Summer 2013 Study Abroad Academic Course
Oxford Study Abroad: The Politics of Development

COURSE DESCRIPTION
POL 285: The Politics of Development; 3-week (August 1–21, 2013), 3-credit course and/or
ENG 201: Intermediate Composition; 3-week (August 1–21, 2013), 3-credit course

Students will study at Oxford University and gain hands-on experiential learning through the Skoll Centre,
the Said Global Entrepreneur Network, the Centre for Mutual and Employee-Owned Business, and the
Center on Business and Poverty. Students will also have access to lectures from world experts on
development and social entrepreneurship.

COURSE TOPICS:
• Understanding the relationship between democracy and economic well-being
• Addressing social, economic and environmental problems
• Learning practical approaches to eliminate the causes of poverty
• Learning practical approaches to addressing real world problems, including a project to eradicate polio
  in the less developed countries.

DEADLINES AND DETAILS

IMPORTANT DATES
  a) June TBD, 2013 – pre-departure orientation
  b) June-July – online component of the course
  c) August 1–21, 2013 – travel portion of the course (see complete itinerary below)
  d) August 31, 2013 – final report due

INFORMATION FOR CREDIT STUDENTS
Students within the UW System are encouraged to incorporate international aspects of education into
their academic plans. These study abroad opportunities are intensive learning experiences supervised by
faculty members. They are by nature experiential, but they are also designed to be rigorous academic
experiences. They are often physically demanding as well, and may require extensive walking, hiking, or
climbing. Participants taking these programs for credit are expected to complete three academic credits
in a short amount of time, so they should not expect a lot of free time.

When a student accepts a place in one of these programs, the student agrees to support the policies and
procedures developed to ensure the success of the program. The student also has a responsibility to
make the course the best possible group, personal and academic experience. Students are required to
submit a UW Colleges Study Abroad Application and a Uniform Statement of Responsibility. Students
should read all information included in this document.
BRIEF OUTLINE OF POLICIES FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION

1. A student must complete a study abroad application and receive approval for the study program.
2. A student must submit the required down payment with his/her application form.
3. A student on academic probation must submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or Student Services representative when applying for participation in the study abroad program.
4. A student on disciplinary probation may not apply for or participate in the study abroad program.
5. A student is expected to conduct him/herself in a responsible and mature manner at all times. This includes being sensitive to members of the group and to the group as a whole, as well as to cultural norms and behavior.
6. A student is required to attend all classes and scheduled outings.
7. A student is obliged to follow the directions of the course instructor. Traveling with a large group of people requires organization and coordination. Schedules for site visits, movement at airports and train stations, and other areas concerning travel arrangements will often necessitate a certain regimentation that the course instructor must impose.
8. Course instructors have full authority to act on behalf of the UW Colleges in any matter concerning the academic program, travel procedures, student personnel, and financial matters that fall within the limits of the program budget. Should the instructor decide that a student must be separated from the program because of violation of rules, that decision will be final. Separation from the program will result in being sent home at the student’s expense. See the Uniform Statement of Responsibility, Release and Authorization included in the required application documents for specific details regarding the code of conduct.

REGISTRATION

Students wishing to take this program for credit should contact the Student Services Office at any UW Colleges campus to see whether this program is right for you. Community members interested in participating should contact your campus Continuing Education office. There is an application form and a Uniform Statement of Responsibility, Release and Authorization and both forms are available at: http://www.uwc.edu/academics/abroad/

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The final application deadline