Thank you for your interest in starting your F&M education with an amazing 16-week experience in Bath, England!

Only the very best students from our admission applicant pool are selected to take part in iF&M, which is a partnership of Franklin & Marshall and our longtime partner, Advanced Studies in England (ASE).

F&M is known as an internationalized institution, and we look for students who will thrive in an educational setting that immerses students in global issues. If you are chosen to be a member of the iF&M cohort, it is because we believe you have the capacity to be a vibrant contributor in a challenging and rewarding international environment such as Bath.

The iF&M program is designed to challenge and support you. A tenured faculty member from F&M will be your onsite mentor and lead instructor throughout your time at iF&M. You will also explore the liberal arts tradition through classes offered by faculty from prestigious English institutions. And, you will have the historic city of Bath and beyond as your “lab,” offering you a welcoming environment that holds new discoveries around every corner.

Following your semester in England, you will arrive on F&M’s Lancaster campus as part of the international community that defines the student body, perhaps already planning your next international experience.

This brochure is your guide to the program. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at ifandm@fandm.edu.

Warmly,
Sue Mennicke
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
Bath is the largest city in the county of Somerset, England (population 90,000), known for and named after its Roman-built hot-spring baths. It is located in the valley of the River Avon, 100 miles west of London and 15 miles southeast of Bristol. Bath is a modernly equipped city rooted in intriguing history. A destination for relaxation-seekers since Roman times, its stunning Georgian architecture feels like it was taken straight from a Jane Austen novel, and indeed provides many of the locations for the Netflix series, Bridgerton.

It is within easy reach of serene British countryside and famous heritage sites, including Stonehenge. And despite being a continent away, it is remarkably similar to your F&M home in the city of Lancaster — safe, walkable, and rich in art, food and culture.

During your time with iF&M you will also have several opportunities to venture beyond Bath. The program sponsors organized day trips to London, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, and The Cotswolds, among other incredible destinations.
WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER IT

Advanced Studies in England has been welcoming American undergraduates for more than three decades and is renowned for its challenging, rewarding academic courses and close-knit community. iF&M offers a distinctive opportunity to immerse yourself in another culture as you engage the life of the mind in classic Franklin & Marshall fashion:

• small, engaged classes
• a tenured F&M faculty member onsite
• enthusiastic, expert faculty from English universities
• a commitment to learning while doing, in Bath and beyond

During your time in Bath, you will be taught by a tenured F&M faculty member and some of the best and most engaged British faculty from nearby universities.

And when you are not in class, you can read, study, and unwind in your stunning, spacious apartments and houses in the historic heart of the city.

All of iF&M’s residences are in welcoming neighborhoods within walking distance of local shops and the Study Centre, where you will take all of your classes. Each residence offers WiFi, TV and radio, laundry facilities, phone access, communal areas, and bathrooms and kitchens.

Still not sure about the program? Here are four more reasons to consider iF&M:

1. It’s a great primer for your arrival to F&M’s truly international community. Twenty percent of our students are international, and more than half of our students participate in off-campus study at some point in their four years. Why not kick off your college years with that life-changing experience?

2. F&M actively prepares its students to be global citizens through in-depth study of other languages and cultures, making iF&M the perfect jumping-off point for that introduction to internationalization.

3. As part of the program, you will join a small group of students who bring to your group a variety of experiences, perspectives and opinions, allowing you to learn from each other’s differences in a close-knit community in an idyllic setting.

4. Even if you have never been outside of the U.S., Bath is the ideal first international experience due to its small size, welcoming community, and proximity to so many other cultural hubs.
After a comprehensive orientation on F&M’s campus in August during which you’ll meet and mingle with your fellow iF&M students, you will depart together for Bath, England. There, you will launch into your Fall semester with ASE, living and learning alongside your cohort of F&M students. You will have the opportunity to choose your classes from a carefully selected set of offerings designed to best prepare you for F&M and keep you on track with graduation requirements. Once your selections are finalized, you will spend the semester taking four classes. You will have ample time to dive into each class, focusing on the material at hand with space to breathe.

The best part? Classes are kept small, with 15 or fewer students per class. Not only will you have a chance to learn in a truly liberal arts environment, but you will be in an even more intimate setting than first-years typically enjoy at F&M. This will help you to establish the solid foundation of small-group learning that first attracted you to F&M.

In between classes and day-to-day life, iF&M offers students opportunities for out-of-the-classroom learning through a variety of social and cultural activities in and around Bath. Those opportunities, combined with the many resources ASE provides to help you remain connected academically and personally, will set you up for a fulfilling and successful semester.

LEFT: This stone carving decorated the front of the temple to the goddess Sulis Minerva, which stood near a sacred hot water spring.
Wondering where you’ll take classes? What you’ll study? We have you covered!

LEARNING LOCATION:
The ASE Study Centre — Nelson House — is located in the heart of Bath, within 20 minutes’ walking distance of all of our student residences. And many of our residences are just a block or so away from the center.

ACADEMICS AT iF&M

CLASS SIZE:
Most classes will have 15 or fewer students

ASSESSMENT:
You will be graded based on written papers, quizzes, and in-class participation, and a final exam for some classes.

CREDITS:
1 per course (4 total)
All credits are fully approved by Franklin & Marshall College and count toward your 4-year F&M degree.

COURSES
Like all first-year students at F&M, you will participate in a core course that introduces you to the critical thinking and writing skills you will need to be successful throughout your F&M education. That class, called a Connections course, will be taught by your onsite faculty mentor. Additional courses include:

- Introductory Drawing
- The Life and Times of European Fairy Tales
- Cross-cultural Psychology
- Introduction to Economic Principles
- UK-US Comparative Politics and Government
As its name implies, the iF&M program is inextricably linked to Franklin & Marshall College. Your onsite F&M faculty mentor will work closely with the ASE Team to support you and your fellow iF&M students, teaching some of your classes, coordinating activities and helping you build your growing affinity for F&M while you enjoy your experience abroad.

