

**LONDON  
*THEATRE*  
*PROGRAM***

***OF***

**SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE  
AND  
THE BRITISH AMERICAN DRAMA  
ACADEMY**

**HANDBOOK  
FALL 2018**

## INTRODUCTION

Congratulations! The BADA staff and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

By now you are probably happily excited and happily confused about what to do (and when to do it) in order to end up in the right place at the right time. This handbook has been designed to help you begin preparations for your time in London. Be sure to bring it with you!

Hopefully this will answer any immediate questions you may have. However, if it does not, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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**Fall 2018**

Students arrive	Friday, September 7, 2018
Orientation day	Sunday, September 9, 2018
First day of term	Monday, September 10, 2018
Mid-term break	November 5 – 9, 2018
End-of-year productions	December 11, 12, 13, 2018
End of term/farewell party	Friday, December 14, 2018
Students Must Vacate Housing	Saturday, December 15, 2018

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**Spring 2019**

Students arrive	Friday, January 4, 2019
Orientation day	Sunday, January 6, 2019
First day of term	Monday, January 7, 2019
Mid-term break	March 4 – 8, 2019
End-of-year productions	April 9, 10, 11, 2019
End of term/farewell party	Friday, April 12, 2019
Students Must Vacate Housing	Saturday, April 13, 2019

**STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN LONDON ON THE FRIDAY STIPULATED  
AND CANNOT DEPART PRIOR TO THE END OF THE TERM**

**(Please note that these dates may be subject to change)**

## ***Entry Requirements for Studying in the UK***

### **Students studying on the London Theatre Program for one semester**

**PLEASE NOTE:** UK Immigration requirements for entering the United Kingdom to study changed in 2009. Please consult this document to ensure that you have the correct documentation to be granted leave to study in the United Kingdom.

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The United Kingdom Visas and Immigration (UKVI) has recently introduced a new system of entry to the UK and BADA must comply with the legal requirements set out by the UKVI. It is therefore **IMPORTANT** that you read and fully understand this document to ensure your smooth entry into the UK.

All students must show proof of a round trip ticket to enter the UK.

If you are an American citizen of the United States, you will **not** need to apply for a special visa to study in the UK. You will be entering on what is referred to as a 'Student Visitor Visa or Pass/ Short term Study Visa' You may remain in the UK for only one semester of study.

It is mandatory that you have **at least 6 months remaining** on your passport from the **end date** of your period of study. *(Your period of study ends on **Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> 2018**, therefore your passport **NEEDS** to be valid until **June 15<sup>th</sup> 2019** at the very minimum, anything earlier than this date and you will need to renew your passport before coming on the program)*

Please be sure to take on the plane with you all the documents given to you by Sarah Lawrence College and BADA. It is especially important that you have your BADA entry letter, which contains the information required by the UKVI that states that BADA is a recognised educational establishment.

Students studying for **one semester** on the London Theatre Program who are **not US citizens** may have to apply for a **Tier 4 Student visa**. The International Programs Office at Sarah Lawrence College will help you through this process. Please be in touch with them immediately so they can determine whether a Tier 4 visa is necessary. They will help prepare you with all the necessary paperwork for your Tier 4 student visa.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

It is best to fly directly to London. If your flight requires you to stop and clear immigration in a city **outside** of the UK (Dublin, Paris, Rome, etc) you **MUST** remember to inform the immigration official when you arrive in the UK that you are entering as a student.

You **must** identify yourself as a student studying in the UK and obtain a UK Student Visitor stamp. Immigration officials outside the UK may stamp your passport for entry into Europe but they **cannot certify you as a student** in the UK. You **must** receive a UK Student Visitor stamp in your passport before leaving Immigration and Customs Control at the airport in *the UK*. Do not hesitate to ask the immigration officer if you are unsure of what to do.

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**Visa and Entry Requirements for studying in the UK**  
**(Please note that these requirements may change each and every year)**

**Students studying on the London Theatre Program for one year**

Students studying on the London Theatre Program for the entire year (2 semesters) must apply for a **Tier 4 (General) Student Visa**. BADA and Sarah Lawrence will provide you with all the necessary documentation to apply for your visa. You can begin reading about the application process at the following website, <https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa>.

**The entire visa process could take as long as 4 weeks and sometimes even longer. PLEASE APPLY EARLY!**

It is mandatory that you have **at least 6 months remaining** on your passport from the **end date** of your period of study. *(If your period of study ends on **Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2019**, then your passport **NEEDS** to be valid until **October 13<sup>th</sup> 2019** at the very minimum; anything earlier than this date and you will need to renew your passport before coming on the program).*

Please be advised that you **cannot** extend your stay to study for the second semester while in London. You will need to leave the UK at the end of the first semester and apply for a visa in the United States (or possibly your native country if you are not a US citizen or permanent resident).

We appreciate that this may seem a rather daunting process, so if you have any questions concerning visas or entry into the UK at any time before your arrival at BADA, please contact the International Programs Office at Sarah Lawrence. Alternatively, you can visit the UKVI website: <https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/study-visas>

**PREPARATION**

Because there is little space in the BADA office to hold your belongings, we ask that you not ship any items in advance of your arrival date, which is **Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**WHAT TO PACK**

The weather in England is cold and damp during the late fall, winter and early spring; a snowfall is unusual, but it can occur. Program veterans suggest packing warm sweaters and some rain-clothes.

You should bring loose clothing (not skirts, however) or gym leggings for your movement class, and wear thick socks when you take that class. For High Comedy class women will need a long skirt and a pair of dress shoes (with heels). Men should also pack a pair of dress shoes (with a hard sole).

