

LONDON SUMMER STUDIO 2026



From top: Study visit to Lambeth Palace Library; The Old Royal Naval College & The Queen's House, Greenwich; The King's Foundation Royal Drawing School studios at Trinity Buoy Wharf

Overview

- 11-week, 12-credit summer design program
- May 25th to August 7th
- 8 weeks based in London and Europe
- 7-day guided study trip to Berlin & Dresden
- 5-day independent studio trip in Europe (guided trip curation according to your interests)
- 2-day guided walks in London*
- Design project based in historic central London
- Multiple guided visits of historic and contemporary architecture
- Housing in historic central Greenwich in Greenwich University residential halls**
- Riverside design studios at The King's Foundation, Trinity Buoy Wharf***
- 6-credit design studio
- 3-credit design research course
- 3-credit net zero tectonics course

Taught by CUA Visiting Scholars Timothy Smith & Jonathan Taylor and Prof. Nathaniel Walker with contributions from London-based architects and educators.

Exceptional study abroad opportunity

CV-enhancing experience

Particularly suits graduate students and current juniors as credits count towards your graduate degree program

Fast-track your degree by 7 months and start earning a graduate wage sooner, or ease your credit load in future semesters

* with additional guidance for what to see during evenings and weekends

** Residential accommodation comprises private rooms with en-suite

bathrooms in shared apartments with kitchen and laundry facilities. Cutty Sark Hall is in central Greenwich, directly above Cutty Sark DLR station

*** an easy ride from Greenwich on the Docklands Light Railway

How to apply

Apply on CUA Go Abroad website
Applications close 3/31/2026 TBC



For further information email Timothy Smith at lowrysmith@cua.edu or speak to Dr Nathaniel Walker on campus

The London Summer Studio 2026 is an exciting international opportunity for architecture students at Catholic University of America. The intensive 11-week program offers 12 credits of complimentary and coordinated courses centred around a Central London-based design studio project.

Students will study on expert guided tours in London, Berlin and Dresden and undertake independent, curated architectural travel in the UK or Europe. They will then be resident in the King's Foundation riverside studios in London while staying in historic Greenwich, in University Halls with private rooms and bathrooms and shared kitchens and laundry.

Lessons learned while traveling will ground a truly "London" architectural project with influences from far and wide. The program does not sit within any CUA concentration and is intentionally open in terms of architectural style and expression. It has a particular focus on the design of buildings as the testing ground for architectural ideas and on the synthesis of historical knowledge, tectonic and environmental understanding and the role of the building in the city.

Costs:

\$17,450 - *includes tuition (12 credits), program fee, accommodation in London* and guided 7 day study trip to Germany!*

Undergraduates can carry 6 credits into CUA's graduate program, saving on the cost of graduate studies at CUA

Undergraduates can use 3 credits in place of a senior year elective

Additional program costs

Accommodation and travel for 5 nights independent travel in the UK or Europe (itinerary created with the assistance of your instructors and can be tailored to your interests and budget).

Not included above

Meals**

Passport

Airfare to and from Europe

Additional independent field trips or excursions



Glasgow field trip and London walk to St Paul's Cathedral



Berliner Philharmonie

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** Living costs in London and much of Europe are generally lower than DC.

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Schedule

Week 1	May 25 th	Hybrid	n/a
Week 2	June 1 st	Hybrid	n/a
Week 3	June 8 th	June 8-9 th Guided tours in London June 10-14 th Independent curated travel	Independently booked hotels
Week 4	June 15 th	Guided travel in Berlin and Dresden	
Week 5	June 22 nd	King's Foundation studios	Greenwich University halls
Week 6	June 29 th	King's Foundation studios	Greenwich University halls
Week 7	July 6 th	King's Foundation studios	Greenwich University halls
Week 8	July 13 th	King's Foundation studios	Greenwich University halls
Week 9	July 20 th	King's Foundation studios	Greenwich University halls
Week 10	July 27 th	King's Foundation studios Final jury	Greenwich University halls
Week 11	August 3 rd	Hybrid Final submission online	n/a