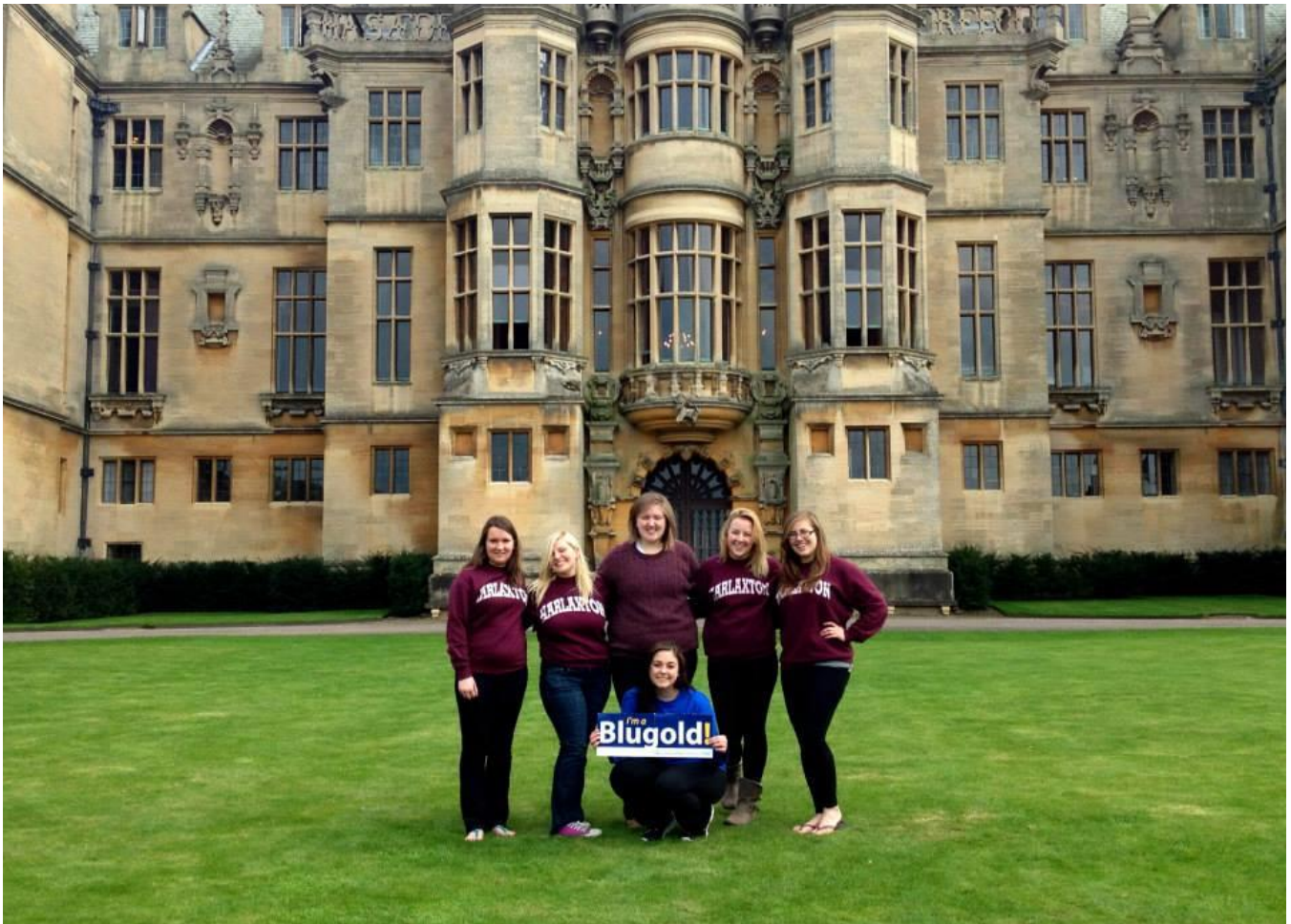


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*Program Guide*

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**CONGRATULATIONS** on being accepted by UW-Eau Claire to the University of Evansville's study abroad program in Harlaxton, England. Living and studying in a foreign culture is both an exciting and a challenging experience. Past participants of study abroad report that the many advantages of international study include:

*Gaining new perspectives on a chosen academic field*

*Increasing understanding of different cultures*

*Enhancing personal development*

*Developing different perspectives on U.S. culture*

*Gaining self-confidence and independence*

*Learning skills for the future international job market*

It is up to you to determine how you can best benefit from these possible advantages. This is your adventure!

This program guide is to be used together with the general Study Abroad Handbook. The handbook has information that is valid for all study abroad programs. This guide will provide you with specific information for the Harlaxton study abroad program. It is designed to complement the handbook, study abroad orientation, and your individual pre-departure preparations.

Please realize that although this guide contains all of the information available at the time of printing, it is impossible for any single resource to answer all of your questions. Your peer adviser will email additional information throughout the semester. Please contact the Center for International Education (CIE) staff, your peer adviser, and past program participants with your specific questions. You should also make use of the additional written and web resources listed towards the end of this guide.

Basic questions only you can answer include:

- 1) What are YOUR goals for this experience? Common goals of students abroad include advancement in a future profession, desire to expand personal and academic horizons, need for a change, and wish to challenge oneself with immersion in a new culture.
- 2) Given the way the program is set up; how can you best prepare to meet your goals? For example, if one of your goals is truly being immersed in British culture, yet you are living in a historic manor full of U.S. students, how are you going to get out and meet the locals?

