

In the English Landscape

A Summer Study Abroad Course in British History with Horticulture and Landscape Architecture
May 12 - June 5, 2008 ~~~~~ Three weeks living and learning in London and Corsham, United Kingdom

About This Course:

This three credit, four-week course (nearly three weeks in England) seeks to familiarize students with ways that human culture and natural environments intersect to create landscapes. As far back as the historical record reaches, human beings have tried to alter and control their environments to make them more "beautiful," more "orderly," more impressive of the power of the gardeners, or more reflective of the glory of their creator-gods. Environmental factors, such as climate, topography, and available flora and fauna, have always guided the labors of landscape designers and horticulturists; at the same time human aspirations of power, class, and ambition usually drove their employers. Natural science and human culture came together in history, as people strove to display their prowess, "improve" their surroundings, or express their appreciation for the universe of living things. These are the intersections we will explore in this course.

Participation Policy:

Registration is open to all Purdue University students who are in good academic standing. Students representing a wide diversity of disciplines enriches the course for all. To join the class, simply complete an application form (available from an instructor or room 26 Agricultural Administration Building [AGAD]) and submit your course fee deposit.

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What's Included:

- Ground transportation via motor coach and/or London Underground
- Budget class accommodations in London & Corsham (all rooms will be double or triple occupancy)
- Breakfast every day, some dinners and lunches
- Admission to all gardens, sites and events
- Hotel, coach, and group meal gratuities
- Lectures, handouts, group discussions
- Travel, health and accident insurance

Fees for included items (approximate):

- Program fee, \$3200
- University Study Abroad Fee & Insurance, \$300

What's Not Included:

- Airfare (approx. \$700). Speaker Travel, West Lafayette, will coordinate arrangements for the course. You may fly with the instructors, or make your own arrangements.
- Personal items (i.e. a passport is approx. \$100).
- Some lunches, dinners and other incidental expenses (approx. \$500).
- Optional activities (i.e. London theater)

HIST, HORT, LA 450 is a 3 credit course offered by:
Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture
Department of History
and

International Programs in Agriculture

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Itinerary:

WEEK 1

M - May 12 Lectures (at Purdue)
T - May 13 Lectures (at Purdue)
W - May 14 Lectures (at Purdue)
Th - May 15 Lectures (at Purdue)
F - May 16 Lectures (at Purdue)
Sa - May 17 Free day
Su - May 18 Free day



WEEK 2

M - May 19 Travel to Chicago, fly to London overnight
T - May 20 Arrive London: walking tour through Old City, Tower, etc.
W - May 21 Hampton Court Palace
Th - May 22 Sissinghurst Castle Garden
F - May 23 Instructional tours: 1) London landscape, 2) National Gallery, 3) royal parks
Sa - May 24 RHS Chelsea Flower Show, London
Su - May 25 Royal Botanic Garden, Kew

WEEK 3

M - May 26 Free day, London
T - May 27 Travel to Corsham, lecture, discussion
W - May 28 Stonehenge, Stourhead
Th - May 29 Hatfield House
F - May 30 East Lambrook, Tintinhull, Montacute
Sa - May 31 Westbury Court, Hidcote Manor Garden
Su - June 01 Hestercombe Garden, Corsham Court

WEEK 4

M - June 02 Free day (Bath)
T - June 03 Royal Horticulture Society Garden at Wisley
W - June 04 Discussion, Final Exam
Th - June 05 Depart for home or further travel



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Reservations:

Reservations can be made by completing an application form and submitting it with a fee deposit to room 26 AGAD, Agricultural Administration Building. Reservations are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

Payment Schedule:

A \$300 deposit is required to reserve space in the class. Deposits will be accepted on a first come/first served basis until February 10, 2008, or until the course reaches its enrollment limit of 25. The final fee balance will be due in full in early May, 2008, as established by the University for Summer Session courses.

Refund Policy:

A waiting list will be maintained once the course has reached the enrollment limit of 25 participants. Although fee deposits are generally nonrefundable, a refund MAY be issued IF a wait list replacement is available to take your spot.

Required Reading:

Hibbert, Christopher. 1992. The Story of England. Phaidon Press, London.



Accommodations:

Holiday Inn Regent's Park Hotel, London

Located in central London, this hotel is within walking distance of many of London's key attractions including Regent's Park, London Zoo, Madame Tussaud's, West End theatres, London Eye and Buckingham Palace. Highspeed internet access / air conditioned rooms.

Methuen Arms Hotel, Corsham

Located away from the tourist crowds, but just minutes from Bath, the Methuen Arms provides authentic village atmosphere with a classic "Brownian" English landscape just steps from the back door!