



NIU at Oxford, Oriel College

TOPICS:

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES,
ENGLISH AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE

JUNE 27 – JULY 30, 2010



Aerial view of Oriel College, Oxford

This will be the *41st annual* summer program offered by Northern Illinois University and Oriel College featuring courses on the undergraduate and graduate levels that are designed to take advantage of the unique resources of the British setting, including the Oxford libraries, theaters of London and Stratford-upon-Avon, and selected cultural, historical and scientific field trip sites. Faculty live and dine in the same halls as students so that formal class meetings can be supplemented by individual tutorials and informal conversations. Enrollment in all courses is deliberately kept low in order to permit maximum interaction between students and faculty.

PROGRAM DATES

Sunday, June 27 - Friday, July 30, 2010.

ORIEL COLLEGE

The program will take place in Oriel College, founded in 1326 and considered to be one of the most beautiful of the 34 colleges that make-up Oxford University. Oxford is less than 60 miles from London and Stratford-upon-Avon, with frequent and inexpensive bus service to both cities. Cambridge, Canterbury, and other places with literary and historical connections are within 100 miles, and there is virtually no place in Britain or, indeed, Europe that cannot be visited on a weekend trip.



Entrance to Porter's Lodge

INSTRUCTION

The courses will be taught by NIU faculty with Dr. L. G. Black, a Fellow of Oriel College, providing lectures for the Shakespeare courses.

PROGRAM AUDIENCE

Although this is an academic program, it has been designed with a variety of audiences in mind. Non-traditional students (i.e., professionals, individuals with an interest in this subject matter, etc.) as well as currently enrolled students are encouraged to participate in this program. All participants will receive academic credit, and students who are not currently enrolled in an academic program at NIU will be enrolled as visiting students (at the undergraduate level) or Students-at-Large (at the graduate level).



Common Room - Oriel College



Oriel College Library

ACADEMIC CREDIT

Each subject is offered on four levels--general undergraduate, undergraduate major, graduate, and advanced graduate--with reading lists and assignments appropriate to each course level. Students should register for the course number appropriate for their situation or needs. All courses carry 3 semester hours of credit, with the exception of BIOS 305 and BIOS 411/511 which carry 4 semester hours of credit. Students may register for one or two courses. Exceptions regarding the number of courses allowed must be reviewed and approved by Professor Holbrook, College Coordinator.

CLASS SCHEDULES

Classes will meet at hours to be announced (typically, two 2-hour sessions a week for undergraduates with additional conferences for graduate students) Mondays through Thursdays, leaving three-day weekends for study or travel.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Students will reside in modernized single rooms in a 12th century college building, with baths and toilets shared between each pair of rooms. Breakfast will be served daily and dinner will be served each Sunday through Wednesday in the 17th-century Hall. Students will be responsible for the purchase of all lunches, as well as dinners on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Students will have access to the College Library and other Oxford libraries. The college has a laundry room, and dry cleaning is available nearby.



Oriel College dining hall

FIELD TRIPS

The program cost includes one trip to Stratford-upon-Avon with tickets to a Royal Shakespeare Company performance, and other trips to sites of academic interest, to be announced. Optional trips, at the students' expense, will also be offered, and students will be encouraged to travel on their own.

Dr. Gabriel Holbrook (Biological Sciences, NIU) serves as the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Coordinator for the Program. He has a primary research interest in plant physiology and has published numerous research articles on photosynthesis by plants, algae, and bacteria.



EXPLORATION OF PLANT SCIENCE

These courses will be taught by Professor Holbrook of NIU. BIOS 101 is an introductory plant biology course suitable for students majoring in subjects other than biological sciences. All courses take advantage of the University of Oxford Botanic Gardens, which are a short distance from Oriel College. BIOS 305 will explore the basic anatomy, morphology and physiology of plants. These will be related to an evolutionary sequence, considering the selective advantage of structures and functions unique to each group of plants in adapting to their habitats. In BIOS 411/511, which can be taken for undergraduate or graduate credit, detailed attention will be given to the physical and chemical aspects of the “inner workings” of terrestrial and aquatic plants. The courses may also feature guest lectures on selected topics by members of the Oxford University Plant Science Department. Related field trips may include visits to the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, to the marine environments of the southwest coast of England.

