

Please answer with as much information as you would have liked to know before studying abroad!

1. Academics

- Describe your class selection/enrollment process.
 - My class selection list came directly from Nottingham Trent University. I was given a full list of classes that fell within my major. I did some personal research to see which classes would be in my third year US level (as English students only go to university for three years) and then narrowed down classes from there. I also looked at the list of classes that I needed to finish to graduate CSULB and then compared this list to that which was offered to me at NTU.
- How did your classes differ from those you have taken at CSULB?
 - I don't find that my classes differed that much. I could take similar classes to those I could have taken at CSULB. If anything, the classes were more specific to English Literature (like British authors, British points of view, etc.) which is expected when studying in a different country. Also, my classes were 100% exam which was intimidating. If you do all the work, show up, and participate, you should do fine.

2. Housing

- Where did you live? (homestay, apartment, etc.)
 - I stayed on campus at NTU Clifton (where my major is studied). I stayed with other English students for the entire ten months that I was there.
- What was the housing selection process? Was it easy or difficult to arrange?
 - I was one of the last students at NTU to pick accommodation. I was so desperate to receive housing on my campus that I ended up on a wait list for two months. Otherwise, I would be housed almost an hour away from Clifton, and I would have had to take public transport to get to uni every day. However, I got lucky and was granted a flat in Clifton. The process isn't difficult, just a bit stressful.
- Would you recommend where you stayed to future students?
 - If you can stay with English students, do it. You learn more about the culture this way and are more immersed into their ways of life. Also, since I was on campus, I could roll out of bed and go straight to class within minutes.
- What was your monthly housing cost?
 - I paid for my accommodation in three installments: once when I moved in, once midway through the year, and another before I left. I believe it was almost 1,900 pound each time, which if you do the math in American USD, makes to about \$7,200 for the whole year.

3. Costs and Budgeting

How much did you spend on average per week on things like:

- Food? I had a monthly budget of \$250 a month which goes a pretty long way. Learn to cook for yourself to save some money because when it comes to traveling, you have no choice but to eat out.
- Transportation? The only kind of transportation that I used was the city bus which was to my own discretion. I took it when my flat mates wanted to go on a night out or have a day in the city shopping center. I maybe spent \$30 a month on transportation? It just depended on the month and what was going on.
- Travel? My trips were maybe \$300 each with hotel and air travel. They are the things like food and recreation that can get expensive when traveling. Try to look for free things to do when you travel, especially since you're a student.
- Personal expenses? This, again, depends on yourself. I only bought necessities for myself and then some mugs when I traveled. I was also able to bring a lot of necessities with me, saving me some money in the end. To give an estimate on this is pretty difficult.
- Other?

4. Additional comments

If you can study abroad for an entire year, it is 100% worth it. Everyone I know who studied abroad for a semester wishes they had taken a chance for an entire year, which makes me so glad that I did. Studying abroad in itself is a risk, so why not take all the opportunities that come your way? Immerse yourself into the culture, learn about a new way of life, and see as much of the world as you can. I can promise you that you will not regret it.