United Kingdom - England

Spring, Fall and Year options
Please see the notes on our [Advising Notes webpage](#) for England summer programs

UCEAP Advising Notes

Objective of the Advising Notes Document

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student's *decision to apply* for a UCEAP program. The document is *not* a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and Berkeley Study Abroad website. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website or the Advising Notes document, please contact the Berkeley Study Abroad adviser for the program.

Application

Qualified applicants are accepted on a first-come, first serve basis. Summer, Fall and Year applications open on November 1, 2024 at 9am and the UCEAP application submission is the timestamp for consideration of admission to the program.

The spring 2025 application opens on April 15, 2024 and again, the UCEAP application submission is the timestamp for consideration of admission to the program.

Students may review the UCEAP application instructions and start preparing any required documents for upload prior to the opening date, but cannot start the application until it opens on Nov 1st at 9am. **Be sure to submit the UCEAP application first,** immediately followed by the submission of the BSA application (within 24 hours) for all programs. Students may work on their BSA application in advance, but cannot submit until it opens on Nov 1st.

You can use this website How to Apply for a UCEAP program to assist you.

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Immersion Programs

Students study at an English university, take classes from the institution's broad curriculum of courses (with some exceptions) alongside degree-seeking students from the UK and other international students.

Fall, Spring or Year terms:
- Environment and Sustainability at the University of East Anglia
- King's College London (KCL)
- Sotheby's Institute of Art
- University College London (UCL) (FULL/CLOSED FOR SPRING 2025)
- University of Bristol

- [University of London, Queen Mary](#) <mark>(CANCELED FOR SPRING 2025)</mark>
- [University of London, Royal Holloway](#)
- [University of Manchester](#)
- [University of Sussex](#)

Year term only:
- [Imperial College London](#)
- [London School of Economics (LSE)](#)

UC Center programs
Thematic programs taking place at a UC study offering a set menu of courses taken alongside other UC students.

Spring term only:
- [Business & Entrepreneurship in London](#)

Fall term only:
- [London's Calling](#)

How to Pick a Program

LSE INFORMATION SESSION: Here is a [recording](#) of previous year's information session for you to access in the meantime

ALL OTHER SCHOOLS: Not sure which English host university is right for you? Take a look at this [webinar](#) which gives you a brief overview of the universities, hosted by the UCEAP London Student Center Manager. Be sure to review which courses English universities offer via [UCEAP's academic guide](#) to determine which university is the best academic fit for you.

IMMERSION VS UC CENTER: Not sure whether to apply to an immersion or UC Center program? Start by thinking through some questions:
1. What types of classes do you need or want to take during your study abroad term and which program (immersion or study center) is offering them?
2. Do you prefer to be in classes alongside local students or other UC students?
3. Do you wish to live with other UC students in pre-arranged housing, or would you prefer to live in a dorm or apartment with local or international students?
4. How important is it to you to be studying abroad at a university with the variety and independence it offers versus a UC study center with many study and travel details handled for you.

Still not sure whether to apply to an immersion or UC Center program? [Contact us for advising](#)!

Immersion Host Institution Program Specifics

Environment and Sustainability at the University of East Anglia
- All UC majors welcome.
- Known for outstanding academics in the School of Environmental Science, students interested in sustainability, climate change, environmental issues and more are encouraged to check out UAE.
- See the UCEAP Academics tab for this program for unique study opportunities, requirements and course catalog links.

King's College London (KCL)
- **Major limitations:**
  - The following majors are not suitable for application to KCL: computer science, psychology (unless coming for the year), neuroscience/cognitive science, media studies, mechanical engineering, creative writing, film studies, communications, art, art history, and health and society.
- If students want to study subjects outside of their major, then they must have already taken a minimum of 3-4 classes in that subject area to access 2nd year classes; or 5-6 classes to have access to 3rd year classes at KCL. Access to 1st year classes outside of a student's major is very limited.
- Outstanding for Philosophy and War Studies (aka Peace Studies) departments
- No ON campus accommodation
  - Students living in KCL accommodation will have an average daily commute approximately 25-45 mins
- More than 50% of the campus is international students
- See the UCEAP Academics tab for this program for unique study opportunities, requirements and course catalog links.

