SPRING QUARTER IN LONDON 2020

Applications are closed for this program. View more details at the UW Study Abroad Website.

- Spring 2020

Program Dates: March 24, 2020 to June 6, 2020
Application Deadline: November 15, 2019
Information Sessions: Friday November 1st @ 3:30pm (in Allen Library Auditorium)

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During Spring Quarter 2020 the Department of English will offer a quarter-length version of its highly successful program of study in London. We have found that by keeping our program size to 30, by tailoring our courses to what is immediately capable of being seen in London and in England, and by asking students to participate actively, everyone emerges feeling that the experience was richer for them, as students, as tourists, as people.

The program consists of four courses totaling 20 credits: London's Theater (ENGL 344/444) taught by Juliet Shields, UW Department of English; Modernist London: The City as Text and Textile (ENGL 336) taught by Professor Jessica Burstein, UW Department of English; Art, Architecture, literature, and Society (ENGL 363) taught by Professor Peter Buckroyd, and Contemporary Britain (HSTEU 490), taught by Professor Michael Fosdal. Professors Buckroyd and Fosdal are both British faculty who are experienced teachers of American students. (Students will normally enroll for 15 of the available 20 credits but taking 20 credits is possible--busy but do-able.)

Students in the program will maintain their UW residency and any financial aid eligibility already established. Credits earned will be recorded on students' UW transcripts and apply directly to UW graduation requirements. Credits earned in the English courses may be used to satisfy requirements for the English major (ENGL 344 or 444; ENGL 336; ENGL 363).

Housing and 2 meals a day (continental breakfasts and dinners) for students will be arranged with families in London. Our London homestay company will screen prospective homestay families for our program, and match students up with London families. Homestays are an integral part of the program giving students a unique opportunity to live like a Londoner, a cultural experience that dorms and apartments just don't provide.

London is a large city. Few people can afford to live in the very center of town, and commuting is a way of life. Students should expect a commute to and from class of about 50-60 minutes, via The Underground or bus. All students will receive a London Transport Pass, good on underground trains, over ground rail, and buses between the homestay zone and central London (included in the program fee.)
EXCURSIONS AND GROUP TRIPS

Some excursions and group trips are included. Transportation for field trips will be via chartered bus with professional drivers or via train transportation. During overnight trips, students are housed in established hotels or bed & breakfasts. Some typical destinations include Stratford-Upon-Avon, Warwick Castle, Avebury (a neolithic rock circle), St. Paul's Cathedral, Charleston House, museums, and historic London pub tours, but please note that the Spring 2020 excursions have not yet been finalized.

ELIGIBILITY

The London program values diversity. Any UW student from any campus is eligible to apply to the program. It is recommended (though not required) that applicants have successfully completed a 200-level literature course at the UW prior to participation. We try to provide as much information as possible on this site and in our printed materials, but that is no substitute for human interaction. We strongly recommend that interested students attend an Information Session or meet individually with Professor Jessica Burstein or Academic Counselor Nancy Sisko.

The application includes:

- 3 short answer questions,
- 1 Faculty recommendation** and
- Electronic signature documents related to University policies and expectations for study abroad.

**In most cases, we require that letters of recommendation come from UW Faculty or Teaching Assistants. However, if you are a new transfer student we will accept letters from faculty from your transfer school(s) in lieu of (or in addition to) UW Faculty recommendations. Letters from family friends, employers, high school counselors, or high school teachers generally will not meet the requirement. If you have any questions about this or any other part of your application, you are more than welcome to contact Nancy Sisko at nsisko@uw.edu.

Enrollment is limited to 30 students. Depending on the applications submitted, we may maintain a waiting list for the program. Following the online application process, students may be contacted by the Program Director for an in-person interview.