The information in this guide was current at the time of printing, though changes may occur at any time.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## *The Program*

Each semester, 130 to 165 students from across the U.S. study at Harlaxton Manor, an extension of the University of Evansville, Indiana. UE is a medium-sized, private liberal arts institution affiliated with the Methodist church. Although some students come from public universities like UW-Eau Claire, most are from liberal arts colleges with religious affiliations. Professors are from U.S. partners and the U.K. All students take a 6-credit British Studies course as the core of the academic program.

## *The Location*

Harlaxton Manor is in central England, two miles away from the town of Grantham, Lincolnshire. The landmark manor is set in the green pastures and rolling hills typical of the English countryside. The nearest city is Nottingham, about 20 miles away. A fast and frequent rail network provides easy access to other parts of Great Britain, making trips all over the country possible. London is about an hour away by train.

## *Academic Calendar*

The following is a **tentative schedule for the Fall 2017 semester at Harlaxton College. The calendar will not be finalized until the group flight is arranged, which typically occurs by mid-April for fall semester** and early September for the spring semester.

Depart the U.S.	August 23 2017
Arrive	August 24
Orientation	August 25-27
Classes Begin	August 28

Classes End	November 30
Final Exams	December 2-5
British Studies Exam	December 6
Depart the Manor	Afternoon of Dec 6*
Fly Home	Dec 7*
End of Semester Trip	Dec 7-15**
Fly Home after Trip	Dec 16**

**\*Tentative move-out day.** Students must depart the Manor the afternoon of December 6 after the British Studies exam. However, the earliest you can fly out of London is December 7. **You will need to make your own housing arrangements in London for the night of December 6.**

**\*\*Tentative end-of-semester trip.** The optional end-of-semester trip to Italy is from December 7-15. The trip returns to London on December 15. The earliest you could return home after the end-of-semester trip is December 16, so **you will need to make your own housing arrangements in London for the night of December 15.**

Here is the [complete, tentative academic calendar including required and optional fieldtrips.](#)

## **Class schedule and independent travel.**

Classes are scheduled Monday through Thursday to allow time for the many low-cost weekend field trips or independent travel. Although most classes end by 5pm, some may have lab sections in the evening.

**Not every Friday is free for travel!** Required British Studies field trips are sometimes scheduled on Fridays. Two 4-day weekends are scheduled each semester to allow for optional

travel, and you may choose to go on a week-long trip at the end of the semester. Itineraries and costs for college-organized travel will be available at

<https://www.harlaxton.ac.uk/travel/organizedSemester.cfm>.

## ACADEMICS

*Additional information on academic topics such as registration, class attendance, credits and course load, petitioning a course equivalency, grades, transcripts, and accessing the UW-Eau Claire library while abroad can be found in your Study Abroad Handbook.*

### ***Program Prerequisites***

To participate in the Harlaxton program, you must **be in good standing (academic, financial and conduct) and maintain a minimum 2.3 GPA**. The CIE checks grades at the end of the semester prior to departure. If you are on probation, we will need to check with Harlaxton to see if you will be allowed to participate. If you have been suspended, you will not be allowed to participate in the program.

### ***Pre-departure Planning***

When you were first accepted to the Harlaxton program, you filled out a course registration form, using information found in the “Harlaxton Course Registration” instructions on your online study abroad account.

As you know, all students are required to take the six-credit British Studies course. Three different versions of the British Studies course are available:

- ID H282 British Studies Lower Division
- ID H382 British Studies Upper Division

- ID H382H British Studies Honors Upper Division

The British Studies course transfers back to UW-Eau Claire as an elective that fulfills GE 3/LE-K2. You have the option to take a lower or upper division version of British Studies depending on what type of credit you need.

In addition to the British Studies course, you will take two or three additional courses for a total of 12-15 credits.

### ***Honors Option***

In addition to the British Studies honors sections, students can turn any Harlaxton course into an honors course by contracting with the professor to complete additional work. You can learn more about the British Studies honors section by visiting the Harlaxton website: <http://www.harlaxton.ac.uk/academics/honors.cfm>. If you would like a Harlaxton honors course to count towards a UW-Eau Claire Honors Program, please contact [Dr. Jeff Vahlbusch](#) to discuss a petition.

### ***Nursing Option***

Harlaxton offers a nursing option in the fall semester. Nursing majors taking this option should be aware that the courses offered at Harlaxton do not contain content in acute pediatrics. Please read the [course substitution plan for the nursing option](#).

### ***Registration at Harlaxton***

You will register for courses at Harlaxton through their online system. There will be a drop-add period your first week at Harlaxton. Note: you cannot make any changes in your



course registration until after you arrive at Harlaxton.

### ***Credits and Course Load***

Students going to Harlaxton must take a minimum of 12 semester credits. Dropping below full-time status may result in loss of financial aid and/or have immigration implications. Dropping below full-time enrollment must be approved by the principal at Harlaxton **and** the CIE at UW-Eau Claire.

### ***Course Equivalencies***

A list of course equivalencies can be found on the [CIE Harlaxton Academics page](#).