University College London (UCL)
- All UC majors welcome:
  - A 3.5 minimum GPA is required for students taking courses in Social Sciences, Biological Sciences, and Political Science.
  - The minimum GPA for Economics is 3.3, but applicants need to demonstrate a substantial background in relevant subjects (e.g., calculus, microeconomics, and macroeconomics).
- Base departments
  - Students applying to UCL will apply to a base department (from the list here). Students will take at least 50% of their classes from their base department. Students should apply to a base department that closely matches their major, or they have a substantial background studying (as demonstrated by course work on your transcript).
  - Students may only take courses from these departments. *Note that some departments are only available for Spring/Year students.*
- Outstanding for Business/Management, Economics and Political Science (also highly competitive)
- No accommodation ON campus
  - Students living in UCL accommodation will have an average daily commute 20-35 mins
- More than 50% of the campus is international students

- See the UCEAP Academics tab for this program for unique study opportunities, requirements and course catalog links.

University of Bristol
- All UC majors welcome
- A very liberal, LGBTQ+ friend city
- Strong competitive sporting scene
- Great for STEM students
- Outstanding Chemistry, Biology, Geography and Earth Sciences
- See the UCEAP Academics tab for this program for unique study opportunities, requirements and course catalog links.

University of London, Queen Mary
- All UC majors welcome
- Only a 15 minute tube ride to central London
- Very diverse campus, consisting of the modern British composition
- Outstanding for Theatre and Drama and Liberal Arts
- Strong Computer Science courses available
- Known for awesome student clubs and societies (student organizations) and a very supportive study abroad office
- See the UCEAP Academics tab for this program for unique study opportunities, requirements and course catalog links.

University of London, Royal Holloway
- All UC majors welcome
- Very cool on campus accommodation
- Conveniently located close to Heathrow Airport, and just a tube ride away to city center London
- Outstanding for Media Arts, Media Studies, Production, Dance and Drama
- Good course availability
- See the UCEAP Academics tab for this program for unique study opportunities, requirements and course catalog links.

University of Manchester
- All UC majors welcome
- Contained accommodation near buildings where classes are held
- Old traditions similar to Oxford and Cambridge (and Hogwarts!) ex. wear dress robes for dinner
- Awesome city life without the huge size of London (think "London-lite")
- Great course availability
- Great for Psychology (must be a declared major), Law, Economics (must be a declared major), Neuroscience and Cognitive Science
- See the UCEAP Academics tab for this program for unique study opportunities, requirements and course catalog links.

University of Sussex

- All UC majors welcome
- Fun, young student city
- (Claims to be) the birthplace of the LGBTQ+ movement
- Great course offerings in Psychology, Political Science and Science subjects
- Outstanding for Development Studies
- Great live music
- Quad style campus
- Self contained accommodation
- 4 min train to the seaside
- See the UCEAP Academics tab for this program for unique study opportunities, requirements and course catalog links.

Imperial College London
- Open to Engineering and Computer Science majors.
- Base departments
    - Students applying to Imperial will apply to a base department and will only take classes from their home dept
- Outstanding for STEM students interested in taking STEM classes while abroad
- See the UCEAP Academics tab for this program for unique study opportunities, requirements and course catalog links.

Academics - all the above listed schools

Flexibility is important. Keep in mind that the courses you find in the UCEAP Course Catalog or on the host university's web site may not be offered the semester(s) you will be abroad. Often times you will not have concrete information about what courses will be offered until a couple months before departure or even until upon arrival in Ireland. Be prepared for the possibility that you will have to modify your plans.

Here's how you convert host university units to UC semester units

10 UK units are 2.7 UC semester units
15 UK units are 4 UC semester units
20 UK units are 5.3 UC semester units

Note: UCL, and Royal Holloway might list 0.5 per course or 15 UK units.

Host institution	UK host institution units	UC semester units	Most common # of courses UC students take per term
Imperial College London	varies	varies	varies
King's College London	**15**	**4**	4
University College London	**0.5**/1.0	**4**/8	4
University of Bristol	**20**/30/40	**5.3**/8/10.7	2-3
University of East Anglia	10/**20**/30	2.7/**5.3**/8	2-3
University of London, Queen Mary	**15**/30	**4**/8	4
University of London, Royal Holloway	**0.5**/1/0	**4**/8	4
University of Manchester	**10**/**20**	**2.7**/**5.3**	3-6
University of Sussex	**15**/30	**4**/8	2-4

Note: **Bold** indicates most common number of units per one-term course. Higher unit numbers tend to be for year-long courses, but not necessarily.

