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Religion Abroad

Take advantage of your experience abroad to understand how people in the host culture worship and engage in different religious practices. Though there is commitment to religious diversity and freedom in the United States, this may not be the case in the country where you’ll be living and studying.

While abroad, you will likely have encounters that challenge your notions of spirituality that, if not guided, could lead to a judgmental and ethnocentric understanding of the new culture. Take the opportunity to understand the social and historical views of religious acceptance and tolerance within your host country. In doing so, you may also examine your own values and beliefs to arrive at a better understanding of yourself and your spirituality. Please discuss your questions and concerns about this or any other issue with your UK Education Abroad advisor.

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 religion or spiritual beliefs may influence your encounters abroad. What is the predominant religion of your host country? How might your beliefs and practices be viewed in that society and how could this influence people’s interactions with you? Speak with your UK Education Abroad advisor about these questions so that we can assist you in gathering the information you need.

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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