BIOS 101 Plant Products and Human Affairs

3 semester hours - UG

Description: Includes basic botany and the geographic origins of economically important plants which produce products used by various peoples worldwide. Emphasis on plant products having an influence on societies (cereal crops, medicines, drugs, etc.) Not open for credit toward the major in biological sciences.

BIOS 305 Biology of Land Plants

4 semester hours - UG

Description: Land plants studied in an evolutionary sequence. Basic anatomy, morphology, and physiology. Emphasis on the probable selective advantage of structures unique to each group of plants.

Prerequisites: BIOS 205T, *Organismal Diversity*, BIOS 207, *Organismal Diversity Laboratory*, BIOS 209T, *Fundamentals of Biology II*, and BIOS 211, *Fundamentals of Biology I Laboratory*.*

BIOS 411/511 Plant Physiology

4 semester hours - UG or GR

Description: Physical and chemical aspects of the functions of higher plants.

Prerequisite: BIOS 205T, *Organismal Diversity*, BIOS 207, *Organismal Diversity Laboratory*, BIOS 209T, *Fundamentals of Biology II*, and BIOS 211, *Fundamentals of Biology I Laboratory*.*

BIOS 493A Topics in Biology: Physiology

3 semester hours - UG

Description: Lectures, discussions, and reports on topics of special interest in a particular field of biology. Topics may be selected in one or more fields of biology to a total of 6 semester hours toward any one degree.

Prerequisite: Consent of department.*

BIOS 616 Plant Metabolism

3 semester hours - GR

Description: Biochemical and physiological aspects of metabolism in plants, including interpretation of current scientific literature.

Prerequisite: Two years of chemistry or consent of department.*

*Biological Science course prerequisite requirements should be discussed with Professor Holbrook. After consultation with Professor Holbrook and approval of the department chair (see Course Preference Form), some or all prerequisites may be waived.



Dr. L. G. Black (English, D. Phil. Oxford University) is a Fellow of Oriel College. His special research interests are Shakespeare and the English Renaissance. He is the Editor of *Notes & Queries* (founded 1849). Dr. Black has overall responsibility for the subject of English in the College, and teaches the main period papers after 1500.

Dr. William Johnson (English, NIU), is a Distinguished Teaching Professor who offers classes in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature. His numerous interests include Elizabethan England, Herbert, Milton, Bunyan, and Reformation and Continental Renaissance literature.



SHAKESPEARE

For students of English literature, the name of Shakespeare will head any list of major authors. And what better place to study this writer—both as the author of texts and of scripts—than in England? Our goal in the summer 2010 Shakespeare classes will be to explore the range of literary, cultural, historical and textual contexts that inform Shakespeare’s plays. We’ll do this by reading, and then seeing, selected plays, taking advantage of the rich theatrical interpretations available in performances in Stratford-on-Avon, London, and Oxford. We’ll focus our attention on the tension between passion and reason, the individual and the community, and the ways in which those tensions defined and helped to refine Shakespeare’s England. The plays will be selected on the basis of what actually is being performed and available to us for viewing; thus the students will have the opportunity to experience the plays they are studying. Individual programs of study will be set in consultation with individual students, depending on the course levels selected.

ENGL 315 Shakespeare **3 semester hours - UG**

Description: Representative plays. Intended to prepare the general student to read and view the plays independently. Not available for credit in the major.

ENGL 407 Shakespeare **3 semester hours - UG**

Description: Representative comedies, tragedies, and historical plays. Attention given to Shakespeare’s growth as a literary artist and to the factors which contributed to that development; his work evaluated in terms of its significance for modern times.