How many courses/units will I take?

Students are required to take a minimum of 14-16 units each semester. The usual course load is about four classes per semester, but this can vary by university and the specific courses selected. Check out the individual program Academic tab on the UCEAP website to see how many units students are required to take.

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Eligibility
- Students who wish to take quantitative classes (Econ, Finance, Accounting) will need a 3.5 cumulative UC GPA. All UC majors welcome.
- Applicants must have Junior or Senior class standing by departure. Units earned through AP exams, and/or community college units earned during high school cannot count towards the class standing requirement.
- Note for Transfer Students: Students must be matriculated at the University of California for at least one year before being eligible to attend this program.

Selection Process
The selection criteria we will use for this program include:
- GPA and Academic Record
- Class Standing
- Strength of Statement of Purpose
  - Applicants should demonstrate through their essay that they understand the program structure and program demands well; detail their academic, professional and personal goals; and make a solid case for why this program in particular is a good fit for them.
- Strength of Recommendation Letter
  - The letter should be from a UC instructor who is teaching you or has taught you at UC. The letter of recommendation can be from a UC GSI.
- Quality of overall application

Your application will go through a preliminary review by the Berkeley Study Abroad Office and will be forwarded to UC Berkeley faculty for further review, ranking and nomination. Shortly after your campus nomination, you will be asked by UCEAP to complete a host university application. Instructions and details will be provided at that time. Students are expected to follow the host university application instructions and application timeline provided by UCEAP in order to maintain their status in the program.

Curriculum

All students must take four yearlong courses (or the equivalent in half-year courses) for the equivalent of 32 UC semester units.

Yearlong course = 1 LSE unit = 8 UC semester units
Semester-long (H) course = .5 LSE unit = 4 UC semester units

Due to visa regulations, reduced course loads are not possible on this program. Students may pick and choose from across [300+ course options in 19 academic disciplines](#).

The majority of courses at LSE are year-long. Courses that are designated with (H) or "half-unit" are semester-long so you will need to take two of these in place of one of the year-long courses. Typically, teaching for the half-unit courses take place only in one term, either Michaelmas or Lent. Exams are held in the first week of January and the Summer term.

When reviewing potential courses, pay attention to the level of the course, and any prerequisites that you must have taken in order to be eligible to enroll. There are three levels for undergraduate courses at LSE, designated 100, 200 and 300 level. General Course students predominantly take 200 level courses (intermediate level courses taken by LSE students in their second and third/final years), and LSE does not usually recommend that students take more than one 300 level course (advanced-level courses equivalent to senior or master's level courses in US) as they are exceptionally demanding. For perspective, note that most LSE degree-seeking undergraduates typically do not take more than one or two 300 level courses during their degree programs, and many will complete their degrees without taking any 300 level courses.

Academic Culture

You are expected to be more independent than you might normally be at UC. There is rarely any immediate accountability for the material presented in lectures; students will demonstrate their mastery of material in exams at the end of the year. There are no regular tests, and few assignments other than papers provide feedback. As a result, you may not know where you stand academically in some courses until completion of final exams at the end of the academic year. You will need to work with less direction, fewer in-term assessments, and less sense of how your performance will finally be judged. The advantage of such a system is that you can set the agenda of your own education and tailor it to your particular interests.

Housing

You will be guaranteed housing in one of LSE's central London Halls of Residence, provided that you apply before the Accommodation deadline (usually in May/June, TBD). LSE offers a variety of styles of accommodation (housing), all of which is within walking distance of the School. There will be a diverse mix of students in your Hall: undergraduates and postgraduates, local and international, etc. All rooms feature high-speed internet access, and the vast majority of rooms are single, although there are a limited number of twin rooms available for those who prefer to share.

Sotheby's Institute of Art

- All UC majors welcome
- Outstanding opportunity for those interested in studying the intersection of Art and Business
- During the first part of the semester, students will take the Core Course alongside two Contemporary Culture Courses.
- During the second part, you can choose one of three Professional Experience Modules.

