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The University of Notre Dame boasts a network of extraordinary facilities and programs located around the world—the Notre Dame Global Gateways. Under the aegis of Notre Dame International (NDI), the Global Gateways are academic and intellectual centers where scholars, students, and leaders from universities, government, business, and the community gather to discuss issues of topical and enduring relevance.

At each Global Gateway, the Notre Dame community and its many international partners and colleagues work together to advance knowledge across all disciplines with a view to the common good.

London is home to one of six Notre Dame Global Gateways, with the others located in Beijing, Chicago, Dublin, Jerusalem, and Rome.

The London Global Gateway consists of two major facilities: an academic center (Fischer Hall at Trafalgar Square) and a 270-bed residence building (Conway Hall, close to the South Bank near Waterloo Station). These two facilities, located in vibrant Central London, are within easy walking distance of each other. Whether for hosting a large conference or merely for providing office space for a day or two, Fischer Hall and Conway Hall serve the needs of the Notre Dame community in London.

LONDON PROGRAMS

The London Global Gateway is active year-round, hosting a myriad of activities including graduate and undergraduate classes, faculty seminars, conferences, workshops, debates, book launches, and other events. Here is a brief description and/or listing of some of those programs and activities.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMS

- The London Undergraduate Program is Notre Dame International's largest study abroad program, offering 260 juniors the opportunity to spend a semester in London each year.
- The full-year and semester law programs offer a valuable educational experience in and outside of the classroom, giving students a chance to examine U.S. law through different cultural and legal viewpoints.

NOTRE DAME SUMMER PROGRAMS

- The London Undergraduate Summer Program offers Notre Dame undergraduates the opportunity to take credit-bearing courses while in London.

- The Summer Engineering Program in London exposes Notre Dame students to innovative technological achievements during a six-week program.
- The Law Summer Program is open to Notre Dame and non-Notre Dame law students and has between 30 and 40 participants.
- In addition, Notre Dame offers a summer program designed specifically for Notre Dame chemical/biomolecular undergraduates in partnership with Imperial College, London—one of the leading institutions in this field in the world.

OTHER RECENT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- *Ambit Magazine* launch
- Catholic Bishops' Conference for England and Wales
- Control of Cyber-Physical Systems Workshop
- Dante's Theology Summer Seminar
- Dr. Christiaan Alting von Geusau Lecture
- Global History Seminar Series
- Global Dome Dissertation Accelerator Workshops
- International Marketing Ethics Conference
- Internet Freedom Panel Debate

MORE ABOUT FISCHER HALL

The Notre Dame London Global Gateway is housed in the Marian Kennedy Fischer Hall, a historic 19,000-square-foot building on the northwest corner of Trafalgar Square. The facility has served as Notre Dame's London base of operations since 1998. Built as a University Club for Oxford and Cambridge graduates, Fischer Hall now hosts Notre Dame's London-based programs and classes, as well as events such as conferences, book launches, lecture series, and recitals.

Fischer Hall is adjacent to the National Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery. Downing Street and the Houses

of Parliament are a 15-minute walk to the south, Buckingham Palace is a 10-minute walk to the west, and legal London is a similar distance down the Strand to the east.

Fischer Hall, in addition to its proximity to St. James's Park, is close to Waterloo Gardens, Embankment Gardens, and the River Thames. It is near many of London's leading universities, including King's College London, the London School of Economics, and University College London. The area is also home to many libraries and bookstores.

Fischer Hall is convenient for public transportation. Charing Cross main line and underground stations are just across Trafalgar Square, and Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square underground stations are immediately to the north, giving access to the Northern, Piccadilly, and Bakerloo tube lines. An extensive network of buses also runs close to Fischer Hall.



