

# Summer Travel Course

May 30-June 16, 2015

## Honors Program-Sponsored International Study Opportunity!

(open to all EC students on a competitive basis)

### ENG 360H City as Text :LONDON-OXFORD

Begin with several days in London, exploring the Tower, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, The Globe Theatre and more! Then explore one of the most interesting, historic cities in Western Europe. Stay right in the heart of old Oxford at the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies; walk the halls of the world famous Oxford University; go punting on the Thames; re-live the sites of the Harry Potter novels; investigate centuries-old "town-gown" relations of Oxford; eat jacket potatoes in world famous pubs; get lost in the endlessly fascinating Blackwell's bookstore and on and on. The trip also includes day trips to Bath and Stratford-Upon-Avon and a theatre performance in Stratford.

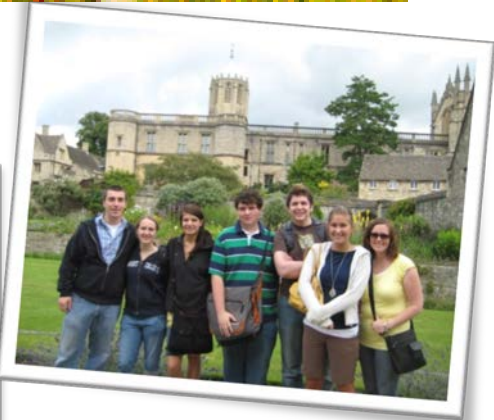
Course instructors include CMRS faculty and EC English professors, Dr. Ted Lerud and Dr. Mary Kay Mulvaney, Director of the Honors Program. (See *summer itinerary on the reverse side*.)

The course earns 1.0 Honors Program credit and carries EXP and G tag credits. (Open to non-HP members by instructor permission.) Course participants must attend two preparatory class sessions in late April and early May. Dates TBA.

\*Note: **City-as-Text**® methodology is based largely upon the work of cultural anthropologist, Clifford Geertz, and the work of learning theorist David A. Kolb, author of *Experiential Learning: Experience as a Source of Learning and Development*, who was informed by Dewey and Piaget. Kolb posits a model of learning as a circular process moving from "concrete experience" to "observation and reflection" to "formation of abstract concepts and generalizations" to "testing implications of concepts in new situations and then repeating the cycle."



Trip estimate: **\$4490** travel costs includes: airfare, accommodations, theatre performances, "tube" pass, site admissions, daily breakfast, and some dinners (plus **\$750** summer tuition fee)



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Partial scholarship funds may be available on a competitive basis.

## Tentative Agenda and Est. Costs      Oxford: City-as-Text, May 30-June 16, 2015

DATE	LOCATION/ACTIVITIES
5/30 Sat.	Leave O'Hare Airport
5/31 Sun	Arrive in London; Settle into hotel; Tour of Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace; begin learning log (to be kept daily)
6/1 Mon	Tour of Tower of London; Tour Covent Garden; Group session focused on initial impressions of foreign travel, British culture, London
6/2 Tues	St. Paul's Cathedral— Christopher Wren and ties to Oxford; Tour Globe Theatre, South Bank, Tate Modern; Globe Theatre performance
6/3 Wed.	Tour Theatre District, National Gallery, etc.; British Museum (pm)
6/4 Thurs	Travel to Oxford; get settled at CMRS – orientation by CMRS staff. Lecture "Introduction to Oxford" and walkabout in City Centre Dr. Bernard Gowers, CMRS Senior Tutor.
6/5 Fri	Oxford: a.m. — Lecture: CMRS faculty, Dr. Mark Philpott on "Reading the City"; p. m. — Tour Museum of Oxford; Group session focused on "initial impressions of Oxford"; evening - team presentation of literary work (Lit. Group #1);
6/6 Sat	Oxford: a.m. — Faculty example of site research and presentation -- St. Frideswide p.m. — Site research. Student teams research significant Oxford figures including , Shelley, Oscar Wilde, Tolkien, etc. preparing for small group onsite presentations
6/7 Sun	Oxford: a.m. — church services (optional— free time for explorations such as Oxford Museums: Ashmolean, Pitts-River; Oxford Castle p.m. – site research, on Oxford figures (cont.) evening - Preparation for trip to Bath, Roman, 18 <sup>th</sup> cent. Britain; evening preparation for Bath excursion
6/8 Mon	Train excursion to Bath: tour Roman Baths, 18 <sup>th</sup> Cent. Assembly Rooms; Jane Austen Centre p.m. — teams locate one connection to Oxford figure or literary work
6/9 Tues	Oxford: a.m. – Lecture: CMRS faculty, Bernard Gowers, "Oxford: Town and Gown"; tour of Christ Church College, cathedral; <b>p.m.</b> - Exploration of the Bodleian Library; additional site research time; reflections/de-briefing session; evening- small group presentation of literary work --(Lit. Group #2)
6/10 Wed	Oxford: a.m. -- Lecture by CMRS faculty, [Dr. Paul Monod?? Topic tba]; p.m. Student group #1 onsite lecture of researched figure (Figure Group #1); evening-- Session, Dr. Lerud, "Shakespearean Theater";discussion of 6/11
6/11 Thurs	Train excursion to Stratford-Upon-Avon; Tour Shakespeare's birthplace, burial site, Anne Hathaway's home; attend scheduled play at the Courtyard Theatre
6/12 Fri	Oxford: a.m.--Tour of Oxford University Press, home of <i>OED</i> ; lecture on "Evolution of Language Usage"; p.m. Student group #2 onsite lecture of researched figure (Figure Group #2); Evening -- Small group presentation of literary work (Lit. Group #3)
6/13 Sat	a.m. — Cowley Road area and beyond — diverse area of immigrant population; Dr. Mulvaney Lecture on "Intercultural Evolution in Oxford"; p.m. — Student group #3 onsite lecture of researched figure (Figure Group #3);evening – free time
6/14 Sun	Oxford: a.m. — Church services (optional); final field excursion (optional)
6/15 Mon	Oxford: a.m. final chance to explore – scavenger hunt p.m. — [Scavenger hunt?? Final dinner/get-together with CMRS hosts?]; group session, debriefing, impressions of Oxford/Stratford; preparation for journey home
6/16 Tues	Depart Oxford for London-Heathrow for Chicago; completion of learning log on plane
6/23	<i>Integrative Essay Due — submit by email</i>

### \*\*Costs included:

- Airfare – Chicago O'Hare Airport to London Heathrow Airport and transportation to and from the airport in London to hotel and to Oxford; 3-day tube pass in London
- Four night accommodations in London hotel; fourteen night accommodations including Internet access at the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies in Oxford
- Transportation to and from Bath and Stratford-Upon-Avon and admission to Shakespeare Trust sites
- Theatre tickets in London and Stratford-Upon-Avon
- Course content led by two Elmhurst College professors and 1.0 credit for ENG 360H (only \$750 tuition)
- Lectures by the British faculty of the CMRS on appropriate topics
- Specially-guided tours: Westminster Abbey, Tower of London, Stratford-Upon-Avon sites, Christ Church, Bodleian Library, Oxford University Press, numerous Oxford University Colleges, Oxford museums
- Daily breakfast; a few restaurant group dinners; food allowance for some CMRS meals