### ***Grades***

Harlaxton grades on a U.S. A-F scale. **UW-Eau Claire students abroad are not allowed to take classes pass/fail, and grades from Harlaxton are figured into students' UW-Eau Claire GPA.**

### ***Class Attendance***

Harlaxton College has a very **strict** attendance policy. Note that unexcused absences will result in a lowering of your grade. You can read the full policy below, which is taken from the Harlaxton College Student Handbook:

*The primary purpose of Harlaxton College is, of course, education. For that reason, the student should understand the importance of classroom attendance and classroom participation.*

*Attendance in class is mandatory and only verifiable medical reasons or personal situations excused by the principal, dean, or college nurse are acceptable reasons for absence from class. The policy is as follows:*

- *Classes which meet one day per week allow one unexcused absence.*
- *Classes which meet two days per week allow two unexcused absences.*
- *Classes which meet three days per week allow three unexcused absences.*
- *Students should not assume that they do not have classes on Fridays. There will be mandatory field trips and makeup classes on many Fridays.*

*Additional unexcused absences will result in a grade penalty, namely the lowering of the student's final grade by one letter for each absence in excess of the permitted quota. A visit to the nurse does not mean that you have been found sufficiently ill to have missed class. The principal, dean of students, and nurse have the right to deny your absence as excused. These requirements represent Harlaxton policy and are to be considered as minimal. Any instructor may require stricter attendance policies as he or she chooses.*

### ***Harlaxton Academic System***

Classes are typically scheduled Monday through Thursday at 5pm. However, not every Friday is free for travel. The required British Studies field trips take place on Fridays.

Although you are going to a U.S. campus abroad, be aware that the British Studies course is taught much like a course in the regular British university system, and you may also take other courses with British faculty. In the words of many past participants, **“YES! You WILL need to study! A lot!”**

The British Studies course is taught as a lecture/seminar. The lecture will be a large

group session that includes all Harlaxton students and visiting faculty. You will cover a lot of material and there will be little to no time for questions. The seminars are smaller groups, discussion oriented, and are used both to discuss the lecture materials and the outside reading. Thorough reading of the material and active participation in the seminar are critical to doing well on the quizzes, mid-terms, paper, and comprehensive final exam.

Past students have also indicated that many of the professors at Harlaxton, U.S. and British, give essay exams. For some students, this was a change from the test format that they had experienced at UW-Eau Claire. If you have concerns about taking essay exams, talk with the professor early in the semester about what is expected and how you can improve your essay writing skills.

## **MONEY MATTERS**

*Information about how payments are made, when they are due, the UW - Eau Claire withdrawal/refund deadlines, financial aid, scholarships, budgeting and ways to bring money abroad is in your Study Abroad Handbook.*

### ***Cost Estimate***

You can find the most current cost estimate for your program, in easily printable format, on the [CIE Harlaxton webpage](#). Be sure you are looking at the correct term. Remember that the cost estimate includes what you pay to UW-Eau Claire, what you pay to Harlaxton, and what you pay directly to other vendors.

### ***Personal Travel***

Past participants who responded to our money survey spent between \$1,000 and \$4,500 on personal travel. To give you a sense of what you can do for these amounts:

\$600-1,000: *I traveled a couple of weekends during my time abroad.*

\$1,500-2,000: *I traveled about every other weekend.*

\$3,000-4,500: *I traveled almost every weekend.*

Personal travel depends on your budget and priorities. Students who want to be involved in their host community generally spend less time (and money) traveling. Others travel every weekend with correspondingly high costs and fewer close connections in their new home.

### ***Currency and Currency Exchange***

The currency of the United Kingdom is the pound, abbreviated GBP (Great Britain Pound) and symbolized “£.” Just like the dollar, the pound is divided into 100 units, called “pence,” abbreviated “p.”

Coins come in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50 pence, as well as 1 and 2 pounds. There are £5, £10, £20, and £50 bills.

As of December 5, 2016, the exchange rate was £1 = \$1.27290. You can find current exchange rates at

<http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/>.

### ***Travelers Checks***

Many people no longer find travelers checks useful in the UK due to the convenience of

ATMs and the service fees (1-4%) associated with cashing your travelers checks. Also, you will need to go to a bank or a money exchange office (e.g. bureaux de change) in order to cash travelers checks, which can be inconvenient. However, travelers checks can be useful in an emergency situation such as when your credit or debit cards are lost or stolen, your cards are damaged, your cards are de-activated due to fraud concerns, etc.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

*In addition to the information on CISI insurance and the Health Issues and Safety Abroad sections of your Study Abroad Handbook, you should be aware of the following health and safety information specific to the U.K.*

### ***On-Campus Medical Services***

There is a nurse at Harlaxton four hours per day. She can make referrals to a clinic in Grantham as necessary. If you have a prescription medication that needs refrigeration, such as insulin, storage can be arranged through the nurse and the Dean of Students.

### ***Counseling Services***

A counselor is available one night per week at the Manor. Her office is in a little-used part of the building. You can sign up for appointments in advance, using an anonymous system posted on her door.

The Dean of Students and the Student Services Interns live in the Manor and are available 24 hours a day if needed. Other counseling resources are available in Grantham. Resource lists are posted around the Manor and/or can be provided by the Student Affairs staff.