ENGL 641 Shakespeare **3 semester hours - GR**

Description: Survey of representative comedies, histories, and tragedies, with special attention to Shakespeare’s development as a playwright.

ENGL 741 Seminar: Shakespeare **3 semester hours - GR**

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 semester hours when topic varies.

Dr. Betty Birner (English, NIU) teaches courses in Linguistics. She has published many articles in professional journals and has interests in the areas of discourse, pragmatics, functions of syntactic constructions, reference, semantics/pragmatics interface, and cognitive science.



**STUDY LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS AT OXFORD
AN INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS THROUGH A
COMPARISON OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN ENGLISH**

Given the shared linguistic heritage of England and America, Oxford provides an ideal location for the study of the English language. We will investigate the structure and use of language with a particular focus on British and American English, examining their similarities and differences as well as their shared history. England has a wide range of regional and social dialects, offering the potential for empirical fieldwork in language variation. The chance to visit Stonehenge, see Shakespeare’s plays performed at Stratford and the Globe Theater, and examine the Rosetta Stone at the British Museum will all help to bring new excitement to the study of language history and variation.

ENGL 318 Language and Linguistics **3 semester hours - UG**

Description: Introduction to the study of human language. A survey covering language structure and use, language acquisition, writing systems, language history, language variation, and language endangerment and preservation.

ENGL 432 Topics in General Linguistics **3 semester hours - UG**

Description: Selected topics in linguistics. The topic for summer 2010 is British and American discourse. A survey of linguistic meaning, with emphasis on comparative discourse in British and American English. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 semester hours when topic varies.

ENGL 614 Introduction to Linguistics **3 semester hours - GR**

Description: Graduate-level introduction to the study of human language and linguistics, focusing on formal aspects of language structure and use, as well as acquisition, writing systems, language endangerment, and language variation and change.

ENGL 714 Seminar: English Linguistics **3 semester hours - GR**

Description: Advanced seminar in linguistics, focusing specifically on structure and variation in British and American discourse, with emphasis on variation within specific discourse genres. Genres to be considered may include conversational discourse, media discourse, political discourse, computer-mediated discourse, and/or legal discourse, depending on student interest. May be repeated to a maximum of 9 semester hours when topic varies.

Dr. Daniel Kempton (Political Science, NIU) teaches courses in international relations, Russian politics, African politics, and terrorism. He has authored two books and many articles and book chapters. He has been a Fulbright Fellow to Rhodes University, South Africa, and a Pew Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. His current research interests include Russian federalism, the international diamond trade, the satellite launch industry and international cooperation on terrorism.



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND GLOBAL TERRORISM	
<p>Students in the class will be introduced to basic theories and models of international relations, including realism, liberal idealism, bureaucratic politics, perceptual theory, and feminist theory. The course will then turn to the practical problem of international terrorism. Emphasis will be given to terrorism in Northern Ireland and the British response, as well as domestically driven Islamic radicalism in the UK. Terrorism is at least as old as recorded history and likely older. While the essential nature of terrorism and its basic objectives have not changed for millennia, the effectiveness of terrorism and its frequency have both increased dramatically. Courses will address controversial questions including: is one man's terrorist another man's freedom fighter; what causes terrorism; will fighting back make terrorism worse; and can terrorists be appeased?</p>	
POLS 285 Introduction to International Relations*	3 semester hours – UG
<p>Description: Theories, models and concepts commonly used to explain international relations with an emphasis on the use of these constructs to analyze contemporary international problems and issues.</p>	
POLS 386 Global Terrorism*	3 semester hours - UG
<p>Description: Examines competing answers to basic questions about terrorism including: what is terrorism; why is terrorism increasing; and what can be done to decrease the incidences and destructiveness of terrorism.</p>	
POLS 494 Senior Seminar in Political Science*	3 semester hours - UG
<p>Description: Advanced seminar in the general problems of political science related to such concepts as power, elites, interest groups, aggregation analysis, political culture and socialization, the nature of the nation-state system, and methods of survey research. Prerequisite: Senior standing and consent of department.</p>	
POLS 495 Seminar in Current Problems*	3 semester hours - UG
<p>Description: Contemporary issues and policies in government and politics. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 semester hours. Prerequisite: At least junior standing.</p>	
POLS 498 Seminar Abroad*	3 semester hours - UG
<p>Description: A foreign study course to be arranged with the department.</p>	