UC Center Program Specifics

London's Calling

You can learn more about the program by visiting the [UCEAP London's Calling program page](#). Please pay close attention to the program calendar (found under the Dates & Eligibility tab) and the academic structure and course offerings (found under the Academics tab).

Selection Timeline and Terminology

Selection into the London's Calling program happens at the campus level. Your application is then forwarded to UCEAP and the UK for further review. After students complete all necessary pre-departure paperwork and procedures, their status will be changed to "accepted." Acceptance for the London's Calling program over the last couple years have come in mid-May.

Academics

Students in this program are required to take a full course load of 13.2 semester units. All students take one core course, London: Society and Space, and are able to choose 3 electives from the available course offerings, which you can review [here](#). This program offers a very limited menu of courses to choose from.

Internship Option

The internships are all entry-level positions and do not require previous experience or specific skills. These are not decision-making positions of responsibility but are an opportunity for students to learn more about the UK, work in the UK, and gain experience in their field of interest.

You will be emailed a Course Choice Form by an organization called ACCENT at the end of April. Follow the instructions and return it to the indicated email address by the stated deadline. An "Internship plus Workforce Course" will be one of the course choices. HOWEVER, there is a limited number of internships available. The number of allowable internships is set by the UK government and changes annually. Due to the internships being potentially limited, students who choose the Internship elective will also need to select an alternative course in case they are not placed in an Internship.

Students enrolled in the internship are assessed an additional fee and internships may require an additional visa process. All Internship students must be financially prepared to pay any costs associated with the visa process well before receiving their financial aid refund (if applicable) and final internship placement.

Business & Entrepreneurship in London

You can learn more about the program by visiting the [UCEAP Business & Entrepreneurship in London program page](#). Please pay close attention to the program calendar (found under the Dates & Eligibility tab) and the academic structure and course offerings (found under the Academics tab).

Selection Timeline and Terminology

Selection into the Business and Entrepreneurship in London program happens at the campus level. Your application is then forwarded to UCEAP and the UK for further review. After students complete all necessary pre-departure paperwork and procedures, their status will be changed to "accepted."

Academics
Students in this program are required to take a full course load. See the [three UCEAP academics tab of this program](#) for more information. This program offers a very limited menu of courses to choose from.

This program is open to all majors, you don't need to have a business or econ background to participate as the courses will generally be of an introductory level and therefore suitable for all. Learning about Business and Entrepreneurship in the UK will be new for every student regardless of major! The professors will be aware of the mix of students and the fact that (aside from International Economics*****) no prerequisites are in place.

*The International Economics course will require some background knowledge. The syllabus states: "students should be familiar with basic calculus and microeconomics, including the concepts of supply and demand, elasticity and imperfect competition. Basic knowledge of macroeconomics is helpful although not necessary".

November 2021 - the Haas School of Business has indicated that all courses in this meet business major elective requirements *except* "Data Analytics and Storytelling" because of overlap with a Haas Core (UGBA 104).

April 2022 - the Econ department has approved the International Economics course as an upper-division elective outside the department.

Please reach out to either Haas or Econ for further questions.

Internship Option
Internship option is only available only to students at the junior or senior class level.

The [internships](#) are all entry-level positions and do not require previous experience or specific skills. These are not decision-making positions of responsibility but are an opportunity for students to learn more about the UK, work in the UK, and gain experience in their field of interest. Students are placed into internships based on their interests, major, and experience. Students are able to work with Accent and the internship coordinator to find an internship placement that would be a good fit.

On the Spring Semester with Internship package you will work 8-10 hours a week for the first 10 weeks, then work 30 hours per week for the final 5 weeks of the program. Students placed in an internship will be assessed an additional fee. Students will be on site at their internship 1 day per week (a standard work day here is usually about 8.5 hours, which will be an 8-10 hour day with commute time), scheduled on a day the student does not have any classes.

Internships may require an additional visa process, and students will need to pay the visa application fee before receiving any financial aid refund (if applicable).

Students who chose the internship option will be required to take the Internship Workforce course during the first 10 weeks of the program.