### ***Intro to the British Health System***

The National Health Service (i.e. the UK national healthcare system) sometimes does not have a very good reputation in the U.S. The system actually is very good; however, it operates under a different set of assumptions from the U.S. health system. U.S. students and their parents need to be aware of the major differences between the U.S. and British health systems.

1) The British system is set up to **favor those typically most in need of medical treatment:** infants/children, pregnant women, and the elderly. People in traditional university age range are expected to be low users of the system except in the case of accidents or serious illness.

2) In Britain, **medical professionals do not consider a common cold/sore throat to require medical attention.** Having a cold for three to four days is considered normal, and of no major concern in a person of college age.

3) **Antibiotics are rarely prescribed in Britain,** due to research that frequent use of antibiotics leads to mutation in germs, rendering the antibiotics useless. Antibiotics are therefore used to treat severe illness. If you use antibiotics regularly, you may wish to bring them with you.

4) **Allergy shots are generally not recommended** by physicians in the UK. It will be difficult to find anyone who will prescribe or administer them.

### ***Safety in England***

One main thing to remember about safety in England is that they drive on the opposite side



of the road from the U.S., so LOOK RIGHT!! before crossing the street.

Information on crime, road safety, drug penalties, and terrorist activity in England is included on the [U.S. Department of State travel website](#). Safety in and around Harlaxton will be discussed during orientation in England.

### ***Hiking***

Per the U.S. State Department, “Hiking in higher elevations can be treacherous. Several people die each year while hiking, particularly in Scotland, often due to sudden changes in weather. We encourage visitors, including experienced hikers, to discuss their intended routes with local residents familiar with the area and to adhere closely to recommendations.”

### ***Sexual Harassment and “Lad Culture” in the UK***

“Lad culture” is a concern among British universities. In [recent research](#), it was defined as a “group” or ‘pack’ mentality residing in activities such as sport and heavy alcohol consumption, and ‘banter’ which is often sexist, misogynist and homophobic.” Although some respondents found it influenced their academic experience at the university, lad culture is seen as particularly influential in the social side of university life. Some commentators compare it to “bro culture” or frat culture here.

Many respondents reported sexist jokes and rape banter in their friendship groups that made them feel uncomfortable, or pressured to engage in sexual relationships. Sexual harassment was common, and there were accounts of sexual violence. Harassment ranged from verbal harassment and catcalling to physical

harassment and sexual molestation. Some viewed groping in nightclubs as a part of a normal night out.

Excessive drinking is an often-cited contributing factor and the university drinking culture is seen as one of the biggest obstacles to eliminating lad culture. Some women were also found to participate in the heavy drinking and crude behavior associated with lad culture and have been dubbed “ladettes.”

Undoubtedly, some UW-Eau Claire students have witnessed or been victim to this type of behavior in Eau Claire. However, it may be more difficult to speak up when you are in a new culture. You cannot change a culture in a visit, but you can make smart choices about how to manage your interactions and reactions to lad culture:

- Ask your British friends, both male and female, how they think lad culture impacts university social life.
- Remove yourself from situations where you do not feel comfortable. Listen to your instincts.
- Drink in moderation if you choose to drink. [CASE at UW-Eau Claire offers advice how to drink in moderation.](#)
- Be careful accepting drinks from people that you don’t know. In particular, watch your drink when you are out at bars or clubs.

### ***Emergency Contacts***

General emergency procedures are described in the Study Abroad Handbook and Harlaxton staff are available if difficulties arise. You will receive an emergency contact card at orientation; be sure to keep it in your wallet at

all times. The information is also on the Contact Names & Addresses page of this guide.

### ***911 Equivalent in the UK***

If you are in an emergency situation in the United Kingdom, you will need to know how to reach the local police, fire, or ambulance services. The local equivalent to the 911 emergency line **in the United Kingdom is 999; in Gibraltar, it is 112.** Save this number in your cell phone in case you need it to use it quickly.

The U.S. State Department also provides a list of [911 numbers abroad](#). Please note that in some countries there are different numbers for fire, police, and ambulance. Plan ahead and research numbers before you go.

## **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

*Passport information is included in your Study Abroad Handbook.*

### ***Visa***

A visa is official permission to temporarily reside in another country and is granted by the government of that country. The CIE will post basic information about the current visa options for U.S. citizens for study in England to the Learning Content section of your online study abroad account during the semester prior to departure. **However, it is your responsibility to keep up-to-date about student visa requirements for England, and if required, to apply for and receive a visa from an English consulate or embassy in a timely manner.** Please read the “Visa” section of your Study Abroad Handbook for more information about

what you should do to keep up-to-date on visa requirements.

### ***Visas for Travel to Other Countries***

If you plan to travel outside of the UK while abroad, verify visa requirements for each country you will visit by contacting the nearest consulate for that country, or your travel agency. Most Western European nations do not require U.S. citizens to have a visa for tourist travel of less than three months, but you should always verify the requirement as entry requirements can change with little notice.

## **PACKING TIPS**

*In addition to the general packing information in the Study Abroad Handbook, you will receive a packing list at orientation and should know the following about England.*

### ***Clothing***

Weather in the UK is often cool and wet, especially in the fall and winter. Many buildings are not centrally heated. Past participants suggest bringing clothing that you can wear, or take off, in layers.