Overall, pack as lightly as possible. Jeans and casual clothes are the norm, though you should bring one nice outfit for the occasional social event. Clothing can cost more in Britain than America, but some affordable options include Primark, New Look and H&M.

Do not bring electrical appliances if you can possibly avoid it. Converters are costly and may damage your equipment. Plan instead to buy a hairdryer, alarm clock etc., when you get to London.

There are computer facilities and wireless connection at BADA. You may bring your laptop but please note individual's laptops are not covered by BADA's insurance so you must organize insurance of your own.

Do not bring any valuables, or any items that are not insured or replaceable.

### **TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL**

***Please carry with you on the plane all the official documents from Sarah Lawrence and BADA that will be sent to you during the summer.*** Please also carry details of your return flight, proof of intention to return to your home country (in the form of a letter from your parents, school or employment) and proof of your ability to fund your living expenses while you are in the UK. This can be a bank statement, or a statement from your parents or university confirming their intention to fund your living costs.

*On your arrival in London, BADA will need to make a copy of your passport, passport stamp and return flight details and take an up-to-date e-mail address. This is a requirement of the UK Visa and Immigration. Please ensure you have documents with you when you arrive at BADA.*

All students are responsible for their own flight arrangements. STA Travel is a student travel service, which can often find affordable fares to which many travel agencies don't seem to have access. Students are encouraged to visit the STA Travel website before booking your flights as you could save a considerable amount of money. Information on flights, as well as the ISIC (International Student Identity Card), can be found at [www.statravel.com](http://www.statravel.com). They can also be reached at 1-800-781-4040. Another student travel site is [www.studentuniverse.com](http://www.studentuniverse.com) (1-800-272-9676). Using the student travel sites we have mentioned include the added benefit of usually allowing you to change your return dates with little or no penalty. However, you should always check before booking as to any possible penalties for changing your ticket.

**You must arrive in London on Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9 am – 4 pm. Students should go to the Program offices located at:**

#### **BADA**

**14 Gloucester Gate**

**Regent's Park, London NW1 4HG**

**Tel.: 0207-487-0730** (If dialing from the USA, add the prefix 011-44 and remove the first zero)

There are different ways to get to BADA from the two airports serving London:

**From Gatwick:** Take the train to Victoria Station (approx £18). From there, take a licensed black taxi to Gloucester Gate. The cost is approximately £30.

**From Heathrow:** Take the Heathrow Express to Paddington Station (approx £21) or Heathrow Connect, this takes longer but only costs around £7.50 From there take a licensed black taxi to Gloucester Gate (about £20).

Please be aware that taking a taxi from the airport to BADA can be expensive. Some students arriving around the same time or onboard the same flight will find that sharing a taxi between 3 or 4 can make it more affordable.

On arrival at BADA on September 7<sup>th</sup>, BADA's Dean Eunice Roberts, Associate Director Carolyn Sands, Programs and Recruitment Manager Christina Ibrinke and General Manager Stacie Novotny, will be there to welcome you. If you are unavoidably delayed, call the office as soon as possible so that emergency arrangements can be made to meet you later on Friday or on Saturday morning.

Since you'll be arriving on a weekend, the banks will be closed; be sure to bring enough money in pounds sterling to get you started (see "Finances"). While some exchange bureaus are open Saturdays, you will not get a very favorable rate for your dollars.

### **TRAVEL ABROAD**

Flights and trains for weekend travel should not be arranged to depart London before 9pm on Friday evenings without prior approval from the BADA office, as classes, and in the second half of the semester, rehearsals, are scheduled to last until 6pm on Fridays. Again check with the BADA office before confirming any travel arrangements during this time.

St Pancras International (Eurostar Terminal) is half an hour's travel from BADA, while travel from BADA to Heathrow, Gatwick, City and Stansted airports requires at least an hour (longer for Luton Airport). This should be taken into account when making travel arrangements.

On the weekend before production week, we ask that students remain in London, in order to ensure their availability for technical rehearsals in the theatre.

All students travelling abroad on weekends must ensure they return on Sunday nights. This is to avoid students missing classes due to travel delays or cancellations.

### **ORIENTATION**

On arrival, each student receives an information folder from the Programs and Recruitment Manager before being taken to their accommodation.

Saturday is kept free to enable you to settle in to your apartments and meet the other students. Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> is an orientation day, starting with a 'Welcome to BADA' lunch and finishing with a series of introductory talks in the afternoon.

### **CURRICULUM**

The program curriculum is on our website: <https://www.sarahlawrence.edu/bada/>. **A detailed description of each course can be found in the back of this Handbook.** Each student will have a one 1/2 hour tutorial every other week. All students take the following courses:

### **ONE SEMESTER (FALL OR SPRING)**

Scene Study: Shakespeare

Scene Study: High Comedy

Scene Study: Modern Physical Theater

Performance Techniques: Voice

Movement

Stage Fighting

Acting in Performance (the end of term productions)

Dramatic Criticism

Theatre History

Due to their professional commitments we are unable to announce the members of the faculty before the commencement of the program. You should plan to be in class from about 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily. However, the timetable does allow for a certain amount of free time. You are expected to attend each class meeting; since the work you will be doing is rigorous and intense, your presence in class is vital. All courses are graded, and for most courses you will receive a written evaluation of your work. There is no Pass/Fail option available.

Each term, eight trips to the theater are scheduled for all students; the productions will be discussed in your Dramatic Criticism class. The plays are chosen from the best shows currently being staged in London, and your tuition fee covers the cost of these tickets.

