



A NOTE FOR PARENTS

At Global Grad we prioritise the welfare of our students throughout the duration of their studies and travels whilst taking part in our semesters. Our structured approach and the small cohort of students in each location aims to promote a supportive and inclusive learning community and environment.

As a parent, we welcome your involvement in every step of your son or daughter's journey with Global Grad. Being part of Global Grad is one of the most rewarding and broadening experiences your son or daughter can undertake. Within a single semester, they will gain a unique understanding of the world, enhance their academic inspiration and develop new confidence in their abilities.

Health and Safety

The Global Grad team take time to assess all the potential risk factors of studying and travelling abroad because above all else, the health and safety of our students is our highest priority. During management training, our Location Managers spend time in their designated cities and as a result, have an in-depth knowledge of potential risks and take all possible migrating steps to create a safe experience for our students. In addition to our own specialised team, Global Grad works with a number of tourism companies who are the most specialised in their fields to maximise student safety.

Emotional wellbeing

Global Grad has integrated a first-class support system into its programme with our pastoral support available 24/7 during each semester.

Our Location Managers are trained in pastoral support and will aim to support each student's individual well-being. Some students take longer to adapt to being away from home than others and we are always on hand to discuss any issues or concerns that they may have enabling us to offer appropriate advice. Where required, one-to-one meetings will be held regularly with students to ensure their emotional well-being is supported.

Physical health

In addition to our Location Managers being fully trained in first aid, our study hubs are situated in close proximity to hospitals and English-speaking doctors. To join a Global Grad semester, our students must have travel insurance. A few weeks before a semester departure, we arrange calls with every student to ensure they have a thorough understanding of health and safety and their responsibilities.

Online Learning

As a Global Grad, our students have the freedom to choose their own online learning. Increasingly, the top universities in the world are creating distance learning courses which enable students to obtain the best possible education from anywhere in the world.

Whilst the responsibility to maintain focus on their academic work sits with the student, we will be on hand to encourage course completion when needed.

Alternatively, it is now possible to access a huge range of shorter courses in every subject imaginable making a Global Grad Semester the perfect opportunity to gain skills for the future, explore personal interests or undertake a personal project such as compiling a portfolio or researching a business idea.

Global Grad provides access to inspiring and vibrant co-working spaces in each location with high-speed WIFI, 24-hour access, and all the study facilities needed ensure online course completion.

Global Grad benefits

The Global Grad experience enables our students to gain key life skills alongside their learning.

- International networking : Students will make a wide variety of connections all over the world as well as improving their ability to work with, communicate with and understand individuals from diverse backgrounds.
- Personal development: In addition to developing self-confidence and organisational skills, students studying abroad establish lifelong values and priorities. Horizons are broadened through the opportunities to learn a new language, make new friends, learn a new activity, experience the unfamiliar with an open mind and discover a new sense of purpose and direction.
- Discover the world: Greater knowledge of other cultures and enhanced understanding of the complexity, dynamics, and interdependence of world systems will open innumerable doors and possibilities to students in all areas of life.

Staying in touch

Staying connected with family and friends whilst overseas is easy in today's digital age. Students will have access to high speed WIFI in their accommodation, enabling them to stay connected with their families and friends. On arrival in each country we suggest that students get local sim card for their mobile phone, ensuring that they are contactable at all times.

Many of our students invite their family or friends to visit them during their travels; an exciting opportunity for a family adventure!

High-quality accommodation

Our network of accommodation is highly rated with clean modern facilities and welcoming staff to create a friendly and homely atmosphere.

Accommodation in our locations is in specially selected high-quality hostels which offer a range of room options from standard dormitories with shared facilities to en-suite rooms.

All hostels are within a short walking distance from one another as well as being in central locations making it easy to explore the city, take advantage of local services and enjoy a large number of attractions.

All accommodation provides:

- A Global Grad member of staff available 24/7
- High-speed WIFI
- Air conditioning in every bedroom
- Communal areas / lounge
- Clean well-equipped kitchen
- Laundry service
- Secure personal lockers

Student responsibilities

Students are responsible for:

- Getting to the UK airport and arrival into the country of study hub location for transfer. A Global Grad member of staff will meet them on arrival
- Themselves and their belongings at all times
- Their flight home after they have been transferred to the airport by a Global Grad member of staff
- Behaving in an appropriate manner and adhering to a code of conduct which they will need to sign up to prior to being accepted on the Global Grad program

Structured road-trips

During each semester, students will have the opportunity to take part in two 12-14 day organised road trips, which are carefully planned and led by our experienced expedition leaders. Each trip is designed to encompass the wide range of sights and experiences and will give students the opportunity to deepen their travel experience and increase their knowledge of the world.

We hope that this information answers some of the questions which are important to you. The FAQ section of our website may also be helpful. Our student support team would welcome a telephone conversation with you. This would enable us to personally discuss any further queries and concerns which you may have. If you wish to do this, please get in touch with our office to arrange a convenient time for us to call you.

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