Harlaxton College tends to be on the casual side for class and free time around the Manor. However, there are formal dinners a couple of times each semester. Take clothing that is washable and does not wrinkle easily. Bring a few “dress-up” clothes for formal dinners and going out to restaurants or clubs. Some nightclubs don’t allow jeans or tennis shoes.

### ***Appliances***

The standard electric current in Europe is 220 volts. U.S. appliances such as hair dryers and razors run on 110 volts. If you plan to bring

these appliances, you will need to buy both a converter and a plug adapter. Past students have indicated that Harlaxton sells them for about £5, so you can always choose to buy them upon your arrival. You may also simply choose to buy the appliances in England or use old ones left at Harlaxton by past participants if there are any available.

## TRAVEL TO ENGLAND

### *Travel Arrangements/Group Flight*

It is your responsibility to make travel arrangements to London. A list of student-oriented travel agencies and instructions for booking a flight are included at the end of the Study Abroad Handbook.

UW-Eau Claire students can book a seat on the optional group flight from Chicago, arranged by the University of Evansville. The group flight is scheduled to arrive on the designated arrival day and in time for the airport pick up.

Note that **you cannot enter the UK for the first time via Ireland if you are using the short-term study visa option.** See basic information about visa options in the Learning Content section of your UW-Eau Claire online study abroad account.

**Please do not make travel arrangements until the optional group flight has been announced and the calendar confirmed.** Exact arrival information will be given to you when the group flight information is announced.

You may wish to purchase travel or trip cancellation insurance when you purchase your ticket. Discuss your options with a travel agent and be sure you know exactly what the policy

covers. (For example, most policies specifically exclude travel disruption due to acts of war.)

### *Airport Pick Up*

Harlaxton offers a pick-up service to students at London Heathrow Airport. To take advantage of the pick-up service, you must submit your travel details to Harlaxton College through their online system. The pick-up service is only available at London Heathrow on the designated arrival day at the designated arrival time. Harlaxton does not pick up students from any other airport. Historically, students have been asked to arrive by 10:30 am on the designated arrival day if they wish to take the bus.

### *Independent Arrival*

You will need to make your own way to Harlaxton if you

- Arrive at any other airport besides London Heathrow.
- Arrive after 10:30 am on the designated arrival/pick-up day.
- Arrive on a different day than the designated arrival/pick-up day.

University of Evansville will provide independent arrival instructions **at the beginning of August for fall students** and towards the end of November or early December for spring students. Note that you will need to travel through London, and change transportation with your luggage two to four times, in order to reach Harlaxton Manor. You will also spend at least \$100 U.S. to get from the airport to Harlaxton. Please consider these factors when comparing airfares.

## ***Immigration***

U.S. citizens studying in the UK for less than six months may enter the UK under two categories: Short-Term Study Visa or Tier 4 (General) Student Visa. **Harlaxton and UW-Eau Claire recommend that students enter under the Short-Term Study Visa category.** See basic information about visa options in the Learning Content section of your UW-Eau Claire online study abroad account.

U.S. citizens pursuing the Short-Term Study Visa option will be asked to provide the following documents to the UK immigration official at the airport:

- *a valid passport*
- *your Letter of Acceptance from Harlaxton*  
*This will be mailed from UE to the CIE for you to pick up in May for fall students or December for spring students.*

If requested by the immigration agent, you must also show additional documents. Plan to have the following documents on hand if they are requested:

- *proof of onward journey* (i.e. proof that you are leaving the UK, most often this is in the form of a round-trip airline ticket).
- *proof of the necessary funds* to pay for your course fees and support yourself for the entire period you intend to stay. This can be in the form of scholarships, grants, or other financial aid award letters as well as bank statements in your name which are **dated no more than one calendar month before you arrive in the UK.** UW-Eau Claire will also provide you with a letter stating that tuition, room, and board were paid prior to departure.

Upon verifying your documents, the immigration agent will stamp your passport with the Short-Term Study Visa.

## **SETTLING IN**

### ***Orientation***

You will have an orientation to Harlaxton Manor, the program, and the surrounding area when you first arrive at Harlaxton.

### ***Buying Textbooks***

Textbooks are on sale at the beginning of the semester. You may pay with cash (pounds) or credit cards. Because the Harlaxton curriculum changes each semester, there is limited opportunity to sell books back.

### ***Money***

Harlaxton College has an ATM in the Manor where you can withdraw pounds as needed.

### ***Housing***

All students on the Harlaxton program live either in Harlaxton Manor or in the adjoining Carriage House. There are two to five people per room, but the room sizes are generous. Every roommate receives a key/key chain for their room and an electronic key to open the outside doors at night. Housing assignments are done at Harlaxton; you cannot request to live in the Carriage House or the Manor.

### ***What's Provided for your Room***

Pillows, sheets, and duvets (comforters) are provided, but you need to provide your own towels. There will be a change of bed linen available to you every two weeks. Your room will be furnished with a bed, a chest of drawers, a small closet with hangers, a chair, a desk, and

a desk chair. Some rooms have sinks and mirrors.

### ***On-Campus Alcohol Policy***

Unlike UW-Eau Claire, Harlaxton College does NOT allow students of legal drinking age to store or drink alcohol in their rooms. Students caught with alcohol in their rooms will incur disciplinary action, often including a substantial fine.

