

## SU-in Liverpool

This document serves as a resource for you to help your student as they prepare to study away. Your student has all of this information.

The semester before your student studies away, they will be provided with information regarding the GO Long Process Overview and a Program-specific resources. These cover the next steps in the GO process including but not limited to how to transfer credit back to Susquehanna and information on applying directly to Liverpool Hope University.

The typical semesters timelines are like Susquehanna's, though shorter. Students should refer to their acceptance documents for exact program dates. Fall Semester runs from late September to mid-December. Spring Semester runs from early January until late-March.

Also, Liverpool Hope University provides this information for reference about the program: <https://www.hope.ac.uk/international/studyabroadandexchange/studyabroad/>

### Application to Liverpool:

Your student needs to apply directly to Liverpool Hope University as a study abroad student. To ensure space in the program, your student should do this application by **October 1 (Spring), or March 1 (Fall)**.

The application form and course selection form are electronic documents. Your student will need to email their **SU transcript (ordered online)** and the **photo page of their passport** to [globalcentre@hope.ac.uk](mailto:globalcentre@hope.ac.uk).

Liverpool will then reach out late in the semester. They will be helping create your student's study plan, getting information about travel arrangements and providing general information to prepare. Acceptances are emailed out afterward. This is a very late timeline, but it works for them, so as best you can, be patient.

### Courses at Liverpool

For the semester at Liverpool, your student will be directly enrolled at Liverpool Hope University as a study abroad student. Students should complete the course approval process through GO - there is some information [HERE](#) – in addition to the course selection in their application to Liverpool.

- A full course-load is 60 Liverpool credits; courses will be valued at 15, 30 or 60 LHU credits. For reference, 15 LHU credits = 4 SU credits
- More details about courses is [outlined here](#).
- Liverpool also posts information about the [Spring Course Catalog](#) and [Fall Course Catalog](#)
- When students are selecting classes, students should select "C" or "I" level courses. There are three levels at Liverpool Hope: "C" (certificate level or first-year class); "I" (intermediate level or second-year class); and "H" (honors-level). Consider taking a C-level course if you're looking for an introductory course. I-level courses are considered to be more major-level courses or high-level elective credits.

- You will have to budget your time wisely outside of the classroom. Many classes in the UK require independent study and research outside of the classroom
- Required Course: British Life, 15 credits: This is a required course for study abroad students at Liverpool Hope. Through an interdisciplinary framework, the British Life course offers visiting students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the United Kingdom and British culture(s).

## Housing at Liverpool Hope University

Study abroad students will live at [Aigburth Park Student Village](#), approximately three miles from the Liverpool Hope campus in Hope Park. This community has several housing options. A free shuttle will take them from the student housing to the campus and back.

St. Julie's Hall:

- Flats with six, seven or eight rooms. All rooms are singles
- Flats will share two bathrooms along with a communal lounge and fully-equipped kitchen area
- Free internet access

St. Michael's Hall:

- All rooms are singles with an attached bathroom
- Shared fully-equipped kitchen area
- Free internet access

Students have a partial meal plan on this program. The 5-meals-per-week meal plan is valid for the [on-campus dining](#) areas including the Fresh Hope Food Court, Our Place Bar + Kitchen (pizza, burgers, hot dogs) with live student-provided music and entertainment, Zest Cafe and Juice Bar (smoothies, shakes, breakfast/lunch) and two coffee/pastry shops.

\* The housing costs on your budget sheet are confirmed costs. If you choose a more expensive housing option, you will be charged the difference.

## Visas for Liverpool

Students will seek 'Leave to Enter' as a Short Term Student for the purposes of study from an Immigration Officer at the airport when they arrive in the England. Students will keep a copy of their offer letter from Liverpool Hope to explain to the Immigration Officer at the airport that they are coming to study for a semester. They should keep all of this paperwork with them for any additional travel that they do during their semester.

While unlikely, sometimes students may be asked to provide proof of financial support, such as the letter of financial support from Susquehanna Student Financial Services, recent bank statements or a student loan confirmation, to show that there is enough money for the duration of your stay. It also does not hurt to carry a copy of your return flight ticket if available.