The end-of-term productions are the culmination of the semester. A professional director is chosen for each play. After eight weeks of class, students are placed in one of the productions. Its director then determines the exact casting for each play, and four and a half weeks of rehearsals begin, after a week's midterm break. **Each play is simply staged in a London theatre and performed once before an audience during the final week of the semester. Your family is welcome to visit you in London to see your performance that week!** Those family members visiting you in the final week are also invited to the "Farewell Party"; this is a special event where they can meet with Eunice Roberts, BADA's Dean and hear about the Academy's future. More details will be made available during the semester.

Please note students are required to attend all BADA's productions in the final week of the program.

In addition to the regular curriculum, several master classes will be arranged each term. These classes have afforded students rare opportunities to work with some of the finest performers and directors in England.

When we receive your grades and evaluations from BADA we will process your transcripts as speedily as possible. Feel free to call Sarah Lawrence College with any questions, but remember that having written evaluations can add to the time it takes to finalize your transcript, and do not be concerned if you haven't heard from us prior to February 1.

For guest students, we mail an official transcript to your college (to the attention of the person you designated on your application), and a copy to you at your permanent address. There is no charge for these two transcripts.

## EXCURSIONS

The fall semester excursions will begin with a trip to Shakespeare's Globe to see an evening performance of *Othello*. As well as weekly visits to London Theatre, BADA has also arranged an all day excursion to Stratford-upon-Avon on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, culminating in an afternoon performance of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Further details of this compulsory visit will be available on arrival.

## BADA PERSONNEL

Dean	Eunice Roberts
Managing Director	Tim Denham
Associate Director	Carolyn Sands
Programs and Recruitment Manager	Christina Ibrionke
General Manager	Stacie Novotny
Administrative Assistant	Maya Celano
Caretaker	Marek Wojcik

## HOUSING

### BADA's HOUSING

London is a world center of international trade, finance and tourism. Because of this, housing is expensive, especially in areas that are convenient to the center of the city. You are not required to live in the housing we have available, but we feel it offers good value in a high-priced market. Be aware, as well, that if you rent your own flat, BADA will not be able to intercede on your behalf if you encounter problems with your landlord, the returning of your deposit, etc. Please also bear in mind London is a culturally diverse city, comprising of communities from around the world, and it may be you encounter attitudes and cultural mores different from your own during your time there.

BADA provides housing in furnished apartments in two locations; at the Landward, Harrowby Street, London W1H 5HB and Westburn Place, 2b Kilburn Park Road NW6 5UY. The Landward is located between Edgware Road and Marble Arch, allowing for easy access to both BADA and the West End, London's theatreland. This central location means that the immediate area around the accommodation remains busy at all times. To ensure the safety and security of our students, the building has a concierge at the front door twenty four hours a day and CCTV is in constant operation, not only at the entrance to the building but also in public areas on each floor.

Westburn Place, 2b Kilburn Park Road is located behind a gated courtyard in a residential road between Kilburn and Maida Vale, conveniently located for shopping and transport. There is an on call concierge. Each Townhouse at Westburn Place has one triple bedroom, two double bedrooms, a single bedroom and two bathrooms.

The two sites are approximately half an hour from BADA and each other, on direct bus routes.

Each apartment in the Landward has two double bedrooms (housing 4 students) and one bathroom. Each Townhouse at Kilburn Park Road has one triple bedroom, two double bedrooms, a single bedroom and two bathrooms. Please note to ensure fairness when allocating accommodation, **BADA cannot consider requests for one site over the other, or for single rooms.** However, we will consider and where possible meet other specific requests made on housing forms.



The following items will be provided in your housing:

Living room

1 loveseat and 1 sofa  
1 Coffee table  
1 Corner table  
1 TV  
1 Dining table  
4 chairs  
Curtains

Kitchen

Toaster  
Microwave  
Dish drainer  
Chopping board  
Kettle  
Can Opener  
Vegetable peeler  
Cutlery set  
Tall and short glasses  
Mugs  
Colander  
Side plates  
Dinner plates  
Bowls  
Kitchen trash can  
Saucepans

Frying pans (2)  
Kitchen Knives set  
Measuring jug  
Ladle  
Wooden spoons  
Spatula

Bedroom

1 Chest of drawers per bedroom  
1 wardrobe per person  
1 duvet and 2 pillows per person  
Bed Sheets  
One towel per person  
1 bedside table  
Curtains

Bathroom

Bath room trash can  
Toilet brush

Other Iron

Ironing board  
Clothes drying rack  
Washing machine

The halls of accommodation have wireless access for students who bring laptops, although BADA accepts no responsibility for ensuring computer access. Wi-Fi is available for student use at both housing locations.

The cost of this plan will be \$5,600 for the semester. This **amount is non-refundable**, as we must pay your landlord in full prior to your arrival in order to secure your housing. There is also a refundable deposit against damages of \$200. I would be happy to discuss any concerns about housing issues, so don't hesitate to call me.

You will not be able to move into your apartment until September 7, 2018. If you are planning to arrive in London a few days early, here are some suggestions:

### **Staying in London Before/After the Program**

As you know, students studying on the London Theatre Programs will not be able to move into the student apartments until the start date of the program and must move out of the accommodation on the final Saturday of the program by 10 am. If you are planning to arrive before the start of, or remain after the end of, the program, we have listed a few suggestions for affordable accommodation.

Firstly there are a large number of hostels in London, varying in cost and location. The following website collates the best offers, by location and price. Most are within a price range of £10-£30 a night.

<http://www.hostelbookers.com/hostels/england/london/>

Easyhotel, a chain in London (and elsewhere) offer small but clean and functional rooms from £35 per night. The further in advance you book the cheaper the rate. There are Easyhotels at Paddington station (near the student accommodation) and Old Street (a short underground ride from BADA's building), [www.easyhotel.com](http://www.easyhotel.com).

