



● SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY™ LONDON PROGRAM

Choosing your London Housing

Pre-Arranged

or

Independent

(Finding Your Own)



Before you decide
your housing option in
London, here are
some things to think
about...



Location



Location Independent

- Flats available in a variety of different areas in London
- Opportunity to get to know two different neighbourhoods



Photo: Keith Jenkins



Location

Pre-Arranged

- Five minute walk from Faraday House
- A quiet, residential street
- In the heart of London's University Quarter



Bedford Place, Russell Square



Money





MONEY

Independent



- Potential to spend less than per diem- the more flatmates the cheaper the rent
- The longer your commute, the cheaper your rent
- Bills for utilities, cable, phone and wireless may or may not be included
- Rent and security deposit must be paid directly to landlord



MONEY

Pre-Arranged



- Housing fee of \$1,295 on top of program fee, plus refundable \$600 security deposit
- No bills, rent or other charges to pay



Experience

Experience

Independent



- You'll have more choice about who you live with and where
- Most students find a place in 48 hours
- Deal directly with a landlord
- Have Londoners for neighbors instead of other American students



Experience Independent



- Opportunity to explore various neighborhoods
- Learn to use London's transport
- Sense of accomplishment when you find a place
- May induce initial stress
- Results can be immensely gratifying

photo: Alex Gamlin



Experience

Pre-Arranged



- Know where you'll be living and with whom
- Move straight into your flat upon arrival
- Deal directly residence management and SUL Staff
- Know your neighbors; they'll be other American students





Amenities





Amenities

Independent

- Will vary by location and needs to be negotiated with landlord
- Some flats have wireless, cable tv & phones, some don't
- Range from basic to luxurious



Amenities

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- Weekly cleaning service
- All linens provided
- Patrolling guard round the clock
- Wireless included
- TV with small cable package
- Incoming phone line
- On-site, free laundry facilities

Rules



Rules

Independent

- Landlord rules can vary and require negotiation
- House rules will be negotiated amongst flatmates. This can be tricky.
- Overnight guests will most likely be allowed
- Smoking may be allowed in flat



Rules

Pre-Arranged

- Housing rules are clear-cut
- No overnight guests
- No smoking
- No posters on the walls





Space

Space

Independent

- Choose a space that fits your needs
- Often in shared rooms



Photo: Brian Lehmann



- Flats will vary and tend to be larger than pre-arranged, although the quality is less consistent

Photo: Alex Gamlin

Space

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- Average 5 people per flat
- Floor plans vary



- Double and triple rooms
- Shared living rooms and kitchens

Photos: Brian Lehmann

Essentially...

If you want to...

- Endure a bit of initial stress for a potentially gratifying outcome
- Have more control and choice
- Experience two neighborhoods and a more 'real' London life
- Possibly spend less money
- Be adventurous and take a risk
- Be *more independent...*



Choose

Independent!



Or if you want to...

- Move straight in, worry-free
- Be sorted before you arrive
- Roll straight from bed to class
- Pay more money for convenience
- Live with other American students
- Opt for peace of mind...



Choose

Pre-arranged!

