

Your Global Exploration

EXPLORE THE WORLD | EXPAND YOUR ACADEMIC HORIZONS | ENRICH YOUR PERSONAL STORY



Travel to Boston & New York

You will first travel to Boston, Massachusetts. Here you will learn more about the history and politics of the United States. You will visit the JFK Presidential Library to learn more about this influential figure in American history. There will also be opportunities on the trip to enjoy the culture and well-known sites of the city with an introductory tour by the acclaimed Boston Duck Tour Company.

The second stage of the trip takes us to New York City, where highlights include the headquarters of the United Nations as well as the 9/11 Memorial Museum. You will also have plenty of time to take in all the acclaimed sites that New York has to offer including Central Park, Times Square and the Statue of Liberty National Monument.



Linguistics and English Language

Join fellow students and academics from your faculty to learn more about the United States while increasing your global and cultural awareness.

Your Global Exploration is an exciting opportunity for students of Linguistics and English Language to discover some of the ways in which the subject relates to the nation that is not only biggest English-speaking country globally, but also one of the most diverse places ethnically and linguistically. This huge diversity will be the theme of your visit to the Endangered Language Alliance in New York, where you will meet one of the Alliance's experts on language documentation and preservation. US academics produce some of the most important research in the world on all areas of language studies, and you will get a taster of that in a lecture on stylometry and forensic linguistics by a leading expert at NYU.

The US is also a very interesting country from the point of view of its history, its (special) relationship with the UK, and its sense of identity. You will explore aspects of this based on analysis of the use of rhetoric in the language of Martin Luther King and other prominent figures of and surrounding the Civil Rights Movement in the JFK Presidential Library in Boston. Other activities in both Boston and New York will be similarly thought-provoking from a rhetorical perspective, constantly challenging you to ask questions about how American institutions and citizens employ language to reflect and forge their identity or identities. The conversations you will be having, sitting with your fellow students on a picnic blanket in Central Park (weather permitting!), will certainly be rather different than if you came to visit with family or friends!

When will the trip take place?

The trip will take place during the first week of the Easter Holidays this year. We will depart from London on 27th March and will return to the UK on 7th April.

Do I need a visa?

Most UK passport holders do not need a visa to enter the United States but will be required to fill in a form on the US Electronic System for Travel authorisation (ESTA). It is your responsibility to obtain the correct travel documents for the trip, but the LUSU Overseas team will offer support during this process.

Can I apply for financial assistance?

In 2016, 67% of students who travelled with LUSU received some form of financial assistance. We believe that no one should be excluded on the basis of cost alone, therefore financial support of up to the amount of the programme fee is available. The majority of the grants available are from £500 to £975. Priority will be given to students who qualify for a means tested bursary from the University, but we will consider applications from anyone with financial circumstances that would make it difficult to participate without assistance. Full details are on the LUSU website. You might also qualify for a College travel grant; speak to your College Manager for more information.

How much does the programme cost?

The programme fee of £1,495 covers flights, accommodation, university travel insurance and scheduled activities. This fee does not cover meals, transportation to/from the UK airport (London Heathrow), visa or ESTA costs (as required), personal items, spending money or optional activities.

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'An overseas trip to America that enlightened my knowledge and understanding of businesses abroad, ranging from small/ medium start ups, to large, established corporations: a fun opportunity to connect and be influenced by professionals and like-minded individuals' - Lancaster Student, 2015 trip