Other hotels near the Landward (student accommodation) include Gloucester Place Hotel <http://www.gloucesterplacehotel.com/> and The Griffin House hotel <http://www.griffinhousehotel.co.uk/>. An internet search for "hotels near Marble Arch, London" should offer a large selection of similarly priced places near the student apartments.

Hotel near Westburn Place, Marriott Hotel, Maida Vale <http://www.marriott.co.uk/>

Hotels near Camden (location of BADA) tend to be more expensive, but sometimes deals and offers are available at Holiday Inn Camden Lock, which is approximately a 15 minute walk from the BADA building. <http://www.holidayinn Camden.co.uk/>

Here are the links to other hotels in London:

Millennium Hotel London Mayfair – [www.millenniumhotels.com](http://www.millenniumhotels.com) – 020 7629 9400

Langham Hotel London – [www.astorcourthotel.co.uk](http://www.astorcourthotel.co.uk) – 020 7636 4133

The Park Lane Hotel, London – [www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com) – 020 7499 6321

The Langham, London – [www.langhamhotels.co.uk](http://www.langhamhotels.co.uk) – 020 7636 1000

London Hilton on Park Lane Hotel – [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com) 020 7493 8000

The Cavendish London – [www.thecavendish-london.co.uk](http://www.thecavendish-london.co.uk) – 0870 701 4444  
Montagu Place London Hotel – [www.montagu-place.co.uk](http://www.montagu-place.co.uk) – 020 7467 2777  
Holiday Inn Hotel London Mayfair – [www.holiday-inn.co.uk](http://www.holiday-inn.co.uk) – 0870 400 9110  
Landmark London Spa – [www.landmarkspa.com](http://www.landmarkspa.com)

The places mentioned are intended for your reference only; none are in any way affiliated with BADA, or offer special rates for its students.

## **SECURITY**

The safety of all students while studying in London is paramount to both BADA and Anglo Educational Services, who manage the Landward and Westburn Place, your halls of accommodation. Every effort is made to minimize risk to students and their belongings. However BADA also expects students to act responsibly to ensure their own well-being - living in a capital city inevitably brings new risks that need to be taken very seriously to avoid incident.

Valuable belongings, such as passports, laptops, i-pods etc. should be kept under lock and key, not left out in the apartments while you are away from the premises. All Anglo Educational apartments are equipped with safes and lockable cupboards. If for any reason on your arrival you cannot operate the safe in your apartment, please contact Anglo Educational as soon as possible.

BADA strongly discourages students from keeping large amounts of cash in apartments. Instead, spending money should be stored in a bank account accessible through an ATM (known in the UK as a “Cashpoint” or a “Hole In The Wall”.) If for any reason students are unable to arrange this, cash should be stored in a safe at all times, either in your apartment, or in BADA’s safe, which is available for this purpose to all students. BADA is also happy to store any student property in its building, which is locked and alarmed whenever it is closed.

If for any reason you have suspicions or concerns about strangers, please notify a representative of BADA or Anglo Educational immediately. This is especially important at the halls of accommodation, as students from different universities and other visitors to the UK may be staying in other apartments during your stay. Please do not allow anyone you do not recognise to enter either BADA’s building or the halls of accommodation.

In this way BADA and Anglo Educational intend to minimize any risk to our students and ensure your experience of studying in London is an entirely positive one.

## **MEALS**

Students are responsible for providing their own meals on this program. There is a cafeteria at BADA where you can purchase food between classes, as well as several local eateries nearby where students like to go in small groups. If you will be cooking your own food, there are many markets and the produce is of good quality. The cost of living is higher in England than in America, so be prepared to pay more for groceries there than you would at home. **Overall, you will save a considerable amount of money if you prepare your own meals on a regular basis.**

## FINANCES

1) **Cost of Living.** As I write to you, the current exchange rate is US\$1.35 to UK£1. The rate of exchange exacerbates the high cost of living for Americans in London. We estimate that you will need approximately £100 pounds per week to cover your living expenses: food, transportation, laundry, etc. You will almost certainly want to take additional trips to the theater; our tuition covers one visit per week as required for your course in Dramatic Criticism.

2) **Tuition.** A tuition bill will be sent to you through our Student Accounts Office. Please address any questions or concerns about this payment directly to the Student Accounts Office at (914) 395-2553. Different payment plans are available, so feel free to talk directly with the bursar about the various options. You may not pay your tuition directly to BADA.

3) **Housing Fees.** Sarah Lawrence will charge you for your apartment, unless you choose to find housing on your own. As noted above, the housing fees are non-refundable.

4) **Housing Deposit.** Any damages you incur in apartments will be assessed at the end of the term and deducted from your deposit, with any balance returned to you. Landlords of the apartments determine the charges for students who live in apartments. Please note that students are collectively responsible for ensuring the apartments are left in a satisfactory state at the end of the program. Any unreturned or damaged Theatre History books will also be deducted from housing deposits.

Sarah Lawrence College and the British American Drama Academy are not responsible for setting damage charges.

5) **Books.** The cost of many books is included in your tuition, although you will need to budget for a few. Allow an additional 20 to 40 pounds in your budget for books and supplies.

6) **Money and Banking.** We recommend students maintain a bank account in the United States and withdraw money overseas with an ATM card. Check with your bank to see if their ATM network includes British banks. While ATM cards give the greatest convenience (and favorable exchange rates), a lost ATM card can pose delays in your ability to access your money.

**Be sure to have a back-up system in the event of an emergency: traveler's checks, a credit card, or information on Western Union wire transfers can help.** Please note: ATM's dispense cash in pounds, not dollars! **You should bring a credit card with you if possible,** but be aware that credit card transactions in the UK can only be processed by 'chip & pin' – you will need to memorize your card's PIN number in advance of your trip.

