

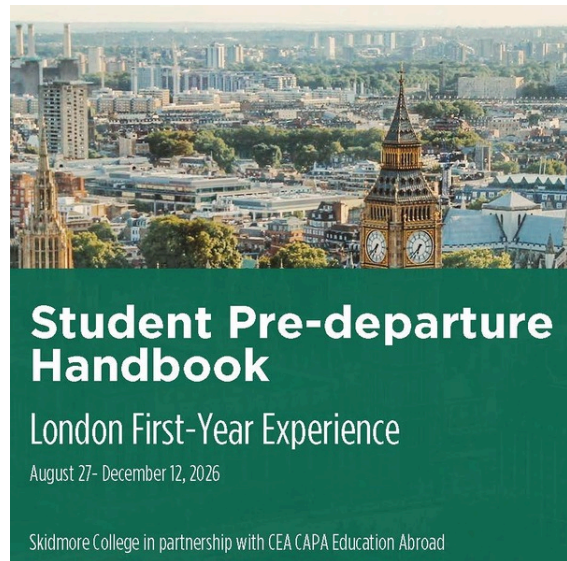


Congratulations! Let's get ready for London!

Congratulations on your decision to study in London for your first semester at Skidmore College! As you wrap up your senior year (or gap year activities) there will be a lot to do this summer - for London and as an incoming first-year student at Skidmore. You might feel overwhelmed with all that has to be done before you depart, but Skidmore's Off-Campus Study & Exchanges and your **London FYE program manager, Kendra Nelson**, are here to help! We have also created these London FYE-specific pre-departure emails to help you stay on track with all the important information, deadlines and things to consider.

You can find the updated London FYE Student Pre-departure Handbook in the OCSE portal linked below (log-in required). Please review this handbook carefully and share with your families. Please reach out to Kendra Nelson, your London FYE Program Manager, if you have any questions! Log-in with your full Skidmore email and password.

Student Pre-departure Handbook



Upcoming Dates & Deadlines for London FYE

- **June 1** - Upload Passport copy in the [OCSE portal](#)
 - **June 8** - Submit London Housing Questionnaires in [OCSE portal](#)
 - **June 10** - Virtual Info Session about London course registration, 7 pm EST - Zoom details to be sent by email closer to the date
 - **June 17** - London FYE course preference survey opens
 - **July 1** - Submit forms required by Skidmore's OCSE
 - **July 15** - Submit forms required by CEA CAPA*
 - **July 15** - Submit your flight itinerary to CEA CAPA*
 - **July 15** - Submit Skidmore College [health forms required for all incoming first year students](#) to Health Services
 - **August 1** - [Upload a photo](#) for your Skidmore ID
 - **Late July/early August** - Virtual Pre-departure Orientation, date/time TBD
- *Access to CEA CAPA portal will be available in mid June.*

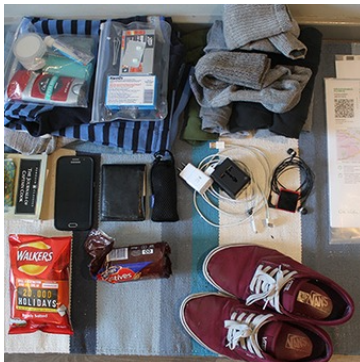
Info for confirmed London students

**Access your
London FYE account
in the OCSE portal**



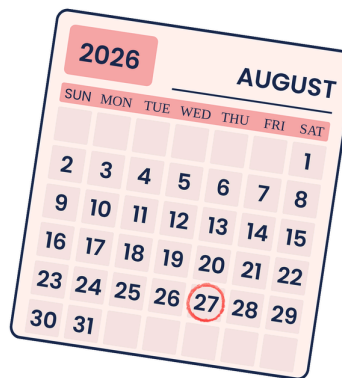
<https://myocse.skidmore.edu>

To see the list of forms and materials required for London, please log-in to the [OCSE portal](#). Use your full Skidmore email (including @skidmore.edu) as your username and your regular Skidmore password. Click on the link for “Skidmore in London: First-Year Experience” on the dashboard under applications.



Program Dates & Arrival

London students should travel directly to London to start the fall semester and should arrive the morning of **Thursday, August 27th**. Students will begin orientation on arrival day, and orientation will continue until classes begin on Tuesday, September 1st. Students will get a more detailed calendar for the semester after they arrive in London.



Program Dates

Booking your flight

Students are required to book and pay for their own flight to London. Students are recommended to book flights to London Heathrow Airport that arrive before 12 pm on the morning of August 27th.

- **Arrive in London on Thursday, August 27, 2026**
- **Depart London on Saturday, December 12, 2026**

Most flights from the United States fly overnight and arrive the following morning, so your flight may depart the US on August 26th in order to arrive on the morning of August 27th. A program staff member will be at the Heathrow airport to welcome students and provide guidance on getting from the airport to the student residence hall. Students are responsible for their transportation from the airport to the residence hall.



Things to remember when booking flights:

- **Fly into London's Heathrow Airport and arrive before 12 pm.** Program staff will be at Heathrow to greet students after exiting customs and provide guidance on getting from the airport to the student residence hall. If you can't book a flight that arrives before 12 pm and need to arrive later in the day, please contact the London FYE Program Manager.
 - **Do not book a 'basic' fare on any airline.** Basic fares typically do not include any baggage allowances, and often cannot be changed. If they can be changed the airline will charge a hefty fee to do so.
 - **Book a round trip flight.** If you only book a one-way flight to the UK, you may be questioned by the airline at check-in and/or by immigration when you arrive in the UK. Since you are only allowed to be in the UK for six months from the date you arrive, you may be asked for proof that you intend to depart before the six months has expired. Also, a round trip flight is typically less expensive than two one-way flights.
 - **Check your arrival date.** Most flights from the US to Europe fly overnight, so you will most you will need to depart the US on August 26th to arrive in London on the morning of August 27.
 - **Book a changeable or refundable flight.** Most affordable fares are nonrefundable but can be changed for a fee. Make sure you understand the fees to change your flight in case you have to come home unexpectedly or want to change your return date. Typically, to change a flight, you will pay a change fee and the difference in fare.
 - **Transportation to the residence hall.** Students are responsible for their own transportation from the airport to the residence hall (and back to the airport at the end of the program). The program staff recommend students to take an Uber or a black cab. The estimated cost is between 65-125 GBP.
 - **The deadline to submit your flight itinerary** and arrival details is July 15th. Flight details will be collected by CEA CAPA, Skidmore's partner in London.
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Questions?

*Schedule
an appointment
with Kendra!*



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London First-Year Experience

August 27- December 12, 2026

Skidmore College in partnership with CEA CAPA Education Abroad

***You can expect a London FYE pre-departure email
approximately every 2 weeks throughout the summer.***

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