**Introduction**

All students attending universities in England must attend an England UCEAP orientation in London. Full participation in the UCEAP orientation is required for all UCEAP students as it is an integral part of the student contract. Failure to attend the whole UCEAP orientation could result in dismissal from the program.

**IMPORTANT**

Please note that you **cannot** arrive into the United Kingdom via the Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man as these areas comprise the Common Travel Area. Customs in these areas will not be able to validate your student visa, and you would therefore illegally enter the United Kingdom without student status. Make sure your travel arrangements take these matters into account.

**UCEAP London Study Centre**

The UCEAP orientations in London are run by the London Study Centre which is run by Monika Kraska (Senior Programme Officer) and Holly Butwright (Programme Officer). Monika and Holly are here to welcome you to the UK and will provide support to you whilst you are on your programme. Their full contact details will be emailed to you in due course, however if you have an urgent enquiry please email london@sc.eap.ucop.edu.

A newsletter informing you of orientation and how to prepare to study in the UK will be sent every two weeks starting June 28th 2016 to your UC email address, so please check this regularly. Orientation accommodation and session venues will not be posted online but sent directly to your UC email address to comply with safety and security regulations.

**UCEAP Orientation Dates & Venues**

UCEAP orientations in England will take place in London before you head to your host university. The table below shows all UCEAP orientation locations and details of arrival times.

Please go directly to your accommodation, NOT the Study Centre. Your flight should arrive into London by 1pm at the latest on the day of check in, to give yourself time to travel to your accommodation.

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<td>Manchester &amp; Leeds</td>
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<td>Bristol, Kent, King’s College London (KCL), Queen Mary (QMUL), Royal Holloway (RHUL) &amp; University College London (UCL) &amp; London School of Economics (LSE)</td>
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Orientations in London for all UCEAP England Students

1) Orientation accommodation information
You will be emailed to your UC account, the address of your orientation accommodation in due course. UCEAP provides two nights’ accommodation for the duration of orientation.

2) UCEAP Orientation program in London
An orientation program includes:

- Mandatory information sessions on Life in the UK and Academics in the UK
- Cultural and educational activities in London
- Some free time in the centre of London
- Two dinners together

A detailed itinerary will be sent before arrival. You should expect to be busy with orientation activities all day and into the evening, on the dates specified. **You should not plan your own activities during the orientation times.**

As part of your orientation packet, you will receive an orientation folder with important information, a goodie bag, an Oyster card for travel in London (a ticket).

All orientation activities are pre-arranged and pre-paid for by the London Study Centre. You will only need money to cover the journey from the airport to your accommodation and lunch during day 2 of orientation.

If your flight gets delayed and you may arrive late, you **must contact the Study Centre ASAP.**

3) Departure to your UK Host University
After orientation, you will depart for your Host University. Your travel will be pre-arranged and pre-paid for by the London Study Centre. You will either travel by train and taxis or by a private coach (bus) together with other UCEAP students going to your Host University.

Arriving Early? Ideas for London
Arriving early is advisable but not required. However, if you do arrive early, you must book your accommodation yourself.

If you wish to add extra nights in advance of the group booking, please contact your orientation accommodation directly.

A hotel room or bed & breakfast accommodation in London would cost £50-100 per night. Alternatively, you may want to stay in cheaper accommodation such as a hostel. These are usually dorm room beds that range from around £16 - £25 per night and may or may not include breakfast.

Ideas for Sightseeing
We recommend that you rest and get ready for orientation. However, if you really want to go and explore, feel free too. Most museums in the UK do not charge admission fee, so it’s worthwhile checking some of the great collections at the British Museum, or the National Gallery. Other recommended attractions include the London Eye, Westminster Abbey, or Buckingham Palace. A stroll on the South Bank is one of Londoners’ favorite pastimes.

Please also see our blog [www.uceapuk.org](http://www.uceapuk.org) to find out what our students get up to!