## TELEPHONES

**Mobile Phones (Cell Phones).** While you are in the UK, you must have a UK telephone number if your American phone does not work overseas. You may purchase a mobile phone inexpensively in the U.K. **American phones do not work overseas unless you have a GSM phone.** If you plan to use a mobile (cell phone) while in England, please make sure you only get a "pay as you go" phone. If you live outside the UK and sign a 12-month contract for a phone, you are liable for that phone for the entire year, and failure to keep to the terms of the contract or paying the monthly installments will result in your being credit black-listed and may affect your re-entry into the UK in the future.

We do pass on your details to phone companies if you leave without paying your final bills.

**Apartment Phones.** Students living in apartments will have access to a pay phone which can also receive incoming calls. Students can purchase phone cards all over London for these phones. Students can also make international calls at national rates from the UK by dialing 0870 794 000.

**Office Phones.** Students may not use the BADA office phones unless in an emergency and after getting permission from a member of the BADA staff. In an emergency, you can usually be reached at the BADA office between the hours of 9:30 am – 5:00 pm British time at 011-44-207-487-0730.

### **HEALTH AND WELL BEING**

When you travel to London for your studies, certain factors come into play that can make you susceptible to the flu and colds on arrival:

1. The flight itself can make you vulnerable physically beyond the tiredness of jet lag.
2. You will be landing in an environment that is damper than the U.S.
3. There are also the emotional challenges of a new culture, new city, teachers and fellow students.

All these pressures and variables could make you a prime candidate for the flu and colds as you readjust to your new environment.

We would like you to bear this in mind as you prepare for your journey, and request that prior to leaving the States, and for the first 3 weeks in London, you take particular care to minimize the chances of getting sick on arrival. We would like to suggest that during the week before you leave that you get plenty of rest, so that you are fully fit when embarking on the flight. Check with your doctor to see whether taking a course of vitamin C, and possibly Echinacea (a natural plant extract), would be a good idea to help boost your immune systems for this period. We would also like to encourage you to eat foods that are going to nourish and re-enforce the body, such as fruits, vegetables and proteins.

**Prescription Medicines** - We strongly advise students who use prescription medicines to seek their doctor's advice in advance of the start of the Program, and if necessary, request sufficient medicines for the entire time you are in England. Not all medicines available in the States are available in the UK; or you may find English doctors and pharmacists will not accept American prescriptions, which would mean paying and waiting to have a new prescription produced for you in the UK. Please also bear in mind when travelling that prescription medicines should be carried with you in your hand luggage (with any necessary documentation) to avoid any delays or difficulties at Immigration and Customs.

**Medical Insurance and Services** - All students will be covered while abroad by a policy administered by GeoBlue International Health Insurance. Information on GeoBlue is in your application portal. **Please note, however, that students still need to have their own medical insurance through the Sarah Lawrence plan or through their parents. This is to ensure they have adequate health insurance before they leave the US and upon their return.** Please be aware that GeoBlue insurance does NOT cover dental work, or continuing sessions (such as physical therapy) during convalescence.

The easiest way for students to see a doctor is via the walk-in medi-centres now located throughout London. The cost for students is approximately £70-85per visit. A physician can also be provided through BADA: he/she will see students as private patients and make referrals as appropriate. Such a visit will cost approximately £90-100. Further details can be obtained from the BADA office.

From April 2015, an immigration health charge (referred to in this guidance as the health surcharge) is payable by non-EEA nationals who apply for a visa to enter or remain in the UK for more than six months. Payment of the health surcharge entitles the payer to NHS-funded healthcare on the same basis as someone who is ordinarily resident, including being able to register with a General Practice Doctor near to the school. They are entitled to free NHS services, including NHS hospital care, except for services for which a UK ordinary resident must also pay, such as dentistry and prescriptions in England.

Those coming for less than 6 months as a Short Term Student will still be able to access NHS services but will be charged at the time of use so private medical insurance is still recommended.

The health surcharge is a **discounted rate of £150 per annum for students**. The health surcharge will be collected by the Home Office alongside the immigration application fee when you apply for your Tier 4 Visa.

For yearlong students the Heath Surcharge will cover the costs of seeing a doctor or a specialist, even for pre-existing conditions.

**All enrolling students are required to complete our medical forms. The information provided will remain confidential and will be shared with program staff, faculty, or appropriate professionals only if pertinent to your own well being. This information does not affect your admission into the program.**

### **14 GLOUCESTER GATE**

The offices and classrooms for the London Theatre Program are located at 14 and 15 Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park, near to London's West End and principle theatres. Gloucester Gate offers easy access to all parts of London by public transportation.

This is our Sixteenth year in these superb and historic buildings owned by the Crown and designed by James Burton. The building has many new facilities including a canteen area, a green room with computer access, a library and rehearsal spaces. Students will be informed about the use of BADA computers on arrival in London. Lockers are available for storing students' personal belongings, on payment of a £10 deposit, refundable at the end of the term.

### **CONTACTING STUDENTS**

This Fall, over 30 students from more than 15 American colleges and universities will be taking part in the London Theatre Program. The list of participants will be sent to you, as it may be useful if you wish to be in touch with any students before you go, or if you would like to find someone to travel with over to London. A Facebook group will also be created for all students attending the program this fall. You will be sent instructions via email by BADA's Programs and

Recruitment Manager in due course on how to join this group and begin interacting with the other students.

### **RECEIVING PACKAGES**

Customs and Excise have recently introduced a new rule which affects all temporary visitors to the U.K. receiving packages. You are now required to pay 14% duty up front on the value of the goods you are receiving (even on things such as your own clothes which you might be having sent over), which you can then reclaim when you leave the U.K. Along with this, you must complete paperwork. **The London office, therefore, strongly advises students not to receive packages unless absolutely necessary. In addition, BADA staff cannot sign for any packages, including Fed-Ex, on behalf of a student.**

If you do choose to receive packages, it is imperative that parcels sent from the United States to BADA have all custom duties paid to the **final destination**.

