

# OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - FALL 2021

## COLGATE IN MANCHESTER

**Director:**

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**Tentative Program Dates:**

September 1 to December 20,  
2021

**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. Fuller at [rfuller@colgate.edu](mailto:rfuller@colgate.edu)

**Information Sessions will be held on:**

Thursday, October 8 at 5:15pm - <https://colgate.zoom.us/j/94162887668>  
and

Thursday, October 22 at 5:00pm - <https://colgate.zoom.us/j/97738142893>

## Colgate University's

Manchester Study Group takes students to Manchester, England, the second largest metropolis in Britain. Participants will live in the city, and will enroll in three courses of their choosing at the University of Manchester. They will also take 'Darwin's Dangerous Idea', with Prof. Randy Fuller. This course is designed to appeal to any student interested in understanding the impact of Darwin's ideas on Victorian society and how they continue to influence modern society. The study group also features overnight trips to north Wales and London as well as day trips to the east coast to collect fossils and other areas around Manchester. Students from any major are welcome.

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



Today Manchester is a vibrant center of music, theater, media production, art, and sport. In becoming this attractive, dynamic city, it has reinvented itself, and not for the first time. In the span of a few decades in the 1800s, Manchester grew from a small provincial town to an industrial powerhouse that produced the vast majority of the world's cotton goods. The astonishing growth of 'Cottonopolis' brought great riches to a few and appalling poverty to many. Friedrich Engels and Karl Marx witnessed the misery of the working class during long sojourns in the city, and their observations stimulated their critique of capitalism.

Workers in Manchester developed a high degree of political consciousness. The city was a hotbed of radical politics through the nineteen and early twentieth centuries, and it nurtured reforms including women's suffrage and the trade union movement.

After the Second World War, Manchester's industrial base collapsed, leaving mass unemployment and abandoned factories and warehouses. In recent decades, Manchester has transformed itself again, into a center for media, commerce, and (as fans of English Premier League Football know) sports.



The BBC and other television networks have major production centers there, and it is the home of two top soccer clubs, Manchester City and Manchester United. It offers a rich array of cultural institutions, including art museums, a lively theater scene, and the renowned Hallé Orchestra.

Manchester is convenient to areas of great scenic beauty, including the Peak District National Park and the Lake District. It has excellent rail connections to cities throughout Britain, and direct flights to destinations throughout Europe and beyond.

Students are expected to enroll in three electives at the University of Manchester in addition to the Director's Course.

### **Director's Course: 'Darwin's Dangerous Idea':**

Charles Darwin's *The Origin of Species* precipitated a scientific and philosophical revolution that continues to reverberate in contemporary society. This course will be a vehicle for exploring the extent to which Darwin's theory of natural selection reflected and transformed the scientific, social, political, and artistic fabric of Britain in the Victorian age (1830s-1900). An appreciation for Victorian society will reveal how Darwin's travels, scientific activities, domestic life, fragile health, and delayed publication (~20 years) of his evolutionary theory were shaped by the culture of the time. Examining the intense reactions to Darwin's ideas will show how his theory influenced ideas well beyond biology to a broad range of disciplines, including sociopolitical movements (democracy, feminism, Marxism, etc.); religious debates that continue to garner political attention today through creationist organizations; analysis of issues related to race, gender, ethics, and evolutionary psychology; and connections between science, literature, and other forms of artistic expression. The course is designed to appeal to any student who wants to better understand the theory of evolution, its origins, and its impacts that extend well beyond the sciences. The course satisfies the Global Engagements requirement for Colgate's Core Curriculum.

### **Study Group Excursions**

In early September, before classes begin at the University of Manchester, we will travel together for approximately five days. We will start by exploring the city of Manchester and some of the unique features that made it the hub of the Industrial Revolution. We will spend two days in north Wales visiting mines and museums related to raw materials and their transport to the textile mills that made Manchester such a thriving industrial center. We also will spend 3 days in London visiting museums, Westminster Abbey (where Darwin is buried) and Darwin's home in southeast London. We also will have several day trips outside of Manchester, including to the

east coast village of Whitby to collect fossils – something Darwin often did during his tour on the H.M.S. Beagle.

### **The University of Manchester**

The University of Manchester is one of the top-ranked institutions of higher education in the United Kingdom. It has over 40,000 students, of whom 28,000 are undergraduates. It has rich offerings in all areas of the curriculum. You will be enrolled as full-time students at the university, and will have access to its full range of student activities and support services. You can join sports clubs, music or theater groups, special interest clubs, social clubs – you name it.

### **Living Arrangements**

You will live in a single room in a larger suite in one of the university's residential buildings on the City, Fallowfield, or Victoria Park campuses. All residential buildings are a short walk or bus ride to the main campus and have easy access to grocery stores and inexpensive restaurants along the "Curry Mile." While limited meals plans are available, most students choose the "self-catered" housing option and are responsible for their own meals.

### **Prerequisites**

Applicants must have taken at least two UNST CORE courses, and have above a 3.0 GPA (University of Manchester requirement as a study abroad student).

### **Passports and Visas**

You must confirm that your passport is valid through June 2022. All students participating on the Fall Manchester 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 McGregory, 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](http://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 late December/early January.