclusiveness, generosity of spirit, respect and excellence.

FAST FACTS

- ▶ **Ranked 3rd** in London for Student Satisfaction (*Guardian University Guide 2021*)
- ▶ **Founded** in 1850 as a teacher training college
- ▶ **Beautiful** 50-acre campus mixing the modern with historic charm
- ▶ **London's only** Catholic University
- ▶ **World class** sporting facilities



Studying abroad at St Mary's University has been the best thing I have ever done in my life and I miss it every single day."

Mary, USA

Campus life

Make friends from around the world by joining clubs and societies from a diverse range of options

The St Mary's Students' Union invites you to get involved in a variety of clubs, societies and social events throughout the year. There are weekly social events like karaoke, quiz nights, fundraisers and socials, and outings to a local nightclub where you can dance the night away. If you're coming to study with us in the autumn, you'll be a part of the University's Welcome Fortnight or go to the Summer Ball if you're with us in the spring.



Sports

Stay active at our state-of-the-art sports facilities and keep up your fitness by joining a sports club

Sport is an important part of life at St Mary's. Whether you just want to keep fit with group classes, play with a sports team, or keep up your training for competition, St Mary's has you covered. Our world-class facilities and wide range of programmes give you a chance to get involved in sport and physical activity to stay healthy, make friends and learn new skills. Study Abroad students are encouraged to get involved and join one of our 24 sports clubs and teams for a single semester.



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My favourite memory of St Mary's is that every Saturday my friends would come and watch me play hockey and then we'd all go for lunch and watch the 6 nations rugby together!”

Zoe, Australia

Academics

Choose three or four modules from across our curriculum

We are proud of our international reputation for academic excellence and received Silver on the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) for high quality teaching, learning and outcomes for our students. Study Abroad students may choose three or four modules per semester from a range of subjects.

Business, Law and Society	Education, Theology and Liberal Arts	Sport, Allied Health and Performance Science
Business Law	Creative and Professional Writing	Nutrition
Business Management with Entrepreneurship, Finance or Marketing	Digital production	Physical Education and Youth Development
Communications	Education Studies	Psychology
Criminology	English Literature	Sport and Exercise Science
Law	Film and Screen Media	Sport Psychology
Media and Marketing	History	Sports and Exercise Nutrition
Media Arts	Liberal Arts	Sports Coaching Science
Politics and International Relations	Philosophy	Sports Performance Analysis
Sports Communication and Marketing	Primary Education	Strength and Conditioning Science
Sports Management	Religion and Theology	



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Make the most of every opportunity, get to know people from all over campus, get involved, and get out of your comfort zone!”

Leah, USA

Study Abroad + Internship

Gain international work experience with a credit-bearing internship within your field of interest

International work experience helps you stand out from the crowd when you're looking for a job. Study Abroad + Internship allows you to work in an internship approximately one day per week as part of your studies. You will be enrolled in a 20 credit Workplace Learning (WPL) module in your field of interest alongside two or three academic modules. The WPL module comprises 50 placement hours over the semester plus a weekly lecture to support your learning.



My advice to anyone considering studying abroad is— do it, right now! London is one of the best cities in the world to do it.”
Conor, USA

We offer work placements in a wide range of fields including Business, Charity, Sports and Education. For instance, you might work as a teaching assistant in a school, a PR assistant for a local sports team, or as a project assistant for an arts venue.

To apply, please fill in the Study Abroad + Internship online application. Once you've been accepted to our programme, you'll receive a request to provide more information about your interests and background that you should fill in and submit. Our WPL team will be in touch to find you a placement that fits your skills and interests. Placements working with children and other vulnerable groups may require an enhanced background check at an additional cost.

Study Abroad Drama Semester

Autumn only



St Mary's is pleased to introduce this exciting addition to our Study Abroad programme. The Study Abroad Drama Semester has both acting and Creative Production/Tech Theatre pathways and aims to equip visiting students with a broad introduction to making theatre within a European context.

The Study Abroad Drama Semester includes two core modules. The first is London Theatre, involving ten visits to a range of different venues and experiences in the capital and is assessed by the production of five critical reviews.

The second half of the semester culminates with a core Production module. Working as either actors or creative technicians, students join a theatre company alongside St Mary's undergraduate students to create a 90-minute text-based production directed by an external director and performed in our Studio Theatre. Productions over the last two years include classic texts such as *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *The Government Inspector* and *Machinal* as well as contemporary plays such as *The Welkin*, *DarkNet*, *Contractions* and *Animal Kingdom*.

The third module is a choice between a Creative Production/Tech Theatre or Acting

pathway during the first half of the semester. Acting students will engage in a six-week intensive devising programme which looks at the key skills of ensemble acting, including spontaneity, playfulness, creative imaging, physical storytelling, voice and movement.

