UK Education Abroad is committed to UK’s values of diversity and inclusion. A broad range of perspectives, experiences and backgrounds inherent in diverse communities creates a rich learning environment from which all students can benefit.

**Diversity Scholarship:**

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While abroad, you will likely have encounters that challenge your preconceived definitions of racism and prejudice. These interactions will allow you to explore culturally-specific stereotypes and views of acceptance and tolerance. During your studies abroad, you can examine your own values and beliefs and may arrive at a better understanding of yourself.

Take advantage of this experience abroad to understand how people in the host culture define race and prejudice along with how they choose to respond to it. Who are the minority populations in the culture and how might you connect with them? Do you know the laws related to racial discrimination in the host country? Will you be a minority in this culture? If so, how might this influence your engagement with the local culture? Will you be a member of a majority for the first time?

Preparing to study abroad

Before you leave the U.S., we encourage you to learn as much as possible about the country where you plan to study. Allow time to consider how your race or ethnicity may influence your encounters abroad. Discrimination and racial prejudice in your host country may be similar or entirely different than those issues in the U.S.

Think about how you might be perceived in your host society and how this could influence people’s interactions with you. What disadvantages and privileges are associated with race and ethnicity in the host culture? Speak with your UK Education Abroad advisor so that we can assist you in gathering the information you need.

Returning home

Preparing for your return home is just as important as preparing for your departure. Before you return to the United States it is helpful to consider how changes in your self-identity may affect your relationships with family and friends. Give thought to what you have gained from your program. What have you learned while abroad and how will you use this knowledge in the future?

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