Here are some suggestions and ideas to keep in mind as you plan your trip to Aberdeen for the Summer Abroad Program.

**Transportation:** Many students have been very successful finding excellent airline fares over the internet using a variety of sites. In addition to the usual ones, [www.sidestep.com](http://www.sidestep.com) and [www.kayak.com](http://www.kayak.com) may be helpful. Please share information with each other by e-mail on what you find. We are creating an e-mail list to share this information. A suggestion for someone who has been serving our students for several years now:

American European Students Union (AESU)
3922 Hickory Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21211-1834
Promoter Code #431
Jennifer Whalen (410-366-5494 x112; jennifer@aesu.com)

Also you can check with travel agents for their best airline deals on both commercial and charter flights. There are discounted "wholesale" fares as well as charter flights (Euram, for example) that may save you a considerable amount of money.

You should also decide if you plan on traveling in Europe before or after the program. If so, this should be planned out in order to select your arrival and departure dates as well as the city of arrival and departure. Traveling before the program is cheaper than after. In past years, several students traveled before and after the program. Some traveled in England, Ireland, France, Italy, etc. Some students flew into London, some into Glasgow, and some directly into Aberdeen. Some students flew home from Aberdeen, Glasgow, Shannon, Paris, Amsterdam, Luxembourg, etc. Give this careful consideration before booking your flights.

**Passports:** Be sure to allow plenty of time for issuance of a passport. You can request application forms from the post office, and you will need to supply passport photos and identification (or an expired passport) plus fee. You do not need to get a visa. You may want to carry your letter of acceptance into the program, or some other proof that you will be studying in Scotland, in the unlikely event that this is required at customs. In addition to carrying your passport, it is suggested that you make a copy of your passport in the event your passport is lost.

**Matriculation Cards:** This year we are including matriculation cards in the program fees. The matriculation card will allow you to use all the facilities at the University of Aberdeen that are open to full-time students. **Please send one passport photos with your name printed on the back of each to Gloria Joy, University of Baltimore School of Law, 1420 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, by MAY 20.** Please note that Matriculation Cards will be available to students on Monday, July 28 2011, the first day of the program, but that it will take 24hrs for the cards to become active and give you internet access. **Details of how to apply for your University of Aberdeen, ID Card will be circulated soon.** The campus is now wireless but you do need a username and password.
Arrival in Aberdeen: Classes begin on Monday, June 27. You are expected to arrive at Crombie-Johnston Halls on Sunday, June 26. However, you may arrive as early as Saturday, June 25, at no extra charge. Please let the Director (Professor David Carey Miller) know in advance if you expect to arrive later than Sunday, June 26. Late arrival is discouraged because of the full schedule of orientation activities on Monday and Tuesday. (See attached draft of class schedule.)

Students should not plan to leave Aberdeen before the evening of July 29. Students should collect room keys from the porter in the main building at Crombie-Johnston. If you want to arrive a day or two early, or stay a day or two at the end of the program, you can reserve a room directly with the University of Aberdeen, King’s Hall Reception tel: 011-44-1224-27263444; e-mail: kingshall@abdn.ac.uk). Daily cost is approximately for standard b&b $??? (£39.00) On arrival at Crombie-Johnston Halls, you will be welcomed by the summer school student assistant, Mr. Thushara Kumarage. Please e-mail Thushara r02tk7@abdn.ac.uk) your arrival information. Professor Carey-Miller, the Aberdeen Director, will be more than happy to be contacted if any student is concerned about arrival arrangements. He can be contacted by e-mail or by phone listed on page 4 of this handout.

If arriving in Aberdeen by rail or by bus, you can take a taxi from the station to Crombie-Johnston Halls (off High Street) for a fare of approximately $10.00-$11.00 (£7 - £8). If arriving by air, taxi fare will be approximately $22.00-$29.00 (£15-£20) from the airport.

Please see website (http://www.abdn.ac.uk/central/vcampus/index.html) for campus maps. Enclosed is a map of the relationship of dorms to classes.

