

**Des Moines Area Community College
London Program
Spring 2025**



The AIFS program fee of \$6,995.00 is based on an enrollment of 15-19 participants and includes the following:

- **Accommodation:** in a twin room in a homestay within a residential neighborhood of London in the inner 4 zones of the London transport system, including kitchen and laundry privileges, linens, and Wi-Fi.
- **Meals:** continental breakfast (cereals, toast, tea/coffee) will be provided in the homestay five 5 days per week.
- London Transport travel pass valid for unlimited use on the buses and underground trains in travel zones 1 – 4 (depending on the location of the homestay) for the duration of the program.
- Orientation program in London consisting of an orientation meeting with AIFS staff on topics such as safety and security, cultural activities, workshops, and a local area walking tour.
- Half-day guided sightseeing tour of London by private bus.
- Special membership of the Imperial College Union giving access to 370 Union clubs and societies and to Imperial College events
- British Life and Culture course taught by local faculty. This course consists of eight sessions on topics related to British Life and Culture and supporting academic field trips.
- Two theater performances
- Two tickets for daytrips offered through the AIFS London social and cultural calendar.
- Access to the wireless-enabled AIFS Student Center and a team of experienced Student Services staff for information, personal advising and 24-hour emergency contact service
- Student medical insurance policy as outlined in the AIFS insurance brochure.

Program fee does not include the following:

- Optional Transportation Package consisting of round-trip airfare between Des Moines and London, and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the accommodations on the specified program dates for \$TBC; and mandatory additional U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges of \$TBC.
- Optional 4-day/3-night excursion to Scotland for \$725. Price includes return train ticket, 3 nights hostel accommodation with breakfast, 3-day guided bus tour to the Highlands, evening meals and services of an AIFS staff member throughout.
- DMACC tuition or administrative fees
- Textbooks
- Meals other than those listed.
- Passport and visa fees if applicable
- Additional field trips or excursions required by your instructors.
- Personal expenses
- Optional medical insurance upgrade
- Anything not specifically listed as included.

2025 PROGRAM DATES

Friday, February 7	Depart U.S.
Saturday, February 8	Arrive in London.
Sunday, February 9	Orientation, and sightseeing.
Monday, February 10	Classes begin.
Thursday, April 3	Classes end.
Saturday, April 5	End of program. Depart London.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR AIFS FEES

<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Optional</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Enrollment deposit	\$450.00	November 14, 2024	Scotland tour deposit	\$50.00	November 14, 2024
Balance of fees	<u>\$6,545.00</u>	December 13, 2024	Balance of Scotland tour	<u>\$675.00</u>	December 13, 2024
Total	<u>\$6,995.00</u>		Total	<u>\$725.00</u>	
<u>Optional</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	Medical Insurance Upgrade	\$65.00	December 13, 2024
Taxes/Fees (subject to change)	<u>\$TBC.00</u>	December 13, 2023			
Total	<u>\$TBC.00</u>				

All students must submit the \$450 deposit and optional tour deposit, if applicable, with the completed application. Subsequent payments may be made by check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to "AIFS." American Express, MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

Financial Aid students are responsible for paying, by December 13, 2024, the optional Transportation Package (\$TBC), taxes/fees/fuel (\$TBC and subject to change), an \$850 program reservation deposit, and any remaining balance that will not be covered by aid.

Please note: A \$35 returned check fee will be charged on all checks returned by the bank for insufficient funds.

AIFS TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

Participants have the option of purchasing a round-trip ticket for the flight arranged through AIFS. Participants choosing this option should note the following restrictions: Tickets purchased from AIFS are exclusively on scheduled airlines (not charters). They are not endorsable to another carrier. Flights are not necessarily direct or non-stop, they cannot be rerouted, and frequent flyer miles are not applicable. The AIFS Transportation Package includes round-trip ground transportation from the airport in London to your accommodations on the regularly scheduled program dates. AIFS will book flights only on the dates indicated on this application.

Participants wishing to purchase the Transportation Package should select this option on the online enrollment form, or if you wish to add the flight after you complete the form you must notify AIFS in writing by Wednesday, October 30, 2024. Participants wishing to cancel from the flight must notify AIFS in writing by Friday, December 13, 2024. Cancellation penalties will apply. Tickets are non-refundable after this date.

AIFS Airfare Regulations: Return must be to original U.S. departure city. Tickets are subject to airline availability. No refunds are available for any unused portion of the ticket. Stopovers are not permitted. Once in London participants may be able to change their return date, but only if that date is available and in the same class of service in which the ticket was booked. Only the ticketing agent can provide this information. Participants are subject to agency and airline-imposed change fees and space availability. Group round-trip ground transportation to and from the airport in London is on the regularly scheduled program dates only.

AIFS cannot guarantee that all passengers will be booked on the same flight.

A minimum of ten participants must take the flight for it to be offered.

Refund policy and important dates to remember should you need to cancel your participation:

Withdrawing on or before Thursday, November 14, 2024	All fees paid less than a \$150 processing fee will be refunded.
Withdrawing after Thursday, November 14, 2024, and on or before Friday, December 13, 2024	All fees paid less the \$450 deposit and any non-refundable deposits paid by the participant or by AIFS on the participant's behalf will be refunded.
Withdrawing after Friday, December 13, 2024	No refund and the total program fee is due.

Please note that after the final payment deadline the full program fee is due to AIFS even if you have not yet paid and do not participate or plan to participate in the program. Non-refundable financial commitments have been made to secure your spot. If a participant withdraws once the program has begun, there is no refund. **This refund policy applies whether a participant pays AIFS Abroad directly for all, part, or no program fees.**

Protecting your investment:

Participants may purchase additional trip cancellation or interruption insurance which allows them to protect their study abroad program. This policy includes options to cancel for any reason (CFAR) and interrupt for any reason (IFAR). Details of the Worldwide Trip Protector Plans with Travel Insured International (TII) is underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company, rated A (Excellent) by A.M. Information on these options is available on the Travel Insured International website – www.travelinsured.com - or by phone at 855-611-0918. **The policy is time sensitive and must be purchased within 21 days after the deposit is paid.**

Access, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (AIDE) general social identity resources:

At AIFS Abroad, we support all participants in your study/intern abroad journey, inclusive of your gender, race, religion, age, physical ability, and sexual orientation. Everyone has a complex identity, and the different aspects of your identity are important when deciding on a program and location. Exploring the identities, you hold and learning about those of others is also an important part of this journey. We invite you to use the information here - <https://www.aifsabroad.com/student-resources/> - before, during, and after you study abroad.