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British Studies Program / London-2020

You Won't Know Until you Go!



Midwestern State University, along with its consortium partners, is excited to announce our study abroad program in London, England. Each year we will arrange for students to study in the heart of one of the most exciting cities in the world. Undergraduate as well as graduate level courses will be offered. All classes will be a six hour course with three hours awarded for lecture and three hours for individual research. Classes will be small and include a mixture of lecture, guest lecture, field experience, and individual research. Credit hours will be awarded by Midwestern State University and will be transferred to the student's home institution. American faculty from Midwestern and consortium partners will direct each class and will be responsible for a student's final grade.

Classes

Each student will take one class and receive six credit hours. Classes will operate on a seminar style format with all students actively participating in discussions with their professor as well as the numerous guest lecturers. Each lecture will be supplemented with a field experience that will add a practical application to the issues that have been raised in class. Students enrolling in a class will be provided with a syllabus before they leave the United States. Research projects or papers will be completed upon return to the U.S. and sent to the professor of record for a final grade. Lecture and research must BOTH be completed for a student to receive a final grade.

Class Schedules

Although each class schedule will ultimately rest with the professor of record, classes will typically run Monday through Thursday. Class attendance in all classes and class related activities is mandatory and excessive absences may result in dismissal from the program. A “mini-break” during the session will allow students to travel throughout England & Western Europe.

Student Housing

Each student will be housed in a private room with a built-in desk, single bed, clothes closet, and lavatory. Each six-bedroom suite is equipped with a bathroom



and a kitchen. University housing is within easy access to the West End Theatre District, Trafalgar Square, The National Gallery, and Piccadilly Circus, and 24 hour security is provided by the university.

Travel Arrangements

All students and faculty will travel together from DFW, Denver, Charlotte, or Mobile and will be met by representatives of the consortium in London where they will board coaches for the final leg of their journey into central London. Flights for the program will depart July 2 and return August 3, 2020. While in London, individual student travel will be facilitated by the consortium staff. All students are advised to secure a credit card or debit card (with a PIN number and chip) to cover personal expenses. ATMs are conveniently located on the Queen Mary campus.

Costs

The cost of the program is \$6,950 (\$7,200 for graduate students) and includes round-trip airfare from your departure city to London, tuition, fees, housing, International Student ID card, and all program related transportation. There is a \$150 surcharge for students taking the Shakespeare, Photography, or Theatre class. Food, transportation around London (such as a one-month underground tube pass), and personal entertainment costs are the responsibility of the student. A \$250 non-refundable deposit must accompany the application to the program.

Financial Aid

Midwestern State University students may apply for scholarships through the International Studies office located in Bea Wood Hall #106. These scholarships, and their amounts are awarded on a first come-first serve basis, based upon the date of deposit. Financial Aid applications for MSU students can be found on the financial aid web-site (<http://finaid.mwsu.edu/>). Students from consortium universities should contact their financial aid office as well as their office of study abroad for possible scholarships and student loans. This program does qualify for standard financial aid grants and loans.

Travel Documents

All students must have a valid U.S. passport (or passport from one's home country if an international student and valid travel VISA) and an international student I.D. These forms will be sent to all applicants upon receipt of a deposit and fully completed application form. APPLY EARLY.

Classes Offered

Business – International Issues in Business

Six semester hours, BUAD 4993 & 4993 or 5993 & 6663

This course examines international issues in business. Components of marketing, management, accounting, finance, and economics will constitute the core of the lectures while each student will also complete a research paper with the topic decided upon by the student and professor of record. Guest lecturers from the European community and field trips to various British and E.U. points of interest will be included within the course.

Computer Science – Evolution of Computing & Cybersecurity

Six semester hours, CMPS 4883 & 4663

Modern day computing began during World War II and, unknown at the time, London was the hub of these developments. Even the initial work in coding and code breaking began here--breaking the secret German codes produced by the enigma. Students will examine the parallel developments in the UK, US and Germany in the 1940's to 1950's and continue into the present, including the evolving cybersecurity challenges faced by everyone in today's cyberspace. Field trips will include places such as Bletchley Park and the Alan Turing Exhibition at the Science Museum, along with guest speakers from security and law enforcement agencies.

Criminal Justice – Comparative Criminal Justice

Six semester hours, CRJU 4253 & 4923

This course examines the primary components of the criminal justice system within the U.K. It will examine the similarities and differences of other criminal justice systems including the United States and European countries. This class will look at the criminal justice system's responses to the historical, social, and political trends of the United Kingdom. The course will include lectures and scheduled field trips focusing on the primary components of the criminal justice system. They will include trips to Parliament, law enforcement agencies, Magistrates Court, and Crown Courts.