Approximately 25% of students opt to participate in the internship option.
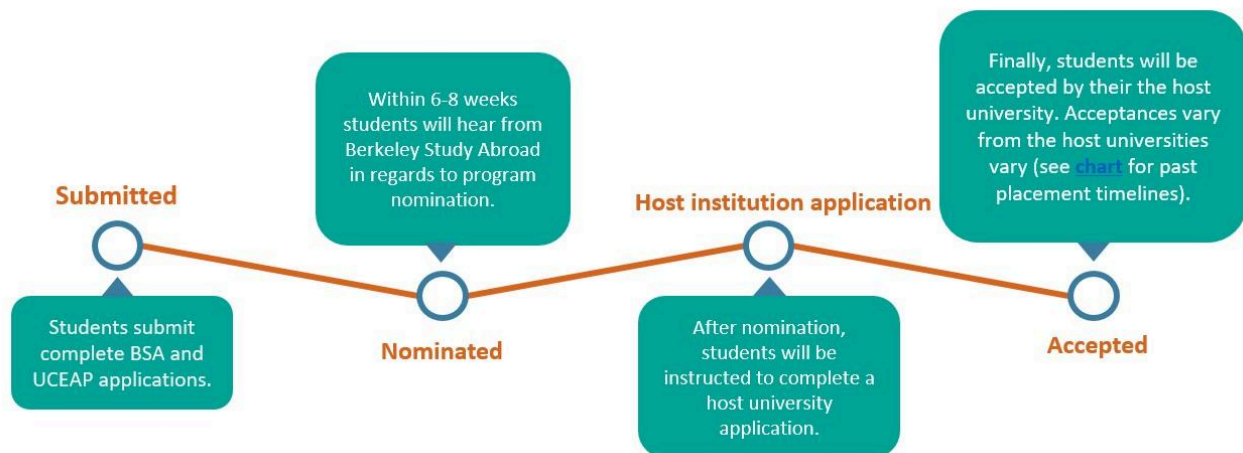
Scholarship Opportunity
The Founder's Prize in Entrepreneurship: one $5,000 scholarship will be awarded annual. Please see this website for more information, application deadline and to access the application.

Selection Timeline and Terminology

Nomination to a program happens at the campus level. Your application is then forwarded to UCEAP and then finally on to the Study Center in London* (except **LSE**) and/or directly to a host university.

After students complete all necessary pre-departure paperwork and procedures, their status will be changed to "Accepted." Acceptance at host institutions vary. You can check this chart to see when students have been placed at your host university in the past.

***LSE**: Your application will go through a preliminary review by the Berkeley Study Abroad Office and will be forwarded to UC Berkeley faculty for further review, ranking and nomination. Shortly after your campus nomination, you will be asked by UCEAP to complete a host university application.

Submitted
Students submit complete BSA and UCEAP applications.

Within 6-8 weeks students will hear from Berkeley Study Abroad in regards to program nomination.

Nominated

Host institution application
After nomination, students will be instructed to complete a host university application.

Finally, students will be accepted by their the host university. Acceptances vary from the host universities vary (see chart for past placement timelines).

Accepted

Cohort

Immersion programs allow students to take courses alongside local British students, as well as international and UC system wide students. To see how big the UCB cohorts were per university, check out this [chart](#).

Other Important Notes

Delayed Grades from Abroad: [Important for Seniors](#)

Depending on the host institution, UCEAP will transmit your UCEAP courses, units, and grades to Berkeley up to 90 days after your program officially ends. You cannot be administratively graduated until your UCEAP grades are reported to Berkeley, are posted to your transcript, and a degree audit is conducted. The Berkeley Office of the Registrar only administratively graduates students (a.k.a. degrees are "posted" to transcripts) three times per year: October for students with a summer anticipated graduation date, February for students with a Fall anticipated graduation date, and July for students with a Spring anticipated graduation date. If your EAP grades arrive after degrees are posted for your term of participation, your degree will be processed and posted to your transcript with the next term's degree list.

You can review the bottom of the Academics tab for a given program to see when grades are typically reported. Factoring in a 1 to 4-week delay for grades to appear on your Berkeley transcript, determine when your degree is likely to be posted by the Berkeley Office of the Registrar (October, July or February).

