

INST 2500-501: UVA in England - International Residential Colleges



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Overview: This unique education abroad experience is offered to UVA International Residential College students. We will visit the University of Oxford, the oldest university in the English-speaking world, where teaching began in 1096. Oxford's impressive residential college system originated as medieval 'halls of residence' in the 13th century. Students will learn about the history of Oxford's residential colleges and experience student life there today. We will consider what structures and programs might be integrated into UVA's residential college culture. In London students will study urban culture through visits to museums, monuments, theater and cultural sites while learning to navigate a dynamic global city.

Learning Objectives: By the end of the course, the goal is for all students to be able to:

- compare the residential college system and campus designs of the University of Oxford and UVA
- appreciate the history, art, architecture, drama and urban landscape of Oxford and London, England
- navigate public transportation and walking in Oxford and London

Learning Evaluation: Successful completion of this credit/no credit course is dependent on:

- 1. Attendance + Participation:** Attend and actively participate in 6 pre-departure class meetings and all travel activities. Demonstrate kindness, collegiality and patience during our travels. Complete both ISO and regular UVA course evaluations. Attend a post-travel meeting to discuss insights gained about residential colleges.
- 2. Readings:** Complete all reading assignments posted on Collab.
- 3. Research Presentation:** Prepare a class presentation on one of the cultural sites that we will visit during our travels. Be the *class expert* during our visit to your site.
- 4. Travel Journal:** Keep an online or paper journal during our travels. Details will follow during our first class. The final journal must be submitted by March 23.

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UVA in England - International Residential Colleges [draft schedule]

	Class Meetings on-grounds
Jan 27 m	program overview, goals, logistics, expectations
Feb 3 m	student's point of view - discussion with past student participants
Feb 10 m	ISO pre-departure session
Feb 17 m	student presentations
Feb 24 m	student presentations
Mar 2 m	student presentations, final logistics
	Travel Itinerary
Mar 7 sa	bus UVA-IAD, depart IAD-LHR flight
Mar 8 su	arrive LHR, coach to Oxford, hotel check in, lunch, break Ashmolean Museum, dinner
Mar 9 m	breakfast at hotel Bodleian Libraries: Duke Humfrey's Library, Divinity School, Radcliffe Camera lunch Christ Church College + Cathedral, choral evensong, dinner
Mar 10 tu	breakfast at hotel + check out free time + lunch Magdalen College, University Museum of Natural History coach to London, hotel check in, dinner
Mar 11 w	Tower of London lunch Tower Bridge free time, dinner
Mar 12 th	St Paul's Cathedral and London city area lunch walk across Millennial Bridge to Tate Modern and South Bank or free time dinner and theater performance
Mar 13 f	free day!
Mar 14 sa	Westminster Abbey lunch Trafalgar Square, National Gallery, St. Martin's in the Field or free time farewell dinner
Mar 15 su	depart LHR-IAD flight, bus IAD-UVA
	Final Reflection + Discussion
Mar 25 m	meet with Hereford travelers for Residential Colleges wrap up + reflection