VERSATILE FACILITIES

MEETING/ACADEMIC FACILITIES

The following rooms are available for programs and events:



ROOMS	THEATRE-STYLE	RECEPTION-STYLE	CLASSROOM (WITH TABLES)
Trafalgar Hall	80-120 people	130 people	On request
Senior Common Room	50 people	65 people	On request
Classroom G.03	20 people	31 people	15 people
Classroom G.04	40 people	51 people	25 people
Classroom G.07	45 people	60 people	31 people
Classroom 1.04	39 people	50 people	24 people
Classroom 1.06	45 people	60 people	34 people
Classroom 2.05	40 people	50 people	25 people
Classroom 2.06	45 people	60 people	31 people
Classroom 4.12	15 people	36 people	On request

- Wireless Internet connection is available throughout the building.
- Teleconferencing facilities are available upon request.
- Fischer Hall is open 8:00 a.m. until midnight during the academic year and shorter hours during the summer and holiday periods.
- Facilities are available for rent for academic, cultural, religious, or other charitable purposes on evenings, Fridays, and weekends as well as during the week when classes are not in session.
- Smoking is not permitted on the premises, except in the small inner courtyard of Fischer Hall.



OFFICE SPACE

- Offices are available for Notre Dame faculty visiting London; a shared faculty office is also available for office hours or one-on-one meetings with students.
- The library is available for use by Notre Dame academic programs and by Notre Dame faculty visiting London (by arrangement). Please contact Alice Tyrell tyrell.5@nd.edu if you are a faculty member planning a visit.

COMMON SPACES

- **Junior Common Room** (lounge for undergraduate students): kitchen, vending machines, and table tennis
- **Middle Common Room** (lounge for graduate students): television, VCR, DVD player
- **Senior Common Room** (lounge for faculty and staff): also used for receptions and other large gatherings
- **Other Common Spaces:** small inner courtyard; changing rooms, showers, and lockers

BOOKING AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information about availability and to book facilities, University of Notre Dame faculty and staff should contact Harriet Baldwin, director of academic conferences, baldwin.1@nd.edu or Lauri Roberts, academic conference specialist, lroberts@nd.edu.

All other individuals should contact Charlotte Parkyn, cparkyn@nd.edu.

If possible, please provide the following information when submitting an inquiry:

- Name of organization
- Event title
- Type of event
- Duration of event
- Ideal date(s) and time of day
- Target audience and projected attendance number (*if applicable*)
- Space and A/V needs
- Catering needs
- Contact details

Priority will be given to University of Notre Dame programs or Notre Dame-affiliated groups, but the London Global Gateway welcomes requests from charity, religious, and educational organizations.

All guests must be registered prior to an event. The hosting organization must provide a complete guest list at least 48 hours prior to the event.

Catering details (number of guests, menu choices, and dietary requirements) must be confirmed at least seven days prior to the event.

The London Global Gateway is unable to accommodate sit-down dinners, but will work with a local catering company to provide meal options for events.



HOUSING

CONWAY HALL

Situated close to London's South Bank cultural center, Conway Hall is directly across from Waterloo Station, two blocks south of the River Thames, and adjacent to King's College, London. The new residence includes 270 beds, organized in flats for students. Notre Dame programs may inquire as to housing availability at Conway Hall by contacting Brian Klue brian.a.klue.1@nd.edu.

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PREFERRED HOTELS

Charing Cross Hotel

The Strand
London, England WC2N 5HX

Tel: +44 84 5305 8312

Club Quarters, Trafalgar Square

8 Northumberland Avenue
London, England WC2N 5BY

Tel: +44 20 7839 9333

Email: memberservices@clubquarters.com

The Royal Trafalgar

Whitcomb Street, Trafalgar Square
London, England WC2H 7HG

Tel: +44 87 1376 9037

Thistle Piccadilly

Coventry Street
London, England W1D 6BZ

Tel: +44 87 1376 9031

For more information and details on how to book these hotels, Notre Dame employees should visit travel.nd.edu/travel-contracts/international-hotels.

Notre Dame has a longstanding relationship with Anglo Educational Services, a major provider of affordable short- and medium-term student/faculty housing in and around London. For more information about Anglo Educational Services, visit angloeducational.com or contact Joanne Bowers at joanne@angloeducational.com.