Education – Global Education

Six semester hours, EPSY 3153 & EDUC 3183 or EPSY 3803 & EDUC 3203

One of the most global cities in the world, London, provides a unique experience for students to see how educational theories and practices are applied in real life contexts. Students will benefit from international experience as they investigate the psychology of education and the science of assessment. Group discussions, guest speakers, and excursions to cultural and educational venues provide a variety of learning experiences in this unique course!

English – Shakespeare in London

Six semester hours, ENGL 4716 or 5773 & 5003

This course is an experience-based exploration of the life and work of William Shakespeare from historical, textual, critical & performance perspectives. In addition to lecture/discussion, class experiences will include site visits, workshops, guest lectures, & live performances. In this course, you will: (1) explore & examine the historical context of Shakespeare's life and works (2) acquire & utilize an understanding of Shakespearean textual production and reproduction (3) master & apply basic terms and techniques of Shakespearean criticism (4) consider & articulate your views on the variety and impact of Shakespearean performance, both historically and in contemporary English culture.

Exercise Physiology

Six semester hours, EXPH 4936 & 5936

This course will allow students to investigate preventative health care through exercise programming in the United Kingdom. Healthcare professionals in both the UK and the US are urged to prescribe “Exercise Medicine.” Thus, Exercise Physiologists are primed to play a key role in the development of the exercise prescriptions for the prevention and treatment of chronic disease as well as general fitness and sport performance. Students will determine the level of exercise physiological adaptation as a medical treatment for prevention and treatment of chronic diseases.

Fine Arts – Theatre

Six semester hours, THEA 4393 & 4493

“All the world's a stage” and William Shakespeare's words cannot better describe this once in a life-time opportunity to study in London! This course will deliver opportunities to experience the “stage” inside some of the most widely-recognized venues patronized by the greatest talents in the world. The class will provide insightful, invigorating, career building experiences abroad including William Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, acclaimed productions on the West End, class-acts at The National Theatre, and unique Fringe Theatre performances. Tours of the Royal Opera House and the National Theatre productions facilities are arranged to further your understanding of backstage preparations. Students also hear from local working professionals as they share their experiences through guest lectures. Whether you're a theatre student, artist, patron, or simply interested in a new subject abroad, this course is your ticket!

History – World War II

Six semester hours, HIST 4933 & 4953 or 5003 & 5003

Because of the unique history of London and all of England during World War II, this course will focus on the major military, political, and social issues surrounding the war with particular emphasis on the European Theatre. The class will rely on a mix of scholarly lectures, class discussion, and historical field trips. Churchill's underground bunker in London, the Imperial War Museum, and former allied air fields will be the centerpiece of field experiences that supplement lectures and guest speakers.

Mass Communication – Comparative Mass Media

Six semester hours, MCOM 3503 & 3513

In many ways, British media have historically served as models for American media. Early book publishing, newspapers, advertising, public relations and other forms of media were adapted in the United States, and now for 300+ years media in both countries have influenced each other. This course will give students an introduction to various forms of British media and would give them an opportunity to see the similarities and differences in the ways they function, interact with their audiences, and influence the societies in which they operate.

Public Health – Determinants of Health Disparities –

A Comparative International Perspective

Six semester hours, HSAD 4006 & 5006

This course will compare the health care needs and public health services in various countries. Physical, relational, social and environmental determinants of health will be investigated. Health disparities among vulnerable populations, as well as advocacy efforts on their behalf, will be studied. Emerging infectious diseases will be identified and intervention strategies explored. The role of prevention in health promotion will be emphasized. Guest lecturers, field trips to public health organizations and museums, and tours related to the history of public health in London will enhance this study abroad experience.

Sociology – British Culture and Society

Six semester hours, SOCL 4883 & 4893

This course will take a comparative institutional approach to understanding British culture and society. That is, we will be comparing social institutions in Britain (e.g. government, marriage/families, media, religion, sport, etc.) with our knowledge and understanding of those institutions in the U.S. Other topics to be examined comparatively are sexuality, gender, immigration, deviance/criminality, and even the culture of food. As learning sociologists, we will investigate a new land using our “sociological imagination” to understand those social phenomena which are normally difficult to uncover due to their “everyday” nature. Our modes of investigation will include first-hand experience, class reading and discussion, expert lectures, and field trips.