\*note that visa information is provided based on US citizenship. Students holding a non-US passport should consult with the host consulate for any visa considerations.

## After Acceptance:

Students will receive an acceptance email with information on how to accept the offer. They should read it carefully as there may be other documents that they will need to send in before arrival. You are strongly encouraged to submit your acceptance documents as soon as possible to avoid any issues in applying for student housing as it can be competitive. Do not make payments directly to Liverpool Hope University as SU should be billed directly. If you receive a bill, please forward it to the GO Program ([goprogram@susqu.edu](mailto:goprogram@susqu.edu)) right away.

## Booking flights and Arrival information:

Students are responsible for booking their own flight to the UK and back. They should book the flight in advance after receiving the official acceptance letter from Liverpool Hope University and have confirmed program dates. **They must fly directly into England, not Ireland or any other European country, in order to obtain the stamp needed to register upon arrival and to complete enrollment on campus.**

If you'd like to use a travel agent to assist with travel planning, Student Universe ([studentuniverse.com](http://studentuniverse.com)), Travel Time ([trvltime.com](http://trvltime.com)) and STA Travel (<http://statravel.com/airfare-deposit-program.htm>) have been used by students in the past. If not using a travel agent we recommend booking your airfare directly with the airline rather than a third-party website.

Most students choose to fly into Manchester, but there is also an airport in Liverpool, the John Lennon Liverpool Airport, which is roughly three miles from Liverpool Hope University. If they fly into London Heathrow Airport instead, there are connecting flights or trains to Manchester.

Liverpool Hope University offers a free airport collection service for all incoming study abroad students. An Airport Collection Form will be emailed and available on the Liverpool Hope website before departure. Students will need to fill out the form at least three weeks before they are scheduled to arrive in Liverpool.

If your student decides not to use the airport collection service, they can take public transportation. A map of the area around the Liverpool Hope University campus can be found [HERE](#).

## Other Matters:

**Packing:** Pack all essential items in your carry-on (medicine, jewelry etc.). Refer to the guidelines for bringing liquids in a carry-on (<https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/liquids-rule>) as well as the airlines' luggage weight limits. Students are recommended to pack a couple of outfits that would fit the description of business casual. We have additional resources posted in your students' application regarding some tips for Traveling and Packing.

**Medication:** For prescription medicines, students must either bring enough with them for the duration of the semester. Note that some medications are prohibited by the UK, including many medications for the treatment of attention deficit disorders. Please reach out to a physician to determine a plan of action. We recommend that your student has a written prescription with them as they may be asked for it by customs officials.

Money Matters: We recommend having some local currency. Most local banks have access to give UK Pounds or your student can convert USD to Pounds at the airport. ATMs are also readily available throughout England and they can withdraw Pounds from ATMs. Students should inform their bank about all travel plans, and also find out whether the bank and credit card issuers charge international transaction fees.

Health Insurance: Your student is covered under SU's emergency insurance. Should your student need additional maintenance health care, they should contact GO about purchasing additional coverage.

Transportation: Buses are the main form of public transportation around Liverpool, with multiple bus and train routes to get to the University. There are two separate railways: an urban line that travels around Liverpool and to nearby towns and a national line that connects Liverpool to the rest of England. Students will be able to purchase a **Walrus card** to use on buses, trains and some ferries around the Liverpool area. Walrus cards are available for purchase on the ground floor of the airport terminal.

## Travel Day:

Your student should carry their passport, acceptance letter, student travel visa letter (the letter from Global Semesters), Program Contact and Arrival Instructions in their carry-on luggage. **DO NOT CHECK THEM!**

We recommend arriving at least three hours before an international flight is scheduled to board to give time to get through airport security, bag check, etc. If the flight is delayed or cancelled, contact the travel agent or airline where you booked the ticket to be put on the next flight and alert the host program/university of any travel delays.

Orientation: Before your classes start, there will be an orientation period to help you get settled in Liverpool with a welcome dinner, chances to meet other international and local students, a student activities fair, course information, a commencement ceremony and more.