OTHER NEARBY HOTELS

Corinthia Hotel London

Whitehall Place
London, England SW1A 2BD

Tel: +44 20 7930 8181

Email: london@corinthia.com

The Grand at Trafalgar Square

8 Northumberland Avenue
London, England WC2N 5BY

Tel: +44 20 7839 8877

Email: info@TGatTS.com

Citadines Prestige Trafalgar Square

18/21 Northumberland Avenue
London, England WC2N 5EA

Tel: +44 20 7766 3700

Email: trafalgar@citadines.com

St. Martin's Lane London

45 St. Martin's Lane
London, England WC2N 4HX

Tel: +44 20 7300 5500

Reservations: morganshotelgroup.com

The Fielding Hotel Covent Garden

4 Broad Court, Bow Street, Covent Garden,
London, England WC2B 5QZ

Tel: +44 20 7836 8305

Email: reservations@thefieldinghotel.co.uk

For other hotels, please visit laterooms.com.

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VISITOR INFORMATION

Fischer Hall is located on Suffolk Street in the City of Westminster, a London borough that occupies much of the city center. It neighbors the ancient City of London and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. It hosts a large number of parks and open spaces and sits on the north bank of the River Thames. The area surrounding Fischer Hall has an abundance of cultural and historical landmarks.

Trafalgar Square

Trafalgar Square is just a brief walk from Suffolk Street and is one of the city's most vibrant open spaces. Apart from being a top spot to catch some sun and watch street artists and performers, it is also used for many events and celebrations throughout the year (e.g., the Royal Wedding, the Olympics, St. Patrick's Day, and Chinese New Year). In the summer, film and theatre screenings also take place in the square. Although Trafalgar Square is no longer known for its swarms of pigeons, it is still home to Nelson's Column (erected in 1845), the bronze lions that guard it (added in 1867), and the Fourth Plinth, now used to display contemporary artworks.

Whitehall, Horse Guards Parade, and The Cenotaph

Heading south from Trafalgar Square is Whitehall, lined with government departments and ministries. It is also the site of the Cenotaph, a war memorial erected around 1919, as part of a peace parade at the end of the First World War.

A National Service of Remembrance is held at the site every year on Remembrance Sunday. Along Whitehall is Horse Guards Parade, a large parade ground where Trooping the Colour is held, a ceremony which commemorates the monarch's official birthday.

At the very south of Whitehall is Parliament Street and together they span around 1 kilometer. From Parliament Street you can see Downing Street, residence to the Prime Minister.

St. James's Palace and Clarence House

St. James's Palace is a 10-minute walk from Fischer Hall down Pall Mall. It is one of London's oldest palaces and is the official residence of the monarch, although none have lived there for almost two centuries. However, the Royal Court is still based at St. James's Palace, and it is home to some of the princes and princesses when they are in London. Attached to St. James's Palace is Clarence House, official residence of the Prince of Wales, the Duchess of Cornwall, and previously the Queen Mother and Princes William and Harry.

Buckingham Palace

A further five-minute walk down Pall Mall is Buckingham Palace, the London residence and workplace of the monarch. It has the largest private garden in London and during the summer (August until September), the staterooms, used for official entertaining, are open for public viewing.

Admiralty Arch

Providing access between The Mall and Trafalgar Square, Admiralty Arch is a five-minute walk from Fischer Hall, extending southwest off the square. Until 2012 it was used for government offices, but in 2015 it will be transformed into a hotel run by the Italian fashion house Armani.

Piccadilly Circus

Piccadilly Circus is a 10-minute walk from Suffolk Street and was originally intended to connect Regent's Park to Carlton House, where the Prince Regent (later King George IV) resided. Piccadilly Circus became the bustling plaza that it is today with the creation of Shaftesbury Avenue in 1885 with illuminated billboards dominating buildings just 10 years later. Piccadilly Circus is most famous for the Shaftesbury Memorial Fountain (better known as Eros' Fountain), built in 1893 to commemorate philanthropist Lord Shaftesbury. The statue on top of the fountain was intended to depict the Angel of Christian Charity and was renamed after the Greek god much later. The plaza has become a favorite meeting place as it leads to the main shopping streets, Soho, and Leicester Square.

Leicester Square

Another five-minute walk from Suffolk Street, Leicester Square is home to a theatre, several famous cinemas that host festivals and premieres, and various bars and nightclubs.