Often packages are held up at Heathrow customs because the duty has only been paid as far as England and not to the final destination address, or because the contents of the package have not been clearly marked on the outside. If a package is held up at Heathrow, it incurs daily storage charges which can cost between £50-£100, and lots of paperwork. We will not accept Federal Express packages unless all duty and taxes have been paid. If packages are not sent via express mail, they can take up to 3 weeks to arrive in the UK. Please do not post valuables such as cameras, jewelry etc.

### **TELEPHONE/QUESTIONS**

If you or your family have any questions, please contact Prema Samuel at (914) 395-2305 or by email at [psamuel@sarahlawrence.edu](mailto:psamuel@sarahlawrence.edu).

I hope you all have a wonderful experience on the London Theatre Program!

## **Student Oyster Photocard**

Students who are studying on the London Theatre Programs at the British American Drama Academy (BADA) can apply for a 18+ Student Oyster Photocard, either in advance or once they arrive in the UK.

### **What is an Oyster card?**

Oyster is a plastic smartcard you can use instead of paper tickets. You can put Travelcards, Bus & Tram season tickets and pay as you go credit on it. Oyster is the cheapest way to pay for single journeys on bus, Tube, tram, DLR, London Overground and most National Rail services in London.

### **As an overseas student, can I get an Oyster card?**

Yes, you can get an 18+ Student Oyster photocard to save 30 per cent against the price of adult rate Travelcards and Bus & Tram Passes. This card will remain valid for the duration of your study at the British American Drama Academy. Please note that there is no discount applied on “pay as you go”.

### **How do I apply for a 18+ Student Oyster card?**

The instructions on the next page explain how to apply for a Student Oyster card online and ensure your application is accepted.

Please note that the application costs £20 and should your application be rejected for any reason, you will have to repeat the whole process, including paying another £20.

### **How will I receive my 18+ Student Oyster Card?**

Your application, assuming it has been filled in correctly as listed above, can take up to 10 working days, and will be delivered to BADA's building.

### **Can I apply in advance of arriving in September?**

Yes, you can. Cards received in advance of the start of the Fall semester will be stored safely and distributed to students on arrival.

A step-by-step guide to applying online for a **18+** Student Oyster card follows on the next pages. It includes information you will require to complete the registration correctly so please read it carefully before beginning your application.

## 18+ Student Oyster Card Online Application Instructions

- 1 Visit <https://photocard.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/gotoApply.do?type=student&from=home> (this is the application page specific to 18+ Student Oyster cards)
- 2 Click 'apply online'
- 3 In the box requesting the name of university, college, school, or establishment, select **British American Drama Academy** from the dropdown, or type it into the box (it should auto-complete after typing two or three letters).
- 4 Click 'apply now'
- 5 Fill in your email and create a password, then click 'create account'.
- 6 Fill in your personal details under 'required information'.

The term (semester) time address required is as follows:

- Postcode: **NW1 4HG**
- House Number/Name: **14**
- Street: **Gloucester Gate**
- Town: **Regents Park**
- City: **London**
- Home/Mobile number: **0207 487 0730**

Once you have filled this in click 'continue'.

7. Under University of school, type **British American Drama Academy**

- The student enrolment number is **0084**
- Select '**Less than one year/non-standard**' for course duration.

**If you are studying at BADA for a single semester** please type in the following dates:

Start date: 7 September 2018  
End date: 15 December 2018

**If you are studying at BADA for two semesters** please type in the following dates:

Start date: 7 September 2018

End date: 13 April 2019

(Please note that these dates will appear in the standard UK format – DD/MM/YY)

Once you have filled this in click 'continue'.

8. Choose a security question for your account.

9. You will be asked to upload a photo for your card.

10. Once you have filled in all these sections you will be requested to pay £20 for the card. Once payment has been taken, the application will be processed and the card will be sent to BADA for you to collect.

If you encounter any problems, or have any questions relating to any aspect of the 18+ Student Oyster card application, please contact Christina Ibironke at [cibironke@bada.org.uk](mailto:cibironke@bada.org.uk)

## **LONDON THEATRE PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS**

BADA students may use the Gloucester Gate premises from the hours of 8:30 a.m. until the premises are closed each evening. Students are not allowed on the premises outside these hours without special permission. Entry to the building is only through the main entrance. To enter the building, please use the code that will be given to you on the first day of term. Obviously do not divulge this number to non-BADA faculty, staff and students and do not let strangers enter the building.

14 and 15 Gloucester Gate are non-smoking buildings. Smoking is not permitted in any of the classrooms, offices, green rooms and in the entrance hall or the stairs. Smoking is only permitted outside in the garden. Food, drinks and chewing gum are not permitted in the library and teaching rooms.

Students are required to attend all BADA classes and must attend punctually at the stated times on the time-table. Students will not be excused from attending classes unless advance notice has been received and approved. In all cases of illness, students must notify the office immediately to ensure proper assistance is provided.

Students who fail to attend classes without a satisfactory explanation, or who are persistently late, may be suspended from the program and lose credit. BADA reserves the right to dismiss from the program any student who does not abide by these guidelines.

