



Canterbury, England

Program Dates

Fall Semester (13 weeks):
September 16, 2023 – December 16, 2023

Spring Semester (15 weeks):
January 20, 2024 – May 4, 2024

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 à 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 18,000 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 one hour away and is easily accessible by both train and bus.
- France is less than two hours away and is accessible by train and boat.

Admission Requirements

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

- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older as of the program start date. The minimum age requirement is strictly upheld.
- 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 2.5/4.0 or higher; and
- approval and recommendation of their campus ICISP representative.

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, Paris and Rome can be arranged for additional fee as well.



Housing and Meals

The cost of housing is included in the program fee as described in the Fees and Payment section below.

For **homestays**, students will have a private bedroom, shared bath, and internet access. Breakfast is also included this program fee, but students will also have the right to use the kitchen at their home stay if they prefer to prepare their own meals.

Dormitory options are also available for additional cost, but do not include any meals. Dorms are provided with single rooms and shared kitchens for meal preparation. [See link for more info.](#)

A cafeteria serving three meals a day Monday through Friday is located on the main campus. 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.

Payment and Processes

The cost to participate in this program for the 2023-2024 academic year are as follows:

- [University Houses Dorm](#) = \$9,370
- Homestay = \$9,875

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.

The application deadline is **May 15** for the fall term, and **October 15** for the spring term.

Upon acceptance to the program, students will be provided an online form from CCCU.

For more information, contact your ICISP representative:

TEACHING WEEK	WEDNESDAY LECTURE	WEDNESDAY SEMINAR	FRIDAY TRIP
20 September 2022 - Welcome Lunch			
1 September 28	Introduction	Getting to Know You	No trip
2 Oct 3-7	Mmmmmmm..... Canterbury!	Miracles and Pilgrims	St Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury Cathedral and Franciscan Gardens
3 Oct 10-14	A Constantly Changing Metropolis of Immigration	Exploring Jewish immigration	East London walking tour and Museum of the Home
4 Oct 17-21	Dover Castle Rejuvenation and Makeover	Interim report assessment	Dover, Deal and Walmer Castles
5 Oct 24-28	Reading week		
6 Oct 31-Nov 4	Bodiam Castle: Sex on a Plate	Using sources and referencing seminar	Bodiam and Sissinghurst
7 Nov 7-11	Amazing Brave New World	Early Modern Monsters	Globe Theatre and Golden Hinde
8 Nov 14-18	The Mysteries of Stonchenge	Stonehenge Speed- dating!	Stonehenge, Avebury (?) and Bath
9 Nov 21-25	Inventing Time	Altered Histories: Creating a Museum exhibits	Greenwich museums (and Eltham Palace)
10 Nov 28-Dec 2	Kentish Celebrities	Celebrity debate	Rochester castle, Cathedral, Guildhall Museum
11 Dec 5-9	Writing History Essays: A beginner's guide	Specific Essays Workshops	No trip