POLS 680 Theories of International Relations	3 semester hours - GR
Description: Seminar surveying the major theories and methods used in contemporary international relations. Consideration of the nature of international relations and provides a broad sampling of systemic and subsystemic approaches.	
POLS 686 Seminar in International Relations: Global Terrorism	3 semester hours - GR
Description: Seminar surveying the major theories and explanations for modern terrorism. Consideration will also be given to the question of what can be done to lessen terrorism and its affects.	

*Political Science course prerequisite and corequisite requirements should be discussed with Professor Ward. After consultation with Professor Ward and his approval as department chair (see Course Preference Form), some or all prerequisites may be waived.

TRANSPORTATION

Transatlantic transportation is **not** included in the program cost, and students will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Airfare information can be found on the Internet.



Travel insurance is recommended. Bus connection from London's airports to Oxford is cheap and easy. In addition, a program representative will be at Heathrow Airport on Sunday, June 27, 2010, to greet students and guide them to the buses.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The program is open to individuals who have an interest in the areas of Biology, English, and Political Science. Currently enrolled students must meet NIU Office of Admissions, Graduate School and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GPA requirements. Students on academic probation during the semester prior to the program are not eligible for participation in this program. **Applicants must participate in the entire length of the program and satisfy NIU undergraduate or graduate admission and course requirements.**

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURES

For undergraduate students to be admitted to the program, an applicant's official transcript must be on file in the NIU Study Abroad Office (SAO). Students who are currently enrolled at NIU, or who have previously enrolled at NIU, do not need to request an official transcript - the SAO will make this request on behalf of the applicant. Students who want to participate in the program and earn academic credit from NIU who have **not** previously enrolled at NIU, or who are not **currently** enrolled at NIU, should ask the registrar at their home institution to forward an official transcript as soon as possible to the SAO. (Student-issued transcripts and photocopies are not acceptable.)



Students who desire to obtain graduate credit must either be admitted to a graduate program within the NIU Graduate School, or be admitted to the status of a "student-at-large" (SAL) within NIU's Graduate School. For students to be admitted to the program for graduate credit, the applicant's official transcript must be on file in the NIU SAO. Students who are currently

enrolled at NIU, or who have previously enrolled at NIU, do not need to request an official transcript. However, students who will participate in the program in order to earn academic credit as an SAL (students who have not currently enrolled nor previously enrolled at NIU) must provide a transcript from the baccalaureate institution and from any institution at which graduate credit has been earned. This document must be provided to the SAO before a student can be admitted as an SAL to the program. (Student-issued transcripts and photocopies are not acceptable.)

ENCUMBRANCES

Students cannot have any encumbrances against their NIU records. Any encumbrances placed on a student's records by NIU: i.e., the Graduate School, Undergraduate Admissions, Bursar's Office, Accounts Receivable, Registration and Records, Health Services, Parking Services, etc., must be cleared before a student is granted admission to a study abroad program.

APPLICATION FORMS

Applicants must submit the following at the time of application:

1. Application for NIU Administered Study Abroad Programs (attached)
2. Student Application Agreement (attached)
3. Course Preference Form (attached)
4. One passport size photo for International Student ID Card
5. A clear and readable copy of the first page of your passport
6. \$200 deposit

\$200 DEPOSIT

Each application is to be accompanied by a \$200 check or money order (made payable to NIU) and the \$200 will be applied to the program cost. **Applications that are not accompanied by the \$200 deposit will be returned to the sender.** *(This \$200 is also required of individuals who will be applying for financial aid.)*



FINAL DATE FOR APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM: APRIL 30, 2010

It should be noted that space in this program is limited, so early application is recommended.

