

Honors Capstone: Global Perspectives in London

**HNRS 4000
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COURSE OBJECTIVES

In the Honors College, we think in terms of liberal education rather than credits. A broad education at UNT will be the foundation for a lifetime of learning. There may be no more exciting and important part of your education than a study abroad experience that will change your life for years to come.

The Honors Capstone Seminar is designed to be the culmination of peak of your combined Honors classes. Gaining a global perspective will require us to study issues from several disciplines including history, literature, philosophy, politics, as well as our observations from our experiences in London and the surrounding area.

Your Capstone experience will require you to draw upon almost all of the classes you have taken thus far at UNT.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Honors courses emphasize development of analytical and evaluative skills through readings from primary sources, journal articles and other supplementary materials.
2. Honors courses encourage students to engage in high-level thinking and learning through activities such as intensive discussion; writing in small, collaborative learning settings; and intensive research papers and projects.
3. Honors courses promote independent thinking by making students accountable for important aspects of their learning.

4. Honors courses place material in a conceptual context that illustrates its importance and relationship to other knowledge.
5. Honors courses provide enhanced opportunities for students to develop research skills and produce independent, original research or creative products as part of the course requirements.
6. Honors courses include innovative approaches to course content and teaching so that honors courses can serve as campus-wide prototypes.

READINGS:

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- TBD by Shakespeare, The Pelican Shakespeare, Penguin Classics (2016) ISBN 978-0143128595
- On Liberty*, John Stewart Mill, Hackett Publishing Company, Inc.; 8th edition (April 1, 1978). ISBN 978-0915144433
- Nineteenth-Century Britain: A Very Short Introduction* by Christopher Harvie, Oxford University Press (2005). ISBN 978-0192853981
- The Tudors: A Very Short Introduction* by John Guy, Oxford University Press (2013). ISBN 978-0199674725
- The British Constitution: A very Short Introduction* by Martin Laughlin, Oxford University Press (2013). ISBN 978-0199697694
- Contemporary Politics and Society (Parliament, Immigration, Brexit)– Readings on Blackboard

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS: (due dates listed in final syllabus distributed prior to departure)

Research and Travel Journal: You will be expected to keep an active journal including class notes, as well as excursion observations and thoughts. This journal will serve as your research journal for both your response papers and your final paper.

GRADING:

Attendance and participation: active engagement with texts and colleagues to demonstrate lines of inquiry and thought **(10%)**

Weekly Journal response papers **(60%)**

4-6 page paper **(30%)** – probably due after we return.

ATTENDANCE:

Students are expected to attend **all** organized class times, group outings, and trips. The study abroad experience should be a time of independence and adventure, but an adventure enhanced by class activities that make your experience worthy of college credit.

A large portion of your grade for HNRS 4000 will be determined by active participation in course activities. These activities will be a vital part of gathering research for your written assignments as well.

OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS:

ADA Compliance: It is the policy of the Honors College and your instructor to comply fully with the Americans with Disabilities Act and to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Please present your written request for accommodation as soon as possible after the start of the semester. A student who is not registered with the ODA cannot be accommodated. Additionally, your accommodation begins after you register with ODA and provide your instructor with the appropriate paperwork. Requests for accommodation cannot be made retroactive.

Academic Integrity: The Honors College expects students to conduct their lives with integrity, including academic honesty. We adhere to a strict policy on cheating and plagiarism. The usual minimum penalty for cheating or plagiarism is failure in the course and notification to the appropriate university authorities, who may take additional action. In addition, you will be dismissed from the Honors College.

Intellectual Property: The information and materials provided by the instructor in the course remain our intellectual property and are not to be sold, posted on the Internet, or otherwise used or distributed, whether for profit or not.

Schedule Changes: We will try to adhere to the schedule provided, but it is important to note that changes may be necessary to meet unforeseen needs and events. The University Attorney has determined that a syllabus is not a contract.

The Code of Student Conduct and Discipline is in effect for your behavior as a member of this class and the UNT community. My personal expectation is that each Student will conduct himself/herself with regard for the rights of others. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in creating and maintaining an atmosphere of consideration, respect, and friendliness.

