

LONDON

Pestilence, Plague, and the Fountain of Youth

Dr. Maggie Gill, assistant professor of psychology

NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 7, 2018



Itinerary:

Fall 2018: Pre-departure sessions (TBA)

Monday, November 26: Travel to London

Tuesday, November 27: Arrival in London, optional afternoon adventure to Covent Garden

Wednesday, November 28: Visits to Museum of London; Bethlem Royal Hospital, Museum of the Mind, Tales of Plague Tour

Thursday, November 29: Visits to Westminster Abbey, Old Operating Theatre and Herb Garret; Victorian Surgery Demonstration; The Bodysnatchers Haunts, Jack the Ripper walk

Friday, November 30: Travel to Cambridge; Whipple Museum of the History of Science

Saturday, December 1: Travel to Bath; visit Roman Baths Museum and Royal Mineral Water Hospital

Sunday December 2: Freud Museum, tour of Mad, Bad and Sad, Florence Nightingale Museum, Cholera and Casanova: John Snow walk

Monday, December 3: Travel to Canterbury to meet with students and attend the Canterbury Tales

Tuesday, December 4: Excursion to Kent, visit to Down House, the home of Charles Darwin; Hever Castle and Gardens; return to London

Wednesday, December 5: Free day

Thursday, December 6: Science Museum, including "Who Am I," "Science and the Art of Medicine," "Health Matters," and Watson and Crick's DNA molecule exhibits; Wellcome Collection

Friday, December 7: Return to Chicago



The Course (GLS 260-D2: Study Abroad in London)

This course will explore the biological underpinnings of life and death in 17th early 20th century England. We will begin our trip in London by being transported back to the mid-19th century and focus on the health conditions of the time, probing the factors that led to the centuries long bubonic plague outbreaks, and how these conditions continued to cause disease and death through the mid 19th century. We will follow this up with tours around London describing the plague, learning about plague pits, and how anatomical specimens were obtained for medical education throughout the 19th century. Contrasting the cleanliness and disease of the 17th through 20th centuries we will take four day trips during the course of our stay in London, the first to Bath, England. While in Bath we will explore the traditional Roman baths, said to have healing powers, and the "science" behind these claims. We will also explore the conditions in these baths, and why they eventually led to disease and illness within the city of Bath. For our second day trip, we will travel to Kent to tour Charles Darwin's home, and using his theory of natural selection, first postulated in his book "The Origins of Species," discuss survival of species, including what factors are needed for survival. The third trip will take us to Cambridge where we will tour Cambridge University, and see how the advent of the microscope in the 17th century dramatically changed science at the Whipple Museum. The fourth trip will take us to Canterbury England where we will meet with fellow NCC students to contrast life and the healthcare system in England and the US. The second part of our time in London will focus on medical reform, and how this impacted life and death starting in the 19th Century through today. Finally, we will discuss how changes to healthcare covered throughout the course has enriched the scientific field, and contributed to healthcare reform since the 17th century

Enrollment Instructions

To enroll in GLS 260-D2, Study Abroad in London, students are required to:

- Attend the information session and sign in.
- Meet with the faculty leader(s) and submit a statement of purpose
- Confer with their academic advisors
- Complete a green "Add a Course/Instructor Consent" form and have it signed by the appropriate faculty leader.
- Bring the consent form to the Office of International Programs, Abe House, 48 E. Jefferson Ave., and fill out a brief application.
- Pay \$400 nonrefundable airfare deposit by April 20, 2018.

Registration Procedure

The Office of International Programs will enroll each student as each deposit is received. After April 20, students will be placed on a waiting list and notified if spaces become available. Students with the highest number of credits earned at the College will be given first priority. Final registration will appear in the student's Merlin account.

Contact Information

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Initial Deposit due April 20, 2018

Scholarships: Deadline March 9, 2018

A limited number of scholarships (up to \$1,000) will be awarded to selected sophomores, juniors and seniors with 3.0 or better GPA and demonstrable financial need. Applications are available in the the Center for Global Education and must be submitted by March 9, 2018.

Statement of Conditions

1. Estimated cost and minimum number of participants:

\$3,500-3,700 based on a minimum of 15 registered students. The course will not be offered for fewer than 10 students. The price includes:

- Airfare: estimated \$1,000-1,100
- Program fee, including land expenses and some meals: estimated \$2,400-2,600

2. Accommodation and meals:

Twin accommodations, breakfast and one dinner included.

3. Payment schedule:

- \$400 nonrefundable airfare deposit due April 20, 2018.
- Balance of the airfare due no later than September 15, 2018, according to payment schedule determined by the faculty leaders; most deposits will be due during the summer.
- \$500 nonrefundable program fee deposit due October 13, 2018.
- Program fee balance is billed to the student's account in late November as part of the invoice for winter term 2019.
- In addition to these airfare and program fees, tuition for this course will be billed as part of each student's winter 2019 invoice.

4. Cancellation and refund policy:

- Refund schedules for airfares depend on individual airlines; faculty leaders will inform all participants of the relevant deadlines and policies.
- If the student participant drops the course before November 1, 2018, 50 percent of the remaining balance of the program fee will be refunded.
- If the student participant drops the course after November 1, 2018, 100 percent of the program fee is forfeited.

5. Exclusions:

The following items are NOT included in the fees listed above:

- Meals other than those included in the itinerary
- Optional entertainment and excursions
- Excess baggage charges
- Personal items, including telephone calls, laundry fees, room service
- Departure taxes (except U.S.)
- Passport fees

6. Other matters:

- Proof of a valid passport is due May 9, 2018: EITHER a color copy of the photo ID and signature pages of a passport valid through June 20, 2018, OR a receipt from applying for your passport.
- All North Central College students are covered under a secondary insurance policy (EIIA) and will be given emergency information and telephone contacts by the lead professor.
- Every student participant is required to abide by College policies as outlined in the North Central College Student Handbook and by the rules listed on the course syllabus. If, in the judgment of a faculty member leading the course, a student has violated the course rules or College policy as stated in the Student Handbook, the student may be sent home at his or her own expense. In such circumstances, a student's parents may also be notified and additional disciplinary action may be taken by the College upon a student's return to the United States.
- All courses include required pre-departure sessions on campus and at least one follow-up session in January 2019 upon return.
- Final course assignments are due as specified on each course syllabus but no later than week 4 of winter term 2019.