



Great Cities London

Study Contemporary Urban Issues in Two Great Cities: Chicago & London

May 12 – June 13, 2009

*The Great Cities Institute, the University of Illinois at Chicago
Study Abroad Office and the Institute for the International Education of
Students (IES) offer this extraordinary opportunity*

PROGRAM

Lectures will be given by Chicago and London experts on contemporary urban issues in the two cities. Guest speakers in both cities and field visits in London will allow you to explore the same issues in this new national and urban context. Students complete group research projects choosing from the following topics (one group per topic): Crime and Safety, Economic Development, Education, Health and Social Services, Housing and Urban Development, and Government and Community Participation.

COURSE

This course will be listed as an Urban Planning course, UPP 420: Great Cities: London and Chicago.

CREDIT

6 semester hours of UIC credit

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Study your area of interest in London through field visits and lectures by British experts.
- Work on projects in research groups composed of graduate and undergraduate students. Students of all majors and disciplines are encouraged to apply.
- A fieldtrip outside of London is included.

ORIENTATION

During the spring semester, three **required** preparatory sessions will provide students with an introduction to various urban issues in Chicago and to the program as a whole. Sessions will be held on Fridays from 1:00 – 4:00 as follow: March 13, April 3 and April 24.

HOUSING / MEALS

IES will provide housing for students in a newly refurbished residence hall or apartments in the much sought after residential area of Chelsea. It is within walking distance of many central London attractions with excellent public transportation close by. Students are responsible for their own meals. Kitchens are located on each floor of the residence hall and are equipped with modern cooking utensils and appliances. All students must pay a \$200 security deposit that is refundable at the end of the session depending on the satisfactory condition of the premises.

PRIORITY Application Deadline: February 20, 2009
FINAL Deadline: February 27, 2009

ELIGIBILITY

Upper-division UIC undergraduate and graduate students with an interest in urban issues who have completed at least 12 credit hours on campus and who are currently enrolled in a degree program are eligible to apply. Students must have an overall minimum UIC GPA of 2.5/ 4.0. Applications must be submitted to the Study Abroad Office on or before the deadline.

PROGRAM FEE

Program fee of \$3,670* (tentative) will include the following:

- tuition (6 UIC credit hours)
- housing in central London
- bus tour of London and welcome reception
- field trips and one day trip to Oxford
- £100 travel card for zone 1 and 2
- international health insurance
- farewell dinner
- special features mentioned above

*The price may be reduced depending upon enrollment

Additional expenses may include: airfare to London, meals, personal expenses and optional travel. All students will receive a budget with a cost breakdown from their study abroad advisor.

FINANCIAL AID

Eligible students may apply for financial aid to help cover the cost of this program. Additionally, there are several scholarships available for UIC students studying abroad.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Irina Krymova at the UIC Study Abroad Office at (312) 413-7662 or e-mail krymova@uic.edu; or Professor Nanetti at rnanetti@uic.edu. Additional applications may be obtained from the UIC Study Abroad Office at 502 University Hall or from the following web site: <http://studyabroad.uic.edu>.

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Great Cities London 2009 Application Instruction Form

Students must attend a First-Step meeting before applying to any study abroad program. After attending the First-Step and completing the application, please make an appointment with Irina Krymova for your advising meeting. All application materials should be turned in at this meeting. If you have questions regarding the program or application process, you are welcome to make a consultation meeting prior to application.

- ❑ Fill out general UIC Study Abroad Application
- ❑ Submit professor's letter of recommendation. Recommendation letter form included.
- ❑ Please note that you do NOT need to submit a general study abroad essay, instead please submit an essay of no more than 2 double-spaced pages which answers the following 3 questions:

1) How would your participation in the Great Cities London program enhance your academic and career goals?

2) What urban issue(s) are of particular interest to you (crime and safety, economic development, education, health and social services, housing and urban development and/or government and community participation)? Why? Is there a specific issue(s) you would like to study and research in London?

3) How would you evaluate your ability to work with a diverse group of students and successfully contribute to a team project?

- ❑ Administrative Fee and Program Deposit

Applications must be accompanied by a **non-refundable** program fee deposit of \$250, made payable to UIC Study Abroad Office. The amount of the deposit will be deducted from the cost of the program. If the program is cancelled or if the applicant is not admitted, the fee will be refunded.

Please note that the second program deposit of \$250 will be due on March 11, 2009.

Also due at the time of application is a **non-refundable** administrative fee of \$85, payable to UIC Study Abroad Office.

If a check is returned due to insufficient funds, the applicant will be responsible for the amount of the check, plus any applicable service fees.

Please note that you will be required to submit a Medical Form signed by your physician by March 30. Please schedule your appointment in advance.

- ❑ Submit a copy of your current resume (list any extra-curricular activities, awards, honors, and/or university recognition; list recent work experience, internships or other relevant information)
- ❑ Submit a copy of your current UIC transcript with Fall 2008 grades.

RETURN TO:

**Irina Krymova
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Chicago, IL 60607-7105
phone (312) 413-7662 fax (312) 996-9492
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PROFESSOR'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Name of Applicant: _____

To the student: Please sign the authorization below and give this form to a professor who knows you well and has taught you, preferably in your major.

I hereby authorize _____ to complete this form.

Under the provision of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I waive my right for access to this recommendation and understand that the information provided will be used only for the purpose for which it was prepared.

_____ YES _____ NO _____

Student's signature

To the professor: The individual named above has applied for the GREAT CITIES LONDON study abroad program. We would appreciate your careful assessment of this student's intellectual ability and academic motivation, past performance, maturity, and his/her potential for successfully adjusting to life and study abroad. Please mail or deliver this completed form to the **UIC Study Abroad Office (M/C 227), 502 University Hall, 601 South Morgan Street, Chicago, IL 60607-7105**. Thank you.

How long have you known the applicant?

_____ Recommend without reservation
_____ Recommend with reservation
_____ I do not recommend

Among all students you have taught, how would you rate this applicant on a combined measure of academic personal promise?

_____ Top 10%
_____ Upper 25 %
_____ Upper 50%

Name (please print)

Signature Date

Position or Title

Department

Telephone number