According to the Harlaxton Student Handbook: *Drinking is allowed only in the Bistro except during special events when there is a bar in the state rooms; drinking is confined to the state room used. With the exception of the above, possession and consumption of alcohol on-campus is strictly prohibited. This prohibition extends to student rooms, the grounds, sports hall, playing fields, and all vehicles used by the college for transportation. Students present in a residential facility where alcohol is present are also subject to disciplinary action. SAO (Student Affairs Office) staff, college drivers, RAs, and security staff will confiscate any alcohol brought onto campus. This policy includes empty alcohol containers.*

### ***Meals***

Meals are cafeteria style and held at designated hours in the Refectory. Every floor also has a small kitchen area with a refrigerator and storage cabinets. Some floors have microwaves.

While much of the food at the Manor will be familiar, you will have opportunities to try traditional British food with your Meet-a-Family or in restaurants. A few things to try:

- Bangers & mash: sausage with mashed potatoes
- Black pudding: sausage made with pig's blood & fat
- Yorkshire pudding: a batter made with flour, eggs, and milk and cooked in the oven. Often eaten with roast beef for Sunday lunch.
- Pie: a pie is any baked food surrounded by pastry (mixture of flour and butter). So you can get steak and kidney pie, or apple pie, to name a few.
- Ploughman's lunch: typical mid-day pub meal, consisting of a bread roll with a piece of cheese and pickled onion.
- Fish and chips: French fries and batter-fried fish. The chips are generally served with salt and vinegar.

### ***Meet-A-Family***

The Meet-A-Family program is a great way to get out of the Manor and into the local community. Because Harlaxton/Grantham is small, the number of families available for the program is also small; if more students ask for families than there are families available, there will be a lottery. You may sign up for the lottery on the Harlaxton online system when you complete your forms. Please register early as there are a limited number of Meet-a-Family placements.

Participating in the Meet-A-Family program entails some responsibilities and commitment on your part. Some families have dropped out of the program because their students have not participated fully in the program. Therefore, before you request a family, think about whether you are willing to make the following commitments:

- Attend four Meet-A-Family events per semester.

- Call your family regularly (once a week) to keep in touch.
- Accept invitations from your family and let them know you are interested in doing things with them.
- Keep commitments to your family. For example, your family has invited you to dinner on a Saturday night, and you have accepted their invitation. On Wednesday, some of your friends announce that they are going to Edinburgh for the weekend, and ask you to come along. Do you:
  - a. Call your family and say that some friends have asked you to go to Edinburgh for the weekend, so you won't be able to come to their house on Saturday?
  - b. Call your family and say that, unfortunately, you are not feeling well, so you won't be able to come to their house on Saturday?
  - c. Tell your friends you are going to your family's on Saturday, and so, unfortunately, are unable to go to Edinburgh with them?

If you answered a or b to this question, you should carefully consider whether the Meet-A-Family is a good fit for your goals while at Harlaxton College.

### ***Helpful Hints***

Past students put together the following list of places to check out in Grantham:

- Fat Lou's (when you need U.S. food!)
- Wok This Way (Chinese)
- McDonald's (good for vegetarians, believe it or not)
- Boots (like Walgreens)
- WM Morrison (supermarket)

- HC Hair Design (salon)
- Replay (salon)
- Euroclean (dry cleaners)

### ***Student Life***

Getting involved in and around Harlaxton Manor is easy. Join a residence life or student committee, or help create the yearbook for your group. You can also get involved in intramural sports (volleyball, basketball, soccer).

Harlaxton students often play students from the British high schools and universities in the area, as well as the Harlaxton staff.

To get involved outside of the Manor, you will need to take the initiative to find opportunities to meet people. Two possibilities: 1) the local library posts volunteer opportunities around Grantham, and 2) there are shuttles every Sunday to take you to the church of your choice.

## **COMMUNICATION**

*Information on accessing/forwarding your UW-Eau Claire email address, as well as telephone calls through your computer, is in your Study Abroad Handbook.*

### ***Time Difference***

England is six hours ahead of Eau Claire. For example, when it is 1:00 P.M. on Thursday in Eau Claire, it is 7:00 P.M. on Thursday at Harlaxton.

### ***Telephone Information***

From the U.S. to England: You must first dial 011, which is the international dialing code. Next, you must dial 44 to get England, and then the rest of the number to reach a specific city and location.



There are four telephones available for student use at Harlaxton. There are no telephones in the student rooms. Past students recommend that you set up a regular calling time (for example, Sundays at 10 PM, Harlaxton time), and then sign up for that time on the list by the phones. That way, you are certain of having a phone available.

Your callers have two ways to communicate with you by telephone:

- 1) Call the main number (see below) and leave a message with Security or voice mail after 5pm in England (11am in Eau Claire). The message will be posted. Remind your caller to specify whose time zone you are to use when returning the call.
- 2) Call the student kiosk number where you will be waiting for the pre-arranged call.

**Main reception number (24 hours):**

011-44-1476-403000

**Student kiosk-Manor:**

011-44-1476-403050; then Option 2 followed by Option 1

**Student kiosk-Carriage House:**

011-44-1476-403050; then Option 2 followed by Option 2

**Fax:**

011-44-1476-403030

The easiest way for you to make outgoing phone calls is by using a calling card. You can buy them at Harlaxton.