Qualified applicants will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis.

PROGRAM COST: \$5,770. This includes:

- 1) Housing, breakfast seven days a week, and dinner Sunday through Wednesday in the College Dining Hall
- 2) Use of an Oriel College Common Room and the College Library
- 3) Two program-related field trips
- 4) International Student Identity Card (ISIC)
- 5) NIU tuition for 3-9 semester hours of undergraduate or graduate credit
- 6) NIU major medical insurance

Final date for submitting full program cost: **APRIL 30, 2010.**

All prices quoted are subject to change. The information contained in the program documents and forms is presented in good faith and is believed to be correct as of the date presented. Northern Illinois University reserves the right to amend, modify, revise, or delete any information appearing in these documents, including but not limited to the cost of the program.

Non-NIU students should consult with their home institutions regarding additional costs that may apply to study abroad. Non-NIU students are responsible for any study abroad charges imposed by their home institution.

ADDITIONAL COSTS TO PARTICIPANTS

- Cost of acquiring an American passport (approximately \$115 including two passport pictures)
- Roundtrip airfare between the U.S. and London
- Transportation from Heathrow or Gatwick Airports to Oxford
- Meals not provided as part of the NIU program package
- \$30 Undergraduate application (**Non-NIU** undergraduate students only)
- Textbooks
- Theatre tickets (beyond one field trip to Stratford)
- Purchases of a personal nature
- Independent travel

PASSPORTS

All participants are expected to possess a passport in order to participate in this seminar. *Important Note: U.S. passports must be valid SIX months beyond the intended stay overseas.* Individuals who do not currently possess a valid passport should apply for one immediately.

Information on acquiring a passport is available at the U.S. State Department's Website: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html. U.S. passport holders do not need special visas for this seminar. Foreign passport holders may need special visas for travel in England **and are responsible for obtaining all necessary visas.**



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ID CARD (ISIC)

The ISIC card is provided as part of the program cost. The ISIC card can, among other things, provide discounts on bus passes and rail passes for excursions in England and international airfare. Students will receive an application and instructions for obtaining this card when accepted into the program.



The International Student Identity Card also includes a limited health and accident insurance policy which is only valid outside the U.S. Students will have to pay bills at the time of treatment and will be reimbursed later.

FINANCIAL AID

As a participant in a study abroad program through NIU, you may be eligible for: Pell Grant, SEOG, Perkins Loan, PLUS Loan, Subsidized or Unsubsidized Stafford



Loan, MAP Award or your privately awarded scholarship with consent of awarding organization. Tuition waivers do not apply.

Please contact Pamela Rosenberg, the International Programs business manager, in Williston Hall 408, (815) 753-9530, prosenberg@niu.edu for more information.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROGRAM

Applicants withdrawing from the program after April 30, 2010 will not be refunded the \$200 program deposit.

Applicants withdrawing from the program after this date will also be held accountable for any funds obligated to overseas vendors and agents on the applicant's behalf. This provision is in effect even if the applicant has not submitted the \$200 deposit or additional payments, and if the applicant is applying for financial aid.

If the applicant must withdraw after April 30, 2010 for medical reasons, funds obligated on their behalf to overseas vendors can only be refunded if:

- 1) The request is submitted to the Study Abroad Office in writing and accompanied by a signed statement stating that travel is not advised from a physician on the physician's letterhead; **and**
- 2) NIU is able to obtain refunds from overseas vendors and agents.

CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM

The NIU Study Abroad Office and Oriel College reserve the right to cancel this program if the minimum required enrollment is not attained. If, prior to the commencement of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for the U.K., all applicants will be notified promptly of the warning and the possibility of cancellation of the program. In the event that the program is canceled by the Study Abroad Office or Oriel College, students shall receive a full refund of all monies. If, during the course of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for the U.K., students will be promptly notified of the warning and the advisability of canceling the program.

**Northern Illinois University and Oriel College reserve the right to
alter or cancel this program as may be deemed necessary!**

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