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Class schedule/assignments may change – be flexible. You will receive adequate notice

DATE	TOPIC
June 6-9	On campus instruction (5 hrs/day) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to UNT Study Abroad, London • Travel protocols, Safety Issues • History of London and Britain • Public Transit Orientation Field Trip
	<i>EXCURSIONS/TAPINGS/SHOWS/SPEAKERS WILL BE CONFIRMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.</i>
Monday June 11	Depart Dallas: Departs DFW: Arrives LHR: June 14 (Wednesday)
Tuesday, June 12	Arrive London: Go through Immigration/Customs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground Transportation TBD • London Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accent London Study Abroad Center ○ 12 Bedford Square ○ Bloomsbury, London WC1B, UK • Welcome Tea
Wednesday, June 13	Class Room Session Morning: 9:30-11:30 (usually done by provider) Conduct and Health-Safety Orientation Class Session: 1:30-5:00: London Walking Tour
Thursday June 14	Class Room Session – 9:00 to 10:45 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Britain (The Tudors) • In-Class Writing Assignment Break for Lunch: 11:30 – 1:00: Class Room Session: 1:00 to 5:00 Westminster Tour – with Guide Academic Engagement a) Westminster Tour will integrate class readings with excursion observations.
Friday, June 15	Class Room Session – 9:00 to 10:45 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Britain (Tudors) • In-Class Writing Assignment

	<p>Break for Lunch: 11:00 – 1:00: Class Room Session: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tower of London (with Dr. Major) <p>Academic Engagement: a) The Tower of London will integrate class readings with excursion observations.</p>
Saturday, June 16	<p>Class Room Session – 9:00 to 11:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Britain (Nineteenth Century Britain) • John Stuart Mill <i>On Liberty</i> • Response Paper Due (end of class) <p>Break for Lunch: 11:30 – 1:30:</p> <p>Class Room Session: 2:00-5:00 British Museum (with Dr. Major)</p>
Sunday, June 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAY TRIP TO HAMPTON COURT PALACE
Monday, June 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Day – Complete homework assignments
Tuesday, June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Day – Complete homework assignments
Wednesday, June 20	<p>Class Room Session - 9:00 to 11:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nineteenth Century Britain • John Stuart Mill <i>On Liberty</i> • In Class Writing Assignment <p>Break for Lunch: 12:30 – 1:30:</p> <p>Class Room Session: Free Afternoon</p>
Thursday, June 21	<p>Class Room Session – 9:00 to 1:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Briefing (Meet in Classroom) • Buckingham Palace – Changing of the Guards <p>Break for Lunch: 1:00 – 2:30:</p> <p>Class Room Session: 2:30-5:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winston Churchill War Museum (with Dr. Major) • Brief Tour of Whitehall Neighborhood (with Dr. Major) <p>Academic Engagement</p>

	a) Changing of the Guard and Winston Churchill War Museum will integrate class readings with excursion Observations.
Friday, June 22	<p>Class Room Session - 9:00 to 11:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nineteenth Century Britain • James Mill On Liberty <p>Break for Lunch: 11:30 – 1:30:</p> <p>Class Room Session: 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of the Houses of Parliament <p>Academic Engagement</p> <p>a) Tour of the Houses of Parliament will integrate class readings with excursion Observations.</p>
Saturday, June 23	<p>Class Room Session - 9:00 to 11:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The British Constitution • Contemporary British Government (Readings on Blackboard) <p>Break for Lunch: 11:30 – 1:30:</p> <p>Walking Tour: Industrial London (Camden Town?)</p>
Sunday, June 24	<p>Class Room Session - 9:00 to 11:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The British Constitution • Immigration and Brexit • Introduction to Shakespeare • Response Paper Due <p>Break for Lunch: 11:30 – 1:30:</p> <p>Class Room Session: Afternoon Free</p>
Monday, June 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Day – Complete homework assignments
Tuesday, June 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Day – Complete homework assignments
Wednesday, June 27	<p>Class Room Session - 9:00 to 11:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespeare • In Class Writing Assignment <p>Break for Lunch: 11:30 – 1:30:</p> <p>Class Room Session: 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm</p>

	<p>Academic Engagement a) Shakespeare walk will integrate class readings with Excursion Observations)</p>
Thursday, June 28	<p>Day Long Excursion: Stratford upon Avon</p>
Friday, July 29	<p>Class Room Session -</p> <p>Break for Lunch: 12:30 – 1:45</p> <p>Class Room Session: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespeare's <i>Twelfth Night</i> at the Globe Theater <p>Academic Engagement a) Both the Globe Theater Tour and Shakespeare Performance will integrate classroom assignments with Excursion Observations.</p> <p>6:00 Farewell Dinner and Party – Check for pricing options.</p>
Saturday, June 30	<p>Depart for DFW</p>