ICISP STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Study Abroad in Canterbury, England

Fall Semester:
September 15, 2018 – December 14, 2018

Spring Semester:
January 19, 2019 – April 13, 2019
Dates subject to slight change.

Program Summary

The Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs (ICISP) is pleased to provide a semester-long study abroad program to Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) in Canterbury, England. The program is available in the fall and spring semesters.

Canterbury, a UNESCO World Heritage City, is one of the oldest cities in England, famous for its Cathedral and the martyrdom of Saint Thomas `a Becket. It is home to two universities including Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU). CCCU has a modern campus set among the picturesque ruins of Augustine Abbey. It is home for about 12,000 students.

Learn more about CCCU at https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/ and about the city of Canterbury at http://www.canterbury.co.uk/ . London is about an hour away and is easily accessible by both train and bus.

Admission Requirements

This program is open to serious students who have a strong interest in immersing themselves in English culture and heritage. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older as of the program start date. The minimum age requirement is strictly upheld.

All applicants are required to complete an application form. To be considered for admission, students must meet the following minimum admissions requirements:

- completion of at least 12 hours of college-level coursework;
- completion of Freshman English Composition or its equivalent with a B or better;
- a cumulative college earned grade point average of 2.75/4.0 or higher; and
- approval and recommendation of their campus ICISP representative.

Successful completion of the application process is required for admission to the program. If a participant has special needs, the program will attempt to make reasonable accommodations within the capacity available at CCCU. Disability

accommodations will vary according to need and what can reasonably be provided by a foreign institution. It may be difficult for those with severe physical disabilities to travel to and within the United Kingdom.

Academics

Students in this program will enroll as full time students at CCCU, earning 12 semester credits. Two classes, Modern Britain and British History provides students with an introduction to the history, culture, and people of Britain. These courses includes field trips and a forum for inquiry into the country they reside in for the academic term.

The remaining course options are similar to those students take at their home college, courses such as Introduction to Film, World Religions, and Shakespeare. Attention has been paid to identify courses that will help students fulfill general education requirements for their degrees. ICISP representatives have a list of courses offered at CCCU each term.

Cultural Excursions

The foundation of the program is the various cultural excursions included as part of the Modern Britain course. Typical trips include visits to Canterbury Cathedral and Rochester Castle, London, including the Globe Theater, the British Museum, Big Ben and Westminster Abbey, Windsor Castle, Oxford, Bath and Stonehenge. The cost of transportation and entry fees for all cultural excursions are included in the program cost.

Optional excursions to Scotland, Amsterdam and Paris can be arranged for additional fee as well.

Housing and Meals

The cost of housing is included in the program fee. Students will stay with a host family, with at most a 45 minute walk to the main campus. Students will have a private bedroom, shared bath, and use of the kitchen. Internet access will be provided free of charge.

Breakfast is included in the program fee.
A cafeteria serving three meals a day Monday through Friday is located on the main campus. Food is also available at the Student Union and at other small kiosks located around campus. Students have the right to use the kitchen at their

home stay if they prefer to prepare their own meals. A nice selection of grocery stores and eating establishments are located within walking distance of campus.
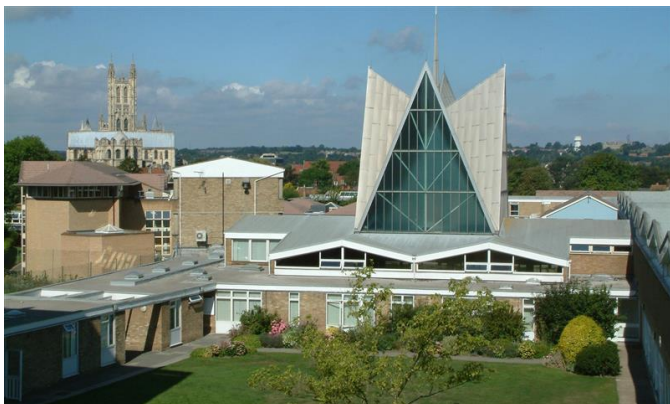
Faculty Liaison

Most terms a faculty member from an ICISP member institution will be on-site in Canterbury to serve as a faculty liaison to students, the CCCU faculty and administration, and ICISP. While this individual will be a support for students, s/he will also provide service to CCCU as a visiting professor or in another mutually agreed upon capacity.

Pre-Departure Orientation

Participation in a pre-trip orientation is mandatory. The orientation will be held at Heartland Community College in Normal, IL, approximately six to eight weeks prior to departure. Details will be sent upon acceptance. CCCU provides an in-country orientation as well.

Passport and Visa

Students will need to acquire or have a current passport before departure. Applicants should allow at least eight weeks for standard passport processing. An application and information can be acquired at your local post office or at travel.state.gov. Passports must be valid for six months after the program ends. A visa is not required for this program.

Fees and Payment

The cost to participate in this program for the 2018-2019 academic year is $9,200. A $500 deposit, taken off the total program cost, is due with the completed application form and subject to the cancellation and refund policy as outlined in the application.

Please submit all payments to the ICISP representative at the applicant's home institution. Final payments must be made to the home institution prior to the orientation date. Payments must be made on schedule or the student risks being dropped from the program.

The application deadline is April 27 for the fall term, and September 28 for the spring term.

Applications must be received at the ICISP office by this date. However, the program will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so prospective applicants are encouraged to apply early.

For more information, contact your ICISP representative: