

IWU London Program

Prof. R. Given Harper
2016 London Director

Illinois Wesleyan University is pleased to announce that Dr. Given Harper, the George C. and Ella Beach Lewis Endowed Chair of Biology and director of the IWU Environmental Studies program, will direct the 2016 IWU London Program. Prof. Harper has led short-term study abroad programs in Costa Rica and is eager to spend a semester immersed in British culture with IWU students.

In London, Prof. Harper will offer a course on Climate Change, which will combine the in-class study of the subject with field visits to London parks, museums, research centers, and trips to field study areas in other part of the UK.

A skilled teacher, Prof. Harper was selected the 2015 Student Senate Professor of the Year. His research interests are centered on various aspects of avian ecology and wildlife toxicology.



Join us in London! Illinois Wesleyan University established its London Program to provide students with a chance to study abroad in the first semester of the sophomore year while earning credit toward four General Education requirements. The IWU London Program offers you a close connection to an IWU faculty member, who acts as the program director, and to a cohort of IWU students while you pursue the General Education goals of independence, critical thinking, imagination, social awareness, and sensitivity to others. Specifically, a semester abroad will prepare you for responsible citizenship and leadership in a global economy.



London, the City

London is one of the world's greatest cities. With a history that spans centuries, London offers students the opportunity to visit Roman ruins, medieval religious structures, a reconstruction of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Winston Churchill's Cabinet War Rooms, and modern institutions of finance and government. The city also boasts world-class educational and cultural institutions, art galleries, museums, and theatres, all of which offer students exceptional opportunities for academic and cultural enrichment. Whether strolling through Hyde Park, exploring Brick Lane's multicultural history, wandering the galleries of the British Museum, or shopping at the famous Portobello Road Market, you will find the sights and sounds of the city as exciting on your last night as on your first.

You will find yourself in a bustling and vibrant city where every street scene, every street name, seems to come with a history attached to it, with hours of pleasure to be had just poking down backstreets and finding your own favorite corners.

Despite its busy streets, London is also one of the world's greener cities, with more open spaces than you might expect. Some of them are well-kept, tame city-centre parks, while others are wild expanses of heath and woodland where you can roam for hours through landscapes that inspired the likes of John Keats, Charles Dickens, and Virginia Woolf.

London's rich cultural heritage offers great diversity: Asian, Afro-Caribbean, Indian, Irish, Middle Eastern, and many other cultures have left an indelible mark on the city and resonate in the voices and music that you hear everywhere. The IWU faculty invites you to be a part of this unforgettable place and to learn all that you can from it.

Academic Program

London offers a number of distinctive opportunities for students to enhance their intellectual lives and to become more aware of the greater international community.

Like students on the IWU campus, the 24 students participating in the London Program will enroll in four courses. Each London Program course will meet one of the requirements outlined in the seven General Education categories:

- Studies in the Arts
- Studies in Literature
- Studies in Analysis of Values
- Studies in Contemporary Social Institutions
- Studies in Cultural and Historical Change
- Studies in Intellectual Traditions
- Studies in the Natural Sciences (Issues)

All students will take the director's course. In 2016, Prof. Given Harper will teach "Global Climate Change: Causes, Impacts, & Solutions," which carries Life Science Issues general education credit and can, with approval, fulfill a biology requirement. In addition, students will choose three courses taught by British faculty. Courses that have been offered in the past include "The History of London" (Cultural and Historical Change), "Shakespeare & Others on the London Stage" (Literature), and "British Art History" (Arts).

Classes meet Monday–Thursday, generally for two hours twice a week. Some Fridays will also be used for out-of-class field studies, daytrips or weekend excursions to sites associated with the students' courses. Professors and students will be able to utilize London resources (for example, the National History Museum, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and the British Museum) as classrooms.

The London Program offers a structured curriculum, while also leaving room to explore the unique opportunities that England's intellectual and cultural resources have to offer. To enhance their learning experience, students will receive a guided tour of London as part of the three-day orientation and will travel outside the city on daytrips and several long weekends as a part of the program.

Academic highlights of the IWU London Program include the following:

- A predeparture orientation on campus
- 3 days of orientation in London
- 4 course units of credit toward your IWU degree
- Several course-related excursions outside of London

Housing

Students live in fully furnished apartments in central London. Apartments house up to 6 students each and offer convenient access to public transportation, banks, grocery stores, and other amenities. Students will be responsible for preparing their own meals and will receive a weekly meal stipend to help defray the costs. Classroom facilities are within easy travel distance using public transportation (students will receive travel cards good for all public transport within the city for the duration of the program).

Eligibility

Participation is open to IWU students of all schools and majors who are in good standing, have at least 4 units of credit toward graduation, and who have completed at least one semester of study on campus.

Costs

IWU tuition, room, and board + a program fee of approx. \$5600-\$5700 (price subject to change). Included in these costs are

- 4 IWU courses
- Apartment-style housing in central London
- Weekly food stipend
- Roundtrip airfare from Chicago O'Hare
- London Travel Card good for travel within the city for the duration of the program
- Predeparture orientation at IWU
- 3-day orientation in London
- An extended excursion outside of London in connection with the Director's course
- Transportation for all program excursions
- Entrance fees and tickets for all required program events
- Opening and closing banquets
- Use of a cell phone

Application & Deadline

Students may apply to the program regardless of their major. Applications are available in the International Office and are due **February 1**.

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