BADA, Sarah Lawrence College and the Anglo-Educational Services share in the attitude that recreational drug-use by any student is unacceptable. Even those drugs that are currently unclassified under British Law (e.g. Amyl Nitrate) are strictly forbidden. Anyone found in possession of, under the influence of, or who admits to haven taken such drugs will be subject to severe disciplinary action and/or instant dismissal from the course. Routine inspections of the accommodation and students' lockers will take place and if any recreational drugs are discovered, a student will be dismissed from the program with immediate effect. This applies throughout the duration of the program **and not just within the confines of Gloucester Gate.**

Where it is considered necessary to involve the police, BADA will not hesitate to take the appropriate action. The consequences of this may be deportation.

The British American Drama Academy and Sarah Lawrence College's London Theatre Program operates under English law, breaches of which will result in severe disciplinary action and/or immediate dismissal from the program.

## **BADA RULES OF ENGAGEMENT STATEMENT**

The British American Drama Academy (“BADA”) takes its responsibility to the UK Visa and Immigration very seriously and takes all necessary steps to ensure that students studying on BADA courses comply with the regulations of the UKVI, and that they leave the country by the completion date of their visas.

Student passports will be copied and contact details recorded on arrival. The information gathered for this register is not used for any other reason and will be destroyed after a period of time no shorter than two years.

### **Unauthorized Absence**

All students must be aware of the dangers of unauthorized absence in terms of their education, their right to remain in the country and the possible long-term effects of deportation on their ability to travel to the UK in the future.

The UKVI requires all of its sponsors to notify them if any student has ten unauthorized absences during their course of study. In this event students risk deportation and refusal of entry to the UK for ten years.

BADA keeps a daily absence register, marking those who are in attendance and those who are absent for half a day, or a full day. This information is stored securely and in accordance with data protection law and our own confidentiality policy. In this way we can clearly see patterns of absence where they might prove to be a cause for concern. The information gathered for this register is not used for any other reason and will be destroyed after a period of time no shorter than two years.

BADA defines an unauthorized absence as a full day’s study. Illness or absence with BADA’s consent (for weddings, funerals etc) do NOT count as unauthorized.

Students should notify BADA in person **as soon as** they realize they are not able to attend classes on any particular day. This should be done by making a phone-call to the office and speaking to a member of BADA’s staff. E-mails, messages from fellow students, or voice-mail messages are NOT acceptable ways of reporting absence.

In the event of an unauthorized absence, BADA will first attempt to contact the student at their halls of accommodation, and then by mobile (cell) phone. If we are unable to make contact, a member of the BADA staff will visit the halls of accommodation and try and determine the reason for absence. If for any reason BADA is concerned for a student’s welfare we reserve the right to gain access to the apartment using master-keys. If we still cannot make contact with the student we will notify Sarah Lawrence, and try to make contact with your family or friends who may know the reason for your absence. Finally, if we still have reason for concern, we will contact the police and the UKVI.

### **Work, Placements and Internships**

Due to the intense nature of BADA’s short courses, students are not permitted to work during their course of study, as this might jeopardize the ability to complete the course successfully.

For the same reason it will not offer or arrange work placements or internships or permit students to accept such positions elsewhere during their time at BADA. Students studying at BADA are not permitted to bring dependents.

### Departure

One month before the end of the course, BADA will remind each student of their obligation to comply with the departure terms of their visa. If, for any reason, BADA has reason to believe that a student is intending to violate the terms of their visa, it will in the first instance contact the UKVI for guidance, and act accordingly.

### Policies

Copies of BADA's Health and Safety policy, Equal Opportunities Policy, Confidentiality Policy and Health & Safety policy are made available to students on their arrival at BADA and can be downloaded from the BADA website at <http://badaonline.com/about-us/policies/> These are also available on request prior to arrival by contacting the BADA office.





## **MODERN PHYSICAL**

This course is taught by Members of Theatre de Complicite (subject to availability), one of Britain's most important theatrical companies.

The course stresses the importance of ensemble work. While learning to play together students investigate the process of engaging the audience by means of exercise that show how it is possible to be compelling and watchable with total economy of means. Status exercises, improvisation and working in small groups fosters the discovery of physical comedy through interdependence and joint creativity. These lessons are then applied to the use of language and text using exercises developed by Jacques Le Coq, Phillippe Gaulier and Monique Pagnieux. Specific plays, such as those by Durrenmatt, Pirandello and Ionesco are explored to examine the role of the chorus in modern drama and there are classes in mask work and Commedia del Arte. Students are ultimately taught that searching for individual characteristics and traits can lead to important discoveries and that a sense of what is ridiculous and witty is a huge asset to those seeking to create totally believable characters on stage.

### ***Texts***

Recommended reading: Exercises in Mime: Jacques Le Coq  
The Means to Move: Tyrone Guthrie  
The Open Space: Peter Brook.

### ***Classwork***

Students will take two classes of 1 ¾ hours each week for the first eight weeks of the program.

### ***Grades***

Students are graded on an A to C standard or F if the student fails the course.

### ***Paper***

No papers are required for the course.

## **VOICE**

### **Objectives**

The voice classes aim to establish and to develop all the basic areas of creative and professional voice work - relaxation, posture, breathing, resonance and articulation. Student's abilities and previous training are taken into account so that the classes consolidate standards already achieved while provoking the work further.

### **Methods**

The classes are practical and taught in a way to develop the student's techniques through experience and understanding, inspiring confidence and ease so that the voice can be used freely, fully and effectively. Classes are occasionally interactive in nature to help the student truthfully connect their voice to language.

Towards the end of the course there is some text drawing the links between techniques and interpretation in preparation for the end of semester productions. Students are able to end the course equipped with the ability to use their voices safely and creatively with an approach and technique that is both flexible and responsive to artistic demands.

***Classwork***

There are two 1 hour and 30 minutes voice classes each week for the first eight weeks.

***Grades***

Students are graded on an A to C standard or F if the student fails the course.

