

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - FALL 2022

COLGATE IN MANCHESTER

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Tentative Program Dates:

September 1 to December 20, 2022

Learn about the 2022-23 Colgate Study Groups and talk with the Faculty Directors at the Study Group Fair at the Hall of Presidents on

Wednesday, October 6th, 2021, 4:00–5:00:

www.colgate.edu/academics/off-campus-study/campus-opportunities/virtual-study-group-fair

For more information about the program:

Please contact Prof. Shiner at rshiner@colgate.edu

Information Sessions will be held on:

Friday, October 15 at 1pm in 328 Olin Hall and

Monday, October 18 at 4:30pm in 328 Olin Hall

Colgate University's

Manchester Study Group spends the fall semester at the University of Manchester, in the heart of the city. You'll take **PSYC 300: Resilience in the Face of Adversity and Suffering** with Prof. Shiner from the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. Your other three classes will be taken at the University of Manchester in the topics of your choice, and you'll be living with U of M students in campus housing. **ALL MAJORS ARE WELCOME.**

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



Manchester isn't one of those cities full of castles and ancient ruins. It was built on the industrial revolution, the cotton industry, and the Transatlantic slave trade. Consequently, it has a very different vibe from London or Paris. If London is tea and crumpets, Manchester is meat pie and Jaffa cakes. It is the cultural center of the North – energetic, with great arts offerings and well known for its food scene. Manchester is so hot that the BBC moved their production studios there in 2015.

Manchester is also the birthplace of a number of England's most famous bands. The Smiths, Joy Division/New World Order, Oasis, the Buzzcocks – all Manc bands, and the city is very proud of this heritage. There's a vibrant theater scene as well, and everyone on the study group will get a student membership to HOME, the film/theater/music/restaurant complex downtown.

The city is well connected for trips around Great Britain; nearly all cities are within three hours by train. Manchester is also England's second air hub, so getting to Europe is easy. It is extremely convenient to the Peak District National Park, for great hiking and seeing the English countryside.



About the U of M

The University of Manchester is a top-tier university, ranked 8th in the United Kingdom. It has 40,000 students (28,000 undergrads and 12,000 grad students), so it is an opportunity to experience a different kind of university. More students apply to Manchester than to any other university in the UK, although 85% of them are turned down. According to one droll wit, Manchester students are mainly “edgy kids, football lads, Love Island hopefuls, true Northerners, and far too many student DJs.”

Prerequisites

Applicants must have taken PSYC 150, and have above a 3.0 GPA (University of Manchester requirement as a study abroad student).

About PSYC 300SO: Resilience in the Face of Adversity and Suffering

The pandemic has served as a potent reminder of both the suffering inherent in human existence and the remarkable human capacity for coping with and growing from challenge. In this course, we will draw from research in clinical, personality, and developmental psychology to explore the processes through which people survive and even thrive despite stress and hardship. Together we will examine topics like stress and coping; post-traumatic growth; resilience in young people facing risk; personality differences affecting our experience of adversity; and the search for authenticity, love, and meaning in an uncertain world. We will complement the strong focus on empirical psychological research by addressing perspectives drawn from religion and philosophy.

A Note for Majors and Minors in Psychological Science

PSYC 300SO: Resilience in the Face of Adversity and Suffering will count toward the major in Psychological Science. Psychological Science majors will also be able to count one of their University of Manchester psychology courses toward the major.

Living Arrangements

You'll be housed with other U of M students (most likely in a suite of singles with shared living space and kitchen), and living as any other student – taking classes, getting involved in clubs and/or sports, and using all university facilities like everybody else.

Excursions

We will take two major excursions. First, we will travel to the Isle of Man, an interesting place where trams are still horse-drawn and which serves as a tax haven for British millionaires. Second, we will visit London, where, among other things, we will visit the Freud Museum and the Bethlem Museum of the Mind, which is housed on the site of the first UK institution to care for people with mental illness. Shorter excursions may include Liverpool, the Peak District, Wales, and walking tours of Manchester.

Passports and Visas

You must confirm that your passport is valid through June 2023. All U.S. students participating on the Fall Manchester Study Group are responsible for understanding and complying with U.K. legal 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 late December/early January.