

-IMPORTANT: DO NOT LOSE THIS CHECKLIST-

All Students **MUST** have a student visa to participate in this program.
Students arriving without proper documentation to obtain a student visitor visa at their point of entry will be sent home by immigration officials at your own expense.

YOU are solely responsible for gathering and maintaining the necessary documents needed to be **GRANTED A VISA UPON ARRIVAL** for your program. Please take this process seriously.

****THESE GUIDELINES ONLY PERTAIN TO US CITIZENS STUDYING IN THE UK FOR ONE (1) SEMESTER****

What You Will Need TO DO:

- **READ** information on the **STUDENT VISITOR** process at the UK website.
- **GATHER** all of the supporting documentation (and copies) for your visa application.
- **CARRY WITH YOU** all required documents for your student visitor visa when you travel to England.
- **PRESENT** all required documentation when you pass through immigration upon arrival in England.
- **IF YOU ARE A US CITIZEN** and only studying in the UK for 6 months or less you **DO NOT** need to apply for a visa ahead of your arrival (you are considered a 'non-visa national').
 - If you plan to work when you are in England, you will have to apply for a Tier 4 visa, which is a considerably larger and time-consuming process.
- **IF YOU ARE NOT A US CITIZEN** you may need to **APPLY** for a visa – you need to **DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH** at the UK Embassy in your country of citizenship.

Step 1: Prepare by Collecting Necessary Documentation

- **NOW!** Consult this website: www.ukvisas.gov.uk
- Familiarize yourself with the requirements of the student visitor visa program and complete any online forms required.
- By **December 1, 2012**: make sure you have received and/or obtained all of the necessary documents to be granted a student visitor visa when you arrive in the UK.
- Use checklist (on back) in preparation for your trip.
- **KEEP** all of your documentation in a safe place. Some documents will be very difficult to replace if lost.

Step 2: Travel with your Passport and Documentation with You

- Take your passport and documents with you. **DO NOT** pack them in your checked baggage! You will have to present these documents when you land in England.

CHECKLIST FOR STUDENT VISITOR VISA DOCUMENTATION

Items you will need to present upon entry into England in order to receive a Student Visitor Visa [It is recommended that you bring an original AND one (1) photocopy]:

Required Items	Provided by:	Notes
Visa Application Form – VAF1D	You	Found on the UK Border Agency website
One (1) passport-sized photo	You	2" x 2", in color. Go to CVS, AAA or WalMart.
Letter of Invitation from UEA	CGSE	Do NOT lose this. This is extremely difficult to replace!
Letter of Support from Dickinson College	CGSE	
Valid, Signed US Passport	You	Must be valid through December 1, 2013.
Transcript	CGSE	
Travel Itinerary (showing a scheduled departure from the UK within 6 months of your arrival)		Even if you have an e-ticket, make sure you have a confirmed travel itinerary, with a confirmation number, showing your intended departure from the UK.
Bank Statement or bank books and/or Bank Letter or balance certificate and Financial aid letter*	You	Showing what has been paid in and out of an account for up to the previous six (6) months, and naming the account holder. If you have made deposits in your account that are not in keeping with the account history then you may wish to explain the origins and timing of these deposits. Showing the account balance, the account holder's name and the date when the account was opened. If you provide this document you should consider providing additional documents to show the origins of the money in your account. [If these documents pertain to your parent(s), you must provide an accompanying letter of support from the parent/guardian (whose name IS listed as the account owner) to attest that the student has access to these funds if necessary.] *If you are receiving financial aid, you should also provide your statement of financial aid.

Please contact the Center for Global Study and Engagement (CGSE) with any questions.

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