

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - SPRING 2022

COLGATE IN LONDON (HISTORY)

**Director:**

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Tentative Program Dates:

January 18 - May 11, 2022

Learn about the 2021-22 Colgate Study Groups and Talk With the Faculty Directors at the Study Group Fair on Wednesday, October 7th, 2020, 4:00–5:00:

<https://www.colgate.edu/academics/off-campus-study/campus-opportunities/virtual-study-group-fair>

For more information about the program:

Please contact Prof. Karn at akarn@colgate.edu

Information Sessions will be held on:

Thursday, October 8 at 12:00pm - <https://colgate.zoom.us/j/93000868144>
and

Tuesday, October 13 at 8:00pm - <https://colgate.zoom.us/j/93551505727>

Colgate University's

London History Study Group gives students the opportunity to pursue original historical research and to immerse themselves in the cultural resources of one of the world's great cities. Drawing upon the rich archival collections available in London and the surrounding region, students will complete independent research projects under the supervision of the Study Group Director, Professor Alexander Karn, and will produce a research essay (thesis), which makes a genuine contribution to historical knowledge.

Because of the diversity of source materials available in London, students can explore research topics that span the globe. In past years, students have used archives and libraries to do research, not just in British history, but also in the history of the United States, Africa, South Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East. LHSG students also have the opportunity to pursue different sub-disciplines and fields of historical study, e.g., cultural history, gender history, intellectual history, social history, etc.



Besides their individual research projects, students will take a 400-level seminar with Professor Karn on Modern European Cultural and Intellectual History. This course will focus on history and memory, two powerful, though not always congruent, ways of knowing the past, and special attention will be given to the ways that history and memory have informed large-group (e.g., national) identities and the ways these two modes of knowledge have sometimes come into conflict. The seminar will include study units on imperialism, the Atlantic slave trade, World Wars One and Two, and the Holocaust. Study group participants will also earn Core Global Engagements credit.

The LHSG will include a multi-day excursion to Europe to see key sites associated with WWI and WWII, there will also be 2-3 shorter trips within the UK. London is also an excellent base for independent travel, both within and beyond Britain.

Courses taken on this study group satisfy the Core Global Engagements requirement.

Courses in London:

HIST 249Y: History of the City of London

This is a lecture course taught by Dr. Katy Layton-Jones, an expert on the social, cultural, and architectural history of the city. Weekly walking tours led by Dr. Layton-Jones will take students outside the classroom to explore the city's varied past.

HIST 484: Seminar in Modern European Intellectual and Cultural History

Led by Prof. Karn, this seminar probes the complex relationship between history and memory in a variety of European (and global) contexts. While memory is a powerful component of group identity, it also disrupts and remakes history in ways that are not always fully appreciated. How does memory shape public interpretation of the past? Can history and memory complement each other to bring new understanding to the past? Where different groups make competing claims about the past, whose memories prevail? Rich in archival sources and material collections and a crucial nexus for global histories, London is an ideal venue for students to interrogate and understand how key events of the modern era have been remembered, misremembered, commemorated, forgotten, and manipulated.

HIST 491: Independent Study

The study group director serves as mentor for each student's major research project. Using a combination of primary and secondary materials, each student will produce a 30 to 40-page paper. This paper often serves as the basis for an Honors or High Honors thesis in History. Prerequisites: History 199 (History Workshop) and History 300 (London Colloquium).

ENGL 332Y: Contemporary London Theater and Culture

A study of drama, both classic and modern, as represented by plays in production in London during Spring 2022. Students will see approximately 10 plays, focusing on theoretical and technical aspects of drama, as well as on what specific productions reveal about British culture or contemporary London.

Upon acceptance into the program, history majors must enroll in HIST 300: The London Colloquium in Fall 2021. Each student should also have taken HIST 199 (History Workshop), prior to departure. These courses provide an introduction to the skills needed for archival research.

Classroom Facilities:

The ACCENT London Study Center is located in the heart of Bloomsbury, on Bedford Square, a central London district rich in cultural heritage. The Center is near the University of London campus and is just a few blocks away from the British Museum, home to some six million objects covering the story of human culture and one of the most significant and cherished museums in the world.

Library and Research Facilities:

Colgate students can use the British Library at St. Pancras upon presenting appropriate credentials. Many LHSG students will work at the British National Archives at Kew; the study group director will help students secure the necessary credentials for this and will provide an orientation to the NA's many resources. For certain research topics, access to some of London's other archives and libraries may be desirable. In the past, LHSG students have worked at the Imperial War Museum, the Feminist Library, the Courtauld Institute, the National Maritime Museum, the Churchill Archives Centre, the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, the British Museum, and many others.

Student Living Arrangements:

Housing in London is more costly than in Hamilton, but Colgate has made arrangements with an agency in London to provide students with fully furnished apartments, within walking distance to classrooms and central London. Students will be responsible for their own meals.

Passports and Visas:

You must confirm that your passport is valid through December 2022. All students participating on the Spring 2022 London History Study Group will be required to obtain a U.K. student visa. With participation on this study group comes the responsibility of understanding and complying with U.K. visa requirements. If you will not be traveling on a U.S. passport it is imperative that you contact an adviser in Off-Campus Study and International Student Services, 101 McGregor, to learn as much as you can about the visa requirements. For some students there are significant requirements to be met that take time, advance planning, and incur costs.

Calendar and Deadline:

The study group application will open on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, and will close on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. All applications are on the Colgate University Off-Campus Study website and are submitted online at offcampusstudy.colgate.edu. Only finalists in the selection process will be interviewed. Interviews will be arranged by e-mail in November/December, and admissions decisions will take place December/January.