July 6 to August 5, 2018 London, England

Are you tired of the same old summer courses? Tired of being stuck where you are? Do you want to take a summer course that is both intellectually stimulating and exciting, and allows you to experience a foreign culture? Do you want to spend four weeks in London? Are you looking for the experience of a lifetime?

If you answered yes to any of those questions, then come to London for The Appeal of Harry Potter. This course examines the phenomenal popularity and appeal of the Harry Potter novels to readers of all ages. We will read and discuss in-depth all of the novels, paying special attention to JK Rowling’s use of symbolism and imagery.

Assignments include detailed quizzes over each novel, short reaction papers to each field trip, and a NEWT final exam. Students are required to participate in class discussions and to attend all classes and field trips.

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**Field Trips**

In addition to reading and discussing each of the Harry Potter novels, we will take field trips to locations used in the Harry Potter films and the Warner Brothers Studio Tour: The Making of Harry Potter. Among the sites we may visit are The Bodleian Library and Christ Church College in Oxford, Gloucester Cathedral, Lacock Abbey, and Alnwick Castle. Our first field trip will be a lengthy walking tour of London sites used in the films (Diagon Alley, the Leaky Cauldron, Gringotts, etc), finishing up at King’s Cross Station.
When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford.”

Samuel Johnson

Program Costs

The program base price is $4,632, plus $799-$1,049 for round-trip transportation from designated departure cities. The program costs provide participants with health insurance, airport transfers, an 8-day BritRail pass for travel within Britain, unlimited travel on the London Underground (Zones 1-2) and bus system (Zones 1-6), en-suite accommodations, and a limited meal card for use at the Waterloo Campus dining venues. Tuition (not included in the program costs) is determined by the student’s home institution. Participants should plan to bring a minimum of $1100 for other meals, entrance fees, additional transportation costs, and personal spending. A $250 deposit is due by the application deadline of February 23, 2018, and a first payment of $1850 to cover transportation and accommodation deposits is due by March 30, 2018. The final payment of $2782 plus the group airfare cost is due by April 20, 2018.

For More Information about The Appeal of Harry Potter course, contact Dr. Ted Sherman or the CCSA office at the addresses below.

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