

In the English Landscape

A Summer Study Abroad Course in British History with Horticulture and Landscape Architecture
May 17 - June 11, 2010 ~ Three and one-half weeks living and learning in London, Manchester, and Corsham, United Kingdom

About This Course:

This three credit, four-week course (three and one-half 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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HIST, HORT, LA 450 is a 3 credit course offered by:
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What's Included:

- Ground transportation via motor coach and London Underground
- Budget class accommodations in London, Manchester & Corsham (all rooms will be double or triple occupancy)
- Breakfast every day, many dinners and a few lunches
- Admission to 16 gardens, sites and events
- Coach and group meal gratuities
- Lectures, handouts, group discussions
- Travel, health and accident insurance

Fees for included items (approximate):

- Program fee, \$3400 (estimated)
- University Study Abroad Fee & Insurance, approx. \$270

What's Not Included:

- Airfare (approx. \$900). Group travel arrangements for the course will be available.
- You may fly with the instructors and the group, or make your own arrangements.
- Personal items (ie. a passport is approx. \$100).
- Some lunches, dinners and other incidental expenses (approx. \$700).
- Optional activities (ie. London theater, Tower of London, free day sightseeing)

Itinerary:

(*Meals Provided B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

Monday, May 17 - Class meets all day in West Lafayette. *(none)*
Tuesday, May 18 - Class meets all day in West Lafayette. *(none)*
Wednesday, May 19 - Class meets all day in West Lafayette. *(none)*
Thursday, May 20 - Travel to Chicago by Purdue coach, then fly overnight to London, Heathrow. *(D on plane)*
Friday, May 21 - Morning arrival in London, travel via Underground to Russell Square. An afternoon visit to the Tower of London is followed by free time. *(B on plane)*
Saturday, May 22 - FREE DAY for sightseeing in London *(B)*
Sunday, May 23 - A day trip out of London takes us to Sissinghurst Castle Garden in Kent. Created between the world wars by author Vita Sackville-West and her husband Sir Harold Nicholson, Sissinghurst boasts 10 unique garden rooms within the castle remnants, including Vita's famous white garden, old fashioned roses, herb garden, and Harold's "hot" cottage garden. *(B,D)*
Monday, May 24 - Ride the train to Hampton Court. There, we'll explore Henry VIII's palace with its illustrious royal history and many gardens (Privy, Crowfoot, Great Fountain, The Maze). *(B)*
Tuesday, May 25 - A day of museum and gallery exploration followed by a last bit of free time for London sites. *(B)*
Wednesday, May 26 - We depart London for Manchester. On the way we'll study Rousham, William Kent's exquisitely preserved garden masterpiece just north of Oxford. Once we've settled at the Britannia Hotel, your evening in Manchester is free time. *(B)*



Thursday, May 27 - Immersing ourselves in the Industrial Revolution that led to the Public Park Movement, we'll experience the Quarry Bank Mill and Styal Estate. Feel and hear the oppression of the working class in the 19th century. Then, we'll walk along Manchester's industrial canals to study the rebirth of derelict factory buildings as residential and commercial rehabs. Our walk will take us to Phillips Park, the world's first public park created for the working classes. *(B)*
Friday, May 28 - It's on to Corsham, but first we'll see the best preserved Tudor era building in the UK, and we'll experience Biddulph Grange, an eccentric Victorian garden with an international flare. Later we'll arrive at the Methuen Arms Hotel in Corsham, our home for the remainder of the course. *(B,D)*
Saturday, May 29 - One of the world's greatest horticultural events, the Chelsea Flower Show in London is our day's destination. *(B)*

Sunday, May 30 - Class discussion time in the morning. An afternoon hike on a country footpath will take us to Lacock, a properous wool-trade village dating from the 13th century. Lacock Abbey was converted to a manor house at the Dissolution of the Monasteries under Henry VIII. *(B,D)*
Monday, May 31 - Corsham Court, with its wonderful art collection and a "Capability" Brown (and Reptonian) landscape beckons just outside our hotel door. Experience idyllic "English Landscape" up close, with the sheep. *(B,D)*
Tuesday, June 1 - We'll stop briefly at Stonehenge on our way to Salisbury and its famous cathedral. The afternoon will be spent at Stourhead as we immerse ourselves in the landscape garden that defines the "Arcadian Landscape" style. *(B,D)*
Wednesday, June 2 - We'll study the cottage garden style of Margery Fish at East Lambrook Manor. Later, Tintinhull, an exquisite, small manor garden and Montacute, a grand Elizabethan house round out our day. *(B,D)*
Thursday, June 3 - We'll travel to Buckinghamshire, to Stowe Landscape Garden, with its 40 classical structures and extensive landscape grounds. Later, Oxford provides us a brief return to "life in a college town." *(B,L)*
Friday, June 4 - FREE DAY to visit Bath, or R&R and laundry in Corsham. *(B)*
Saturday, June 5 - The Dutch-style water garden at Westbury Court is our morning destination. Then, we'll study the famous Arts and Crafts style garden rooms created by Major Lawrence Johnston at Hidcote Manor in the Cotswold Hills. *(B,D)*
Sunday, June 6 - We'll explore the plant collections, millenium glasshouse and garden designs at the Royal Horticultural Society's spectacular garden at Wisley. *(B,D)*
Monday, June 7 - Class day and R&R in Corsham. *(B,D)*
Tuesday, June 8 - Our final study destination is Hestercombe. With elements of several style periods, Hestercombe's Great Plat is a masterpiece of collaboration between Gertrude Jekyll and Sir Edwin Lutyens. *(B,D)*
Wednesday, June 9 - Class time in the morning. Final examination in the afternoon. Pack in the evening.
Thursday, June 10 - Depart Corsham for Heathrow, then on to O'Hare Int'l., Chicago & West Lafayette. *(B,L on plane)*



Reservations:

Reservations can be made by completing an application form and submitting it to room 26 AGAD, Agricultural Administration Building. Reservations are accepted on a first come/first served basis. Once the program fee is established, the deposit fee is due to hold your reservation.

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 mid-February, 2010, or until the course reaches its enrollment limit of 25. The final fee balance will be due in full in early May, 2010, 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:

Royal National Hotel, London

Located in Russell Square, near services and just a few blocks from the British Museum. Quick access to the London Underground provides connection to all of London.

Britannia Hotel, Manchester

The Britannia Hotel building is a formerly famous textile warehouse from the great Victorian-era industrial days of Manchester.

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!