You can also expect in-person visits from faculty and senior administrators from F&M who will teach you and engage you in discourse.

Additionally, our partners at ASE are always available to help you navigate issues related to academics, housing, student affairs, and opportunities to discover the city of Bath.

"Our small, supportive program provides the ideal introduction to your F&M experience. We combine a friendly informal style with the highest standards and expectations—preparing students for a seamless transition to their F&M education in the USA."

— JONATHAN HOPE, DEAN AND DIRECTOR OF ASE IN BATH

Punting on the River Cherwell is a timeless Oxford tradition.
RESERVE YOUR PLACE!

TIMELINE & COST

To be considered for admission to the iF&M cohort, please apply to F&M by one of our standard deadlines (Nov. 15 for Early Decision I, January 15 for Early Decision II and Regular Decision). In a typical academic year, the draft academic plan is as follows:

LATE AUGUST:
Arrive on F&M campus. After a pre-departure orientation, you’ll board a group flight to London.

FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER:
ASE Orientation Week! Shortly after, classes begin.

MID-TO LATE OCTOBER:
Autumn Break (spent in Bath or traveling to surrounding destinations)

EARLY DECEMBER:
Final Exams Week

MID-DECEMBER:
Semester Ends. You’ll return home for winter break before packing up for your spring term at F&M.

EARLY JANUARY:
Arrive back on the F&M campus for spring term orientation.

COST OF PROGRAM

If you are accepted to the iF&M program, we ask you to confirm your acceptance with a nominal non-refundable deposit to Franklin & Marshall by May 1. The cost is equivalent to a semester of tuition, room and board on the F&M campus. That payment, made directly to Franklin & Marshall, covers:

• Group flight to and from England;
• Return transfer (Heathrow Airport—Bath);
• Field trips and excursions;
• International travelers insurance;
• The academic program led by your onsite F&M faculty mentor;
• Administrative support;
• Housing; and
• A weekly food stipend

Financial aid is available. Please direct questions to Director of Financial Aid Clarke Paine (clarke.paine@fandm.edu)
FAQ:

I'm interested! How do I confirm my place in the program?
Once you have applied to F&M via regular decision, a member of our admission team will contact you and inform you of your acceptance to Franklin & Marshall and the iF&M program. At that time you will have until the May 1 deadline to decide whether or not to accept the offer.

How many students will be selected to participate in iF&M?
We are planning for a group of no more than 15 students.

How is it unique from standard study-abroad programs?
iF&M is distinctly a Franklin & Marshall experience. The program is owned and operated by the College, not a third party, and your mentor throughout your semester in England is a tenured F&M faculty member, not an administrator. Additionally, the highly qualified ASE staff will provide a wide range of support services. You will learn how to think critically and problem-solve in true F&M fashion— but in an exciting and culturally enriching location!

What is the cost of the program?
The cost of the program is equivalent to F&M tuition, room and board.

When will I depart the U.S. for England?
You will arrive in Lancaster in late August and then participate in a pre-departure orientation on the Lancaster campus. A group flight departs for London at the end of that orientation.

When do I return to the F&M campus for my spring term?
The return-to-campus date varies from year to year, but typically the spring semester begins in mid-January.

What documents or forms do I need to complete in order to travel outside the U.S.?
All participants will require a current passport. Citizens of countries other than the United States may need a visa as well. All participants will be advised of required travel documents upon acceptance to the program.

Where will I live and study while I’m in Bath?
One of the highlights of the ASE program is the beautiful, historic buildings that serve as our student residences. Several of the housing facilities are located within a 1-minute walk of Nelson House, the administrative building where ASE offices and classroom space are housed. Other facilities are located in central Bath, also close to Nelson House.

Will I have time to explore England while I am there?
A number of excursions and field trips are planned as part of the program. These outings are designed to both complement your courses as well as introduce you to England and the United Kingdom. Independent travel will be allowed, pending any travel restrictions in place due to COVID-19.

Will my class credits count toward my F&M degree?
Yes! All courses are approved for credit at F&M and are applied to your F&M transcript. The program is designed to keep you on track for an on-time graduation with the rest of your class.
We remain vigilant concerning the public health environment and the reality of the ongoing effects of COVID-19.

ASE is fully prepared to educate students while keeping them as safe as possible. During the most recent academic year, we welcomed small groups of students to Bath. Students were in quarantine for the first two weeks onsite while the ASE staff offered orientation, instruction, and general student support services virtually. Following that quarantine period, we seamlessly pivoted to an in-person experience, guided by the public health requirements set by the government in the U.K.

We do not expect quarantine requirements or significant restrictions on daily life while you are in Bath. However, we are always prepared to adjust our programming to prioritize student safety while continuing to provide a rich learning and growth experience.

"Teaching in Bath was one of the best experiences of my career. From the moment I got off the train in Bath, the ASE staff treated me like family. The ASE faculty and staff were beyond helpful, and the array of field trips and guided experiences offered were unparalleled. Waking up each day in Bath, a World Heritage site, was marvelous. If someone asked me to return to ASE tomorrow, I would pack my bags today."

—Kabi Hartman, Director of the Program in Support of Academic Excellence and Senior Teaching Professor of English

"The staff went above and beyond to make the experience perfect—they really cared about every single student. I can't express how much this meant to me. The friends, memories, and academic skills that I acquired in Bath are priceless. I can't decide if my favorite part was the amazing restaurants, the gorgeous architecture, or the welcoming people."

—Jeremy Mauser, Class of 2022

Cricket is one of the most popular sports in England, and has been played since the 16th century.
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