Covent Garden Market

Covent Garden is one of the most popular tourist sites in London. Once a fruit and vegetable market, it is now full of shops, boutiques, jewelry stalls, cafes, taverns, and street entertainers.

Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey

Just a 20-minute walk from Fischer Hall are the Houses of Parliament (Westminster Palace). Once the primary residence of the kings of England, it is now the meeting place of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Its bell, Big Ben, is one of the most iconic landmarks in the United Kingdom. The Palace is neighbor to the equally renowned Westminster Abbey.

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GETTING AROUND

Although it is often quicker to walk in London, you have several other transportation options. To find out about train routes, visit nationalrail.co.uk; for underground and taxi services, visit tfl.gov.uk.

Underground & Trains

- Charing Cross Station, five minutes from Fischer Hall, has frequent trains to Waterloo, Waterloo East, and London Bridge, operated by South West Trains and Southeastern and heading to destinations in the South West and South East. Charing Cross also has an underground station served by the Northern line and Bakerloo line. Fare zone 1.
- Leicester Square Underground station is to the east of Leicester Square on Charing Cross road and here you can take the Northern line or the Piccadilly line. Fare zone 1.
- Piccadilly Circus Underground station is located directly below Piccadilly Circus and has several entrances and exits around the plaza. Access the Bakerloo and Piccadilly lines here. Fare zone 1.
- Embankment Underground station is served by the Northern, Bakerloo, Circle, and District lines and is

located only a couple of minutes from Charing Cross Station, next to the River Thames. Fare zone 1.

- London Waterloo Station is a 15-minute walk from Fischer Hall, across Hungerford Bridge. It has trains to Surrey, Berkshire, Hampshire and South West England as well as commuter trains to southwestern suburbs of London. Waterloo also has an underground station connecting to the Waterloo and City, Bakerloo, Northern, and Jubilee lines. Fare zone 1.

Buses

- Catch buses all around Fischer Hall, with the closest stops on Haymarket, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, Leicester Square, and the Strand. Details of bus routes and destinations can be found in all bus shelters or on tfl.gov.uk.

Taxis

- London black cabs may be hailed off the street, but the nearest taxi rank is outside Charing Cross station.

REACHING FISCHER HALL

From London Gatwick

- From London Gatwick take the Gatwick Express train, which goes to London Victoria train station every 15 minutes. From Victoria catch the Circle or District line on the underground to Embankment. Southern Railway trains also go from Gatwick to London Victoria which leave every five minutes. Approximately 40 minutes.

gatwickairport.com/to-and-from-gatwickexpress.com
southernrailway.com

- Catch trains from Gatwick to London Bridge and from there get the underground to Waterloo (Jubilee line) or Charing Cross (Jubilee and Northern lines), or an overground train to Charing Cross. Approximately 45 minutes.
- There are also buses from Gatwick, which provide regular services into the city center. National Express coaches depart from the North and South terminals. EasyBus is inexpensive and is a non-stop service to Earl's Court/West Brompton. From Earl's Court take the Piccadilly line to Piccadilly Circus or from West Brompton take the District line to Embankment.

nationalexpress.com
easybus.co.uk

From London Heathrow

- From London Heathrow take the Heathrow Express train, which goes to London Paddington train station every 15 minutes. From Paddington take the Bakerloo line to Charing Cross. Approximately 30 minutes.

heathrowairport.com/transport-and-directions

heathrowexpress.com

- You can also catch the Piccadilly line from Heathrow airport. Heathrow has three London Underground Stations—Terminals 1-3, Terminal 4, and Terminal 5. Heathrow Terminals 1-3 station is in the central area between the terminals, which are a few minutes' walk away via underground walkways. Terminal 4 and Terminal 5 stations are in the basements of the terminal buildings. The airport is in fare zone 6.

- National Express coaches go from Heathrow to Embankment and take anywhere between 1 hr. 45 min. and 2 hr. 30 min.

nationalexpress.com

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THINGS TO DO

Places to Eat

There are hundreds of restaurants around Fischer Hall, near Piccadilly Circus, Lower Regents Street, Haymarket, Leicester Square, Covent Garden, the Strand, and around Trafalgar Square. Recommended by past faculty are Cote in St. Martin's Lane (French), Assagetti in Haymarket (Italian), and Cicchetti (Italian), in Piccadilly Circus.

