

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - SPRING 2023

COLGATE IN LONDON (HISTORY)

**Director:**

Alan Cooper, Department of History

Tentative Program Dates:

January 22 - May 11, 2023

Learn about the 2022-23 Colgate Study Groups and Talk With Faculty Directors at the Study Group Fair at the Hall of Presidents on Wednesday, October 6th, 2021, 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. Cooper at acooper@colgate.edu

Information Sessions will be held on:

Tuesday, October 19 at 4:15pm in the 3rd Floor History Lounge and
Tuesday, October 26 at 11:30am in the 3rd Floor History Lounge

Colgate University's

London History Study Group allows students to do original historical research while enjoying the cultural resources of one of the world's greatest cities. Drawing upon the extraordinarily rich archival materials available in London and the surrounding region, students conduct research projects directed by the Study Group Director, Prof. Alan Cooper, and produce a paper capable of making a genuine contribution to historical knowledge.

Because of the wealth of sources available in London, students' research topics can range across the globe. In past years, students have used different 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.

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



Upon acceptance into the program, history majors must enroll in HIST 300: The London Colloquium in Fall 2022 (Global Engagement credit pending). Each student should also have taken HIST 299: History Workshop, prior to departure. These courses provide an introduction to the skills needed for archival research.

Students will take a course on the History of London that is split between classroom lectures and walking tours of the city; we also attend many plays as part of a course on London's vibrant theatre culture.

The study group has two overnight excursions: one to Belgium to see the battlefields and monuments of the First World War, a war that shaped Europe's modern culture; and a second to England's West Country to see countryside, castles, and beaches in order better to understand the variety of English landscapes. There will also be several day excursions, and, of course, London is an excellent base for independent travel, both within and beyond Britain.

Courses in London:

HIST 482: Seminar in British History: Studying the Past, Questioning History

This seminar, led by Prof. Cooper, will be interwoven with students' independent research projects and will seek to challenge assumptions of historical inquiry, methods, and presentation.

HIST 491: Independent Study

The director serves as mentor for each student's major research project. Using a combination of primary and secondary materials, the students 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 299 and History 300.

HIST 249Y: History of the City of London

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.

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 2023. Students will see 10-12 plays, focusing on theoretical and technical aspects of drama, as well as on what specific productions reveal about British culture or contemporary London. The course is taught by playwright Michael Punter, who brings actors, directors, and writers into class discussion.

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 2023. All students participating on the Spring 2023 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 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 6, 2021, and will close on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. 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.