***Email***

Harlaxton has five computer suites with 24-hour access to the Internet, email and word processing.

Harlaxton is completely wireless, so anywhere you go on campus you will have Internet! All classroom, social, and residential areas have coverage. You can even sit outside and have access. If you would like to access the wireless networks and access ports, you need to bring your personal computer. The Harlaxton College webpage (<http://www.harlaxton.ac.uk/>) has more specific information related to “Library & Technology” under the “Academics” heading on the horizontal toolbar at the top of the page.

***Snail Mail/Mailing Address***

(AIRMAIL recommended; allow at least one week)

Your name, box number  
Harlaxton College  
Harlaxton Manor  
Harlaxton, Grantham,  
Lincolnshire NG32 1AG  
UNITED KINGDOM

The University of Evansville will email the group about a month prior to departure with a link to a list of students’ mailbox numbers.

**CULTURAL NOTES**

***Where am I going? UK, England, or Great Britain?***

You are actually going to all three simultaneously. “The United Kingdom is a country that consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. In fact, the official name of the country is ‘United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.’

Great Britain is the name of the island northwest of France and east of Ireland that consists of three somewhat autonomous countries: England, Wales and Scotland. Therefore, England is part of Great Britain, which is part of the United Kingdom. The U.K. includes England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.” From: <http://geography.about.com/library/faq/blqzok.htm>

### ***The Government***

The United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy and parliamentary democracy, with a queen and a parliament that has two houses: The House of Lords, with 574 life peers, 92 hereditary peers, and 26 bishops; and the House of Commons, which has 651 popularly elected members. Supreme legislative power is vested in parliament, which sits for five years unless dissolved sooner. The House of Lords was stripped of most of its power in 1911, and now its main function is to revise legislation. In November 1999, hundreds of hereditary peers were expelled in an effort to make the body more democratic. The executive power of the Crown is exercised by the cabinet, headed by the prime minister.

The current monarch and prime minister are:  
Sovereign: Queen Elizabeth II (since 1952)  
Prime Minister: Theresa May (since 2016)

England has existed as a unified entity since the 10th century; the union between England and Wales, began in 1284 with the Statute of Rhuddlan, which was not formalized until 1536 with an Act of Union. In another Act of Union in 1707, England and Scotland agreed to permanently join as Great Britain. The legislative union of Great Britain and Ireland

was implemented in 1801, with the adoption of the name the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. The Anglo-Irish treaty of 1921 formalized a partition of Ireland; six northern Irish counties remained part of the United Kingdom as Northern Ireland and the current name of the country, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, was adopted in 1927.

From:

<http://www.infoplease.com/country/united-kingdom.html> and <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108078.html#ixzz1fnATw3d5>

### ***Population***

Population of the UK: 63,742,977 (2014 est.)

Nationality: British

Language: English (Note: the UK also has recognized regional languages: Scottish Gaelic, Welsh, and Cornish)

Religion: Christian 59.5%, Muslim 4.4%, Hindu 1.3%, other 2%, none 25.7%, unspecified 7.2%

Ethnic groups: White 87.2%, black 3%, Indian 2.3%, Pakistani 1.9%, mixed 2%, other 3.7% (2011 estimated)

From: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/uk.html>

## **TRAVEL WHILE ABROAD**

*See additional travel information in your Study Abroad Handbook.*

### ***Local Travel***

Much has happened in British history at, or very near to, Harlaxton Manor. Harlaxton therefore offers a number of inexpensive (~£5) local trips,

often as class fieldtrips, but also just for general interest, to make sure you are aware of the history and British culture all around you. Find a [sample list here](#).

### ***Longer Travel***

Harlaxton offers a number of more extensive day and weekend trips at additional cost. Reservations for the trips are now made online, directly through Harlaxton. You will receive the exact day and time that travel booking begins from the University of Evansville. You can find [recent semester offerings, as well as booking guidelines and frequently asked questions here](#).

**Before you can make travel reservations, you must have filled out the online forms in your Harlaxton College account.** You will book through the Harlaxton online system. **A deposit is due when you make your reservation, which you must pay by credit card via the online travel booking site.** Since the deposits are charged in pounds, you should **contact your credit card company prior to the booking day so that your card is not blocked for suspicious activity.** You may also need to temporarily raise your daily limit if you are planning on registering for several trips. Cancellations to your travel bookings can only be made to the same credit card used for the original booking. Cancellation deadlines are also online.

**Past participant tip:** *“I would definitely recommend the first London trip. It’s early in the semester, and you really get to know people. Plus, once you find your way around London, it’s easy to go back for a weekend on your own.”*

### ***Independent Travel***

Harlaxton offers on-campus and online resources to help interested students plan independent travel. On campus, there is a travel library where students can access guide books and maps. The Student Affairs Office also offers an “Independent Travel Seminar” during the first week of the semester. [The online resources can be accessed here](#).

### ***Bus & Train in the U.K.***

If you plan to travel in England, Scotland or Wales, transportation by train, ferry, and bus (coach) are HIGHLY recommended. A Young Person’s RailCard gives you 1/3 off regular fare tickets. It pays for itself after three to four trips. Check out this Web site for more information: <http://www.16-25railcard.co.uk/>. You can download the application form online or simply ask for one at any train station in England. Harlaxton also sells the Young Person’s RailCard, so you can wait until you get to the Manor to purchase it.