If you determine that your grades are likely to arrive later than the term you need to graduate from Berkeley to stay eligible for your graduate program or another post-graduation opportunity, contact the program/employer you are applying to as early as possible. Ask about their policy on delayed graduation due to study abroad participation. Find out how long they can wait for UCEAP grades to be recorded on your official Berkeley transcript and for your degree to be posted by the Berkeley Office of the Registrar.

Ask your graduate program or employer if you can provide some academic information while waiting for your UCEAP grades or Berkeley diploma. If courses and grades do not yet appear on your Berkeley transcript, ask the program/employer if it will accept an official "Verification of UCEAP Coursework." This is a letter from UCEAP verifying dates of UCEAP attendance and giving the estimated dates of arrival for course titles, units, and grades. You can get this letter from your BSA Campus Adviser or from your UCEAP Academic Specialist for your program. If your UCEAP grades already appear on your Berkeley transcript but you are waiting for your degree to be posted, you can also request a Certificate of Completion. Read more about Transcripts and Diplomas on the Office of the Registrar website.

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities can and do study abroad! Please check out our ["I am a … Student with a Disability" webpage](#) for tips on where to start, steps to request disability accommodations abroad, other considerations, and more. We encourage you to speak with the BSA Adviser if you have any questions.

Visas

Instructions on travel and Visa/Entry Clearance will be provided in your UCEAP Pre-Departure Checklist, which will be available to you after you have been selected for the program.

Notes for Non-US Citizens: See this [UK Government website](#) for non-US citizens to find out if there are any restrictions or additional entry requirements for your country of citizenship.

For year long and internship students only: due to lengthy UK visa processing times, travel after the UC term ends and before your UCEAP program begins is highly discouraged. Please discuss any potential pre-program travel plans with your BSA Adviser.

Program Calendar and Flights

Since you are a UCEAP student, your program will begin with a mandatory, multi-day, comprehensive on-site orientation offered by UCEAP. DO NOT purchase your plane tickets until the official UCEAP program calendar, and UCEAP orientation and arrival instructions, have been posted to your UCEAP Portal.

Scholarships & Financial Aid

All UCEAP students are encouraged to apply for a UCEAP Scholarship, which offers a $2,000 award for fall semester and $2,000 award for spring semester. For more information, visit the UCEAP Scholarships page.

US Citizen Pell Grant recipients are encouraged to apply for the Gilman Scholarship, which offers a possible award of up to $5000. For more information, visit gilmanscholarship.org.

UCEAP students are not eligible for the John C Phelan Scholarship available through LSE.

More information on financial aid and scholarships can be found on our website.

Financial aid students can request a financial aid estimate for the program here.

UCEAP Alum-Created Resources

Some of our returnees have created presentations to share with others. You can look at their work through the Student Created Resource Google folder that we will continually update with tips, example schedules and presentations from students who have participated in this program. Example schedules and tips from students who've participated on these programs are included in this folder.

Media Resources

In order to aid with your study abroad process, the Study Abroad team has compiled media resources from UCEAP and Universities. These resources include YouTube videos that provide an overview of a location or university, and student blog posts and more. These resources can be used to give you a better understanding of what your study abroad experience may be like!

UCEAP Resources
English Universities Info Session | International Education Week 2020
Study Abroad in England, Ireland, and Scotland | UCEAP Virtual Study Abroad Fair 2021

Imperial College London
Student blogs - Imperial College London

King's College London
Study at King's: experiences that resonate
Discover King's

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About UCL

University of Bristol
University of Bristol | Virtual Tour
Global Opportunities: Our Student Stories | Study Abroad with the University of Bristol

University of East Anglia
Visiting Student Blog

University of Kent
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University of London, Queen Mary
Study Abroad at Queen Mary University of London

University of London, Royal Holloway
Study Abroad at Royal Holloway
To London and back - Study Abroad experience at Royal Holloway, University of London

University of Manchester
A day in the life at the University
Student experiences | Study abroad profiles | The University of Manchester
A day in the life | Study abroad profiles | The University of Manchester

University of Sussex
Student Blog
Welcome | University of Sussex | Virtual Tour
Study Abroad at Sussex on Vimeo
Find your space at The University of Sussex on Vimeo

Sotheby's Institute of Art
Why Sotheby's in London

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