For lunchtime snacks (sandwiches, soup, fruit, pastries, etc.) and coffee, there are several branches of Starbucks (nearest on the Strand), Costa (Trafalgar Square), Café Nero (Trafalgar Square), Pret a Manger (Lower Regent Street, St. Martin's Lane, Trafalgar Square), and some independent cafes: Notes (St. Martin's Lane) and Orsini (Whitcomb Street).

Southbank Centre just over Hungerford Bridge (10-minute walk from Fischer Hall) has a variety of coffee shops, cafes, bars, and restaurants. Located between Conway Hall and Fischer Hall, it is ideal for students.

Soho, a 10-minute walk from Fischer Hall, has an array of restaurants.

Museums, Galleries, and Theatres

Nearby museums and galleries include the National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery in Trafalgar Square, Benjamin Franklin House on Craven

Street (10-minute walk), British Museum (20-minute walk), Tate Modern, Tate Britain and the Wallace Collection (all around 30 minutes walking). Southbank Centre also has exhibitions and performances in their various spaces.

Nearby theatres include the National Theatre (Southbank), Royal Haymarket Theatre and Her Majesty's Theatre on Haymarket, the Old Vic Theatre, Noel Coward Theatre, Royal Opera House, and English National Opera.

Shaftesbury Avenue, at the heart of Theatre Land, is a five-minute walk from Suffolk Street.

Libraries

Nearby public libraries in Westminster include:

- Charing Cross Library
westminster.gov.uk/charing-cross-library
(five-minute walk)
- Westminster Reference Library
westminster.gov.uk/westminster-reference-library
(five-minute walk)
- Victoria Library
westminster.gov.uk/victoria-library
(30-minute walk or 25 minutes by bus)

Nearby academic and cultural libraries (with open reference access) include:

- Saison Poetry Library
poetrylibrary.org.uk
(10-minute walk)
- British Film Institute Library
bfi.org.uk/education-research/bfi-reuben-library (15-minute walk)
- British Library
bl.uk (30-minute walk or 20 minutes by bus)

Access to a large number of academic and specialist libraries and archives can be arranged—please contact tyrell.5@nd.edu for assistance.

Parks and Open Spaces

St. James's Park is just five minutes from Suffolk Street, as is St. James's Square. There are also gardens such as Embankment Gardens, Waterloo Gardens, and Marlborough House Gardens all in walking distance. St. James's Park leads to Green Park and Hyde Park (45 minutes away walking, but it makes a lovely walk via all three parks).

Local Supermarkets

Around Suffolk Street there are two Tesco supermarkets, one by Trafalgar Square and the other on Lower Regent Street (a 10-minute walk) and also a Cooperative supermarket and Sainsbury's on the Strand. These are all lower-priced supermarkets. There is a small Marks and Spencer supermarket in Charing Cross station which is higher scale.

Churches

Catholic:

- Notre Dame de France, Soho
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Westminster
- St. Charles Borromeo, Fitzrovia
- St. Patrick, Soho Square

Nearest:

- St. Martin-in-the-Field
(Church of England)

Gyms

- L.A. Fitness on Lower Regent Street
- Fitness First over Charing Cross Station
- Virgin Active on the Strand
- Students can purchase membership at the King's College gym close to Conway Hall

Shopping

Branching off Piccadilly Circus is Regent Street, which leads to Carnaby Street, Oxford Street, and Bond Street (the latter two can be reached in around 15-20 minutes walking from Suffolk Street). Regent Street and Carnaby Street offers stores such as Superdry and French Connection but is most famous for Hamleys Toy Shop and Liberty department store. Whereas Oxford Street has more than 300 high street shops and several large department stores (e.g., Selfridges and John Lewis), Bond Street is the place to go for big names such as Burberry and Louis Vuitton. The famous Harrods is located about 30 minutes from Suffolk Street but can be reached on the underground.

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