There is also a special rail pass just for southwest England (which includes London and Oxford) that gives you a reduction off train tickets. When you buy a ticket to London with the pass, the ticket may also be used as a subway pass, providing transportation around London for the entire day.

If you plan to take buses, keep in mind that they are both cheaper and slower than trains. An NX2 card will give you at least 10% off all National Express bus tickets. If you’ve got time to spare, consider taking advantage of National Express’ £1 Fun Fare. During specific times, seats are offered for an absolute steal between London and 28 other cities.

# WEB RESOURCES: HARLAXTON

University	City	Country
<b>Harlaxton College Home Page</b> <a href="http://www.harlaxton.ac.uk/">http://www.harlaxton.ac.uk/</a>	<b>BBC Online Homepage</b> <a href="http://www.bbc.com/">http://www.bbc.com/</a>	<b>The UK Travel Guide</b> <a href="http://www.uktravel.com">http://www.uktravel.com</a>
<b>Harlaxton Experience Page</b> <a href="http://www.evansville.edu/studyabroad/harlaxton.cfm">http://www.evansville.edu/studyabroad/harlaxton.cfm</a>	<b>UK Rail Schedules</b> <a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk">http://www.nationalrail.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/gra/details.html">http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/gra/details.html</a>	<b>Official English Tourism Sites</b> <a href="http://www.visitengland.com/">http://www.visitengland.com/</a> <a href="http://www.lonelyplanet.com/england/">http://www.lonelyplanet.com/england/</a>
<b>Manor House Information</b> <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harlaxton_Manor">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harlaxton_Manor</a>	<b>Grantham and Surroundings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=1">http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=1</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.granthamjournal.co.uk/">http://www.granthamjournal.co.uk/</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.visitoruk.com/Grantham/">http://www.visitoruk.com/Grantham/</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/grantham-house/">http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/grantham-house/</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.belvoircastle.com/">http://www.belvoircastle.com/</a></li> </ul>	<b>Newspapers</b> English (A-K): <a href="http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/england-a-k.htm">http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/england-a-k.htm</a> English (L-Z): <a href="http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/england-l-z.htm">http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/england-l-z.htm</a> Scottish <a href="http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/scotland.htm">http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/scotland.htm</a>
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		<b>The Best of British English</b> <a href="http://www.effingpot.com/">http://www.effingpot.com/</a>

# CONTACT NAMES & ADDRESSES

GENERAL UW-EAU CLAIRE & CISI CONTACT INFORMATION IS IN YOUR STUDY ABROAD HANDBOOK.

<i>Contact Information</i>		
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***We asked past Harlaxton participants how they would sum up their Harlaxton experience. Here is a sampling of what they said:***

*“Harlaxton was like a dream. I met some of the most amazing people I have ever known, and got to travel the world with them. I also learned so much more than I realized at the time, both about the history of the United Kingdom and about the world in general. I wouldn't trade anything for my experience, and I encourage others to study abroad to expand their horizons and to make memories that will last forever.”* Andie, Spring 2015

*“Everyone always talks about how studying abroad is a “life changing adventure,” and I never truly understood what they meant until I was at Harlaxton. There really aren't words other than life changing to describe this experience. I would never trade my time at Harlaxton for anything in the world. It has truly been everything to me and I could not be any more grateful. At Harlaxton you become part of a little family that will forever remain with you, you become so close and so comfortable with both students and staff that you will begin to think of them as more than just your professors or peers. Best experience of my life, hands down.”* Lorissa, Spring 2014

*“Harlaxton, England was the best 3.5 months of my life. This was my first time travelling outside the U.S., and I can't tell you how much it opened my eyes to what is going on in the world. It not only taught me about other cultures, but gave me a greater understanding of American culture and an appreciation for the lifestyle that we have. I am now going back to America with more respect for diversity and more pride in my country.”* Alexandra H., Fall 2012

*“My experience abroad was a multitude of moments that reshaped the person I am into someone who is more confident through my travels and studies overseas.”* Brianna H., Spring 2012

*“It was a great experience. I learned a lot about the culture and history through my courses, met tons of new friends from all over, and was able to travel all over the United Kingdom and some of Europe. The faculty and staff are, for the most part, AMAZING. Although the semester was not without its problems, they were similar to ones you might have in the United States. I would recommend that anyone interested in traveling or studying abroad take the opportunity- it really is a wonderful, once in a life time experience.”* Michelle S. Fall 2010

*“Harlaxton was a big eye opener. I learned about diversity in other countries and cultures as well as diversity among my peers from the US. The people you meet and the experiences you share are the parts of your life that you will never forget. For four months you live a life with no geographical boundaries and unlimited opportunities to see the world.”* Sarah W., Fall 2008

*“My experience at Harlaxton has been one of the most important steps I've taken towards admitting and understanding who I am. Studying British literature and history in the English countryside has been very enjoyable and educational; I have been immersed in the very country where a lot of famous authors have come from and where a lot of classic literature has based its roots. I hope I can bring that enjoyment and knowledge to the classroom when I am an English teacher. Traveling around the UK and Europe has been a wonderful and educating experience that I wouldn't trade for anything. Harlaxton has given me the license to step out of my comfort zone and really experience the world.”* Sarah P., Spring 2007