Creative production students will participate in a six-week industry placement, either at a London theatre or working alongside a freelance practitioner or company. Previous opportunities have included placements at the Royal Opera House, The National Theatre and The Lyric, Hammersmith.

This exciting 12-week programme runs only in the Autumn semester. As part of our conservatory structure and the intensive nature of these modules, students may only enrol in the four modules listed above and will not be able to take different or additional modules.

This programme has limited enrolment and runs on a fee-paying basis. An additional fee of £300 will be charged to cover the cost of attending productions. Students must have at least one year of relevant drama experience at university level in order to join this programme.

Liberal Arts Summer School

From Shakespeare's plays and Tudor monarchs, to The Beatles and The Rolling Stones, our Liberal Arts Summer School gives you the opportunity to discover London's rich culture and heritage first hand.

You can spend six weeks studying on our beautiful London campus, with an interdisciplinary academic course that combines History, Literature and Philosophy. The programme will take you on academic field visits to some of London's best known sites, and some more unusual places.

Our modules cover a wide range of topics, from the Renaissance to contemporary popular culture, via the Enlightenment, Romanticism

and the Gothic. You can put together your own course of study, choosing one or two modules according to your interests and the number of credits you wish to follow.

The programme's schedule allows plenty of free time, so you can make the most of being in London. You will also benefit from a social programme including welcome and farewell events, and optional trips to attractions like Stonehenge and Oxford.

Accommodation and two meals per day are included, as well as transfers to and from Heathrow Airport. All you need to think about is what you want to study, and where you want to visit while you're here.



Accommodation

Live in our excellent, affordable campus accommodation or with a local host family, with a meal plan included

During the academic year, we guarantee accommodation to all Study Abroad students who meet the accommodation deadline. There are single rooms with private bathrooms and shared rooms with shared bathroom. You can apply for accommodation once you've been accepted to study with us.

All university accommodation includes a meal plan covering breakfast/brunch and an evening meal seven days per week. Meals on campus are provided at the Refectory, which boasts a range of healthy meals catering for vegetarian, vegan, halal, gluten free and other dietary needs.



De Marillac Hall Single room | private bathroom
Waldegrave Park Hall Single room | private bathroom
Waldegrave Park Halls Twin room | shared bathroom
Homestay with a local family

Student Support

To help you settle in, St Mary's offers a comprehensive welcome and orientation programme each semester along with a free pickup service from Heathrow Airport on International Arrivals Day. We also have academic and wellbeing support services available for all students.

Academic year

The academic year is split into two semesters, and we welcome students for both a single semester and a full year. We also offer a 6-week summer programme with discounts for students from our international partners.

Semester 1: Autumn

September-December

Semester 2: Spring

January-May

Summer Application Deadlines

Semester 1: Autumn

Study Abroad + Internship	15th May
Study Abroad	31st May

Semester 2: Spring

Study Abroad + Internship	15th October
Study Abroad	31st October

Study Abroad + Internship

If you are applying to Study Abroad + Internship or the Creative Production/Tech Theatre pathway of the Drama Semester (Autumn only), we will request more information from you about your experience and interests for your placement after you have been accepted to the programme.

**Find out more about the
Liberal Arts Summer School
and register your interest!**

**[www.stmarys.ac.uk/
undergraduate/liberal-arts](http://www.stmarys.ac.uk/undergraduate/liberal-arts)**



The Application Process

How to apply

Our Study Abroad programme is open to undergraduate students from around the world. If your home university does not have an exchange agreement with us, you may apply to us directly as a fee-paying Study Abroad student. We also accept students undertaking a gap year as long as you meet the undergraduate entry requirements for your country. If you are studying at one of our partner universities, please speak with the Study Abroad Office at your home university before applying.

Please check the website for our updated tuition fees.

Exchange Students

St Mary's has exchange partnerships with 40 universities around the world, which may entitle you to a tuition fee waiver. If you would like to apply to us as an exchange student, you must be enrolled at one of our partner universities. Speak with the Study Abroad team at your home university and ask to be nominated to St Mary's University before filling out the application.

Entry requirements

- Completion of at least one year of university with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or equivalent.
- We also accept gap year students who meet St Mary's undergraduate entry requirements.

English language requirements

Students from non-English speaking countries must have an overall 6.0 IELTS score with no component of the assessment below 5.5.



Please see our English language policy for other assessment methods we accept.

Visa Information

There are two types of entry for Study Abroad students, regardless of country of origin:

Standard Visitor Visa

Students who are spending one semester with us and will not be doing an internship may enter for up to six months as a Standard Visitor.

Student Visa

If you are spending a year with us and/or taking an internship, you need to apply for a Student Visa. Once you have been accepted, you will receive a CAS request form to begin the process.





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