***Paper***

No papers are required for the course.

**MOVEMENT*****Objectives***

The aim of the movement work is towards making the body sensitive so that it can reflect his or her thoughts, emotions and imagination and those of the playwright. The course examines how the text affects individual body mechanics and influences the physical choices that are available.

***Classwork***

The course involves attendance at two one-hour movement classes per week for the first eight weeks of the program.

***Clothes***

Students are required to be properly attired in appropriate clothing. No jewellery is permitted.

***Process***

The work involved in this course is influenced by Sigurd Leeder, Laban Feldenkreis, Jacques Le Coq, Litz Pisk and Trish Arnold and also the Alexander technique and yoga. The movement classes work to break down the student's individual physical mould, releasing the spine and breath and inducing an understanding that the breath and voice cannot be divorced from movement, so increasing flexibility, mobility, co-ordination and relaxation.

***Grades***

Students are graded on an A to C standard or F if the student fails the course.

***Paper***

No papers are required for the course.

**STAGE FIGHTING****Objectives**

The course aims to train students in the fundamentals of realistic stage combat. Emphasis is placed in personal safety and students are made aware of the importance of adequate protection and reliable weaponry.

***Method***

In an opening session the teacher shows how stage combat has developed in recent years. He describes the form most usually required for stage productions and how these are adapted for use in the movies. After sessions involving man to man combat without weapons, students advance to use daggers and rapiers and the basics of fencing are explained.

**Grades**

Students are graded on an A to C standard or F if the student fails the course.

**Classwork**

One class of 2 hour 30 minutes and a quarter per week for the first eight weeks of term.

**DRAMATIC CRITICISM****Objectives**

- (1) To make students aware of the factors that comprise good drama criticism and to show how it has developed in the last 150 years.
- (2) To test student's ability to write good reviews by requiring them to keep a journal and recording observations during the first eight weeks of the London Theatre Program.
- (3) To assess student's ability to discuss and evaluate productions that they see in London.

**Method**

At each weekly session students are chosen to read their reviews and to discuss them with a leading London theatre critic.

**Papers**

Either weekly reviews are submitted for assessment by the teacher or specific essays are set. The extract nature of the written work will be determined by the individual teacher.

**Grades**

Students are graded on an A to C standard or F if the student fails the course. Non submission of papers will result in a fail.

**Classwork**

Students will take one two-hour class per week for the first eight weeks of the program.

**THEATRE HISTORY**

In the fall semester student's study plays from the classical periods of European Drama – spanning from the Middle Ages to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. The social and political context of individual landmark works is considered, in addition to their artistic significance in furthering the development of theatrical form.

As with all other courses at BADA, attendance at these classes is compulsory, and students are divided up into groups of no more than 30 for Theatre History, which means there is plenty of opportunity for discussion and group work.

In the spring semester, student's study plays from the last 19<sup>th</sup> Century and 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

***Classwork***

Students take one two-hour classes per week for the first eight weeks of the program.

***Papers***

Students are required to write two written papers for this course. The exact nature of the written work will be determined by the individual teacher.

***Grades***

Students are graded on an A to C standard or F if the student fails the course. No submission of papers will result in a fail.

**ACTING IN PERFORMANCE****Objective**

Through performances of British and European classical plays and through rehearsals for these, students are able to display in practice what they have learnt and absorbed in class. The rehearsals and performances not only give students a chance to show how far they have advanced during the semester but also help them to become aware of their strengths and weaknesses and their likely potential should they decide to enter the professional theatre or decide to go on to graduate school.

**Method**

Plays are chosen to explore and develop the talents of students and while not all students can have leading parts, directors are instructed to ensure that every student has an adequate opportunity to demonstrate his or her expertise.

Plays are chosen for their ability to challenge the students and to make use of their new awareness of what is involved in portraying characters in major classical drama. Directors are chosen for their ability to work with and extract the best from the students and are selected in the belief that by working with the very best directors chosen from the foremost of the British theatrical profession students can rise to heights they have never believed they could attain and discover new strengths and talents that may hitherto have lain dormant.

***Classwork***

Classes take the form of rehearsals for performances which are given in a London theatre at the end of each semester.

Rehearsals are supplemented by classes in voice, movement, music or stage-fighting should the play require it.

Most plays are drawn from the range of British classical theatre from Shakespeare to the present. Inevitably students are required to devoted considerable amounts of time researching the backgrounds to the plays and to the character they portray.

***Grades***

Students are graded on an A to C standard or F if the student fails the course.

***Paper***

No papers are required for the course.

## **YEAR LONG PROGRAM- SECOND SEMESTER**

The second semester gives students studying for the whole year a chance to expand the range of their skills while also consolidating their proficiency in the basic subjects on which they have worked during the first semester.

### **Continuing work**

Classes continue at an advanced level in the following subjects:

Acting Shakespeare  
Voice  
Movement  
Stage Fighting  
Theatre History  
Dramatic Criticism  
Acting in performance.

### **New Subjects**

#### **Acting for Film and TV**

This course emphasises building confidence and ease in front of the camera and in the on -set environment. Students explore and learn the principles of screen acting technique and learn the actor's and film set vocabulary. They become familiar with the logistics of performance on set and begin to assume responsibility for their own creative choices. At the end of the course, students are given a professionally edited video of their on-screen scenes.

#### **Flying Solo - Creating a One Person Show**

This course will guide students through the process from the initial response to authorship, rehearsal strategies, practical challenges and performance choices. The actor/audience relationship will be analysed and explored. Led by a specialist in solo work who has taken productions to London's West End, on domestic and international tours, and annually to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the course will encourage and develop self-confidence, motivation, stamina and versatility. The course will culminate in a short showing for faculty and student peers.