Departure from Aberdeen: The last official day of class is Friday, July 29, ending with a final lunch. You will not be free to leave until after 3:00 p.m. The final exams are scheduled for Thursday morning, July 28, and Friday morning, July 29. Your housing contract ends on Saturday, July 30, by noon.

Storage at Aberdeen: If you plan to travel before the program begins at Aberdeen, and do not want to manage your luggage for the whole program as you travel, you will have an opportunity to send packages ahead to yourself at the program and have them held for you. You can mail the packages surface rate; allow eight (8) weeks for them to arrive. Mail to Baltimore/Maryland Summer School, School of Law, Taylor Building, University of Aberdeen, Old Aberdeen, AB24 3UB, Scotland, UK.

Guidebooks: There are many good ones. Let's Go: British Isles and Ireland points out sites and low cost lodgings. Michelin's Green Guide Scotland has good historical and cultural information. Also, Fodor's Scotland and Rough Guide are most informative.

International Student ID Card: These can be obtained by paying a small fee ($22.00 [add $3.00 for photo, if needed]), submitting one passport size photo, proof of current enrollment (a current student ID or copy of a current class schedule), a driver’s license, and your passport. You can get information on how and where to purchase the ID cards from their website: www.isecard.com The form and the cards are also available from Jennifer Whalen of AESU (contact information on page 1). Allow several weeks for processing time. These are not necessary, but can get you discounts at various places.

Rail passes: There are many good deals to be had on the railroad through European Rail Passes. Many of these RailEurope and Britrail passes must be obtained in the United States before you leave. You can obtain information about the passes and purchase them through a travel agent or you can call RailEurope
at 1-800-4-EURAIL (website: www.raileurope.com). The best deals are for younger students (under 26).
Go to the website below for youthpass prices:

Passes must be purchased in the United States. Many students have flown into London, then used the pass to travel by train to and from Aberdeen and also for travel on the weekends.

Clothing: The weather may be as cool as mid-March is in Baltimore, or warmer. (Average high temperature 63 degrees; average low temperature 52 degrees.) Expect rain; a jacket with a hood and an umbrella are worth packing. Turtlenecks are good to have; if it's cool, you can add layers. Warm pajamas are welcome, and a robe and flip-flops for travel to and from the bath. A bathing suit (there are pools), slacks, one sweater (buy others), and waterproof walking shoes are good items to have. Dress for class is casual. There are, however, tours of courts, receptions, a dinner, and talks by guest speakers, so bringing two "good outfits" and one pair of dress shoes is important.

There are lots of thrift shops in Aberdeen, so if you are short of hack-about clothes (an extra sweater or pair of slacks), you will be able to acquire them easily and cheaply there.

Also, some people bring clothes that are serviceable while they are at the program, but that they are willing to leave behind to permit them to have more room in their baggage to bring things home. PACK LIGHT, mindful of the fact that you will probably acquire things in Scotland or on your other travels. Also if you use discount airlines, like Ryan Air, they charge by the weight of luggage!!

Class Materials: All of your class materials will be provided for you in Aberdeen or mailed to you in advance of your departure. Please be sure to keep us current on your mailing address.

Currency: A bank ATM card is helpful for cash withdrawals from money machines. You can purchase travelers checks in pounds or in dollars. If you are a member of AAA, there is no fee for travelers checks. A credit card (MasterCard or VISA) is advisable for most, but not all, purchases. You may want to track the exchange rates to see whether the dollar is getting stronger or weaker. The exchange rate is printed in the Baltimore Sun financial section and is available from AAA and banks. Some people brought half of their travelers checks in pounds and half in dollars. It is not possible to predict accurately what the exchange rate will be while you are there. You can check the current exchange rate at http://www.xe.com/.

Car rental: You can obtain an International Driver's License from AAA for a small fee and two photos. It is not necessary in the U.K. to have it to rent a car. You must have your state driver's license, however. For older students renting a car for weekend touring is the preferred way to explore. Familiarize yourself with the rules of the road. Driving on the left, particularly around the round-abouts (traffic circles) that are quite common, takes some getting used to.

Housing: Student housing is provided at Crombie-Johnston Halls, a block from the law school classes and evening activities. Students have single-study bedrooms with washbasins. Facilities include a laundry room, a TV room, and a lounge. Each floor has a kitchenette with mini-refrigerator, sink, and hotplate. Cutlery and crockery is not provided. The facilities are insufficient for cooking meals, but will suffice for preparing snacks or hot drinks. (Mugs, teaspoons, etc., can be bought cheaply at local supermarkets.) Fresh linens and towels are provided in the rooms regularly, but students should bring their own towels for swimming or other use outside the rooms.
Food: Students will be given a voucher (to the value of £5) to buy their own lunch from ‘The Hub’ on teaching days. There are a few places nearby for snacks and take-out. You will discover wonderful cookies, yogurt, cheeses, fruits, soups, and other items in the grocery stores. (Aberdeen has a delightful selection of restaurants - many Indian, and seafood ones, as well as Italian, French, Chinese, and pubs.)

The nearest major grocery store is about a 10-minute walk. There is, however, a direct bus route from Crombie-Johnston to several grocery stores.

Mail: Your mail is addressed to the university, collected by faculty, and delivered to you in class. Your postal address during the program is:

University of Baltimore Summer School  
School of Law  
University of Aberdeen  
Taylor Building  
Old Aberdeen AB24 3UB SCOTLAND

Telephones: There are public phone booths in Crombie-Johnston. If you plan to make long distance calls, e.g., to the United States, you will need a phone card from one of the major carriers, AT&T, MCI, etc. Arrange this before you go overseas.

Useful numbers in Scotland:

Prof. David Carey Miller, Summer School Director: 011-44-1224-272419  
Prof. David Carey Miller’s e-mail address: dcm@abdn.ac.uk  
Prof. David Carey Miller’s home number: 011-44-1224 791587  
Greg Gordon, Summer School Director: 011-44-1224-272418  
Greg Gordon’s e-mail address: law339@abdn.ac.uk  
Carol Lawie, Prof. Carey Miller’s Secretary: 011-44-1224-272441  
Carol Lawie’s e-mail address: law331@abdn.ac.uk  
Thushara Kumarage, Aberdeen Student Assistant’s e-mail address: kthushara75@yahoo.co.uk  
Emre Usenmez, Aberdeen Student Assistant’s e-mail address: e.usenmez@abdn.ac.uk  
Aberdeen Law Faculty Fax: 011-44-1224-272442  
Crombie-Johnston porter’s desk: 011-44-1224-272218  
Crombie-Johnston Reception desk: 011-44-1224-273444

To call any of these local numbers from the United States, first dial 011-44 and then the number, but omit the zero before the 1224.

Health care: While at the University, you have access to the Student Health Services office. The following information is taken from the NHS (the UK’s state health service which provides treatment for UK residents) website: “Overseas visitors to the UK are not regarded as residents. But treatment in an emergency (not follow up treatment) is available to anyone.” You should check with your health insurer about coverage for travel outside the U.K. Medical insurance during travel is available; check with a travel agent.
**Trip insurance:** Travel agents sell trip insurance, in case you have to cancel a trip for health or other serious reasons. Also recommended is insurance coverage for loss of property, i.e., wallets, cameras. (You may wish to look into this coverage.)

**U.S. Consulate Information:** We received the following information from the U.S. Consulate in Scotland and thought it appropriate to pass it along.

It's especially important in these days of heightened international tensions to point out that consulates and embassies are a central point of contact for U.S. citizens traveling or residing abroad. We encourage your students to register with us when they arrive in Scotland. Registering is easy. Americans simply need to send an email to:

`edinburgh-warden@state.gov`

Please include name, address, phone, emergency contact in the U.S., and travel plans. We will then automatically send updates and newsletters which contain important information from the U.S. Department of State as it becomes available.

In addition, the Consulate offers its citizens a number of services, such as passport renewals, notarials, etc. A full list of our services, opening hours, etc. is available on our website: [www.usembassy.org.uk/scotland](http://www.usembassy.org.uk/scotland).

Keep track of other tips you learn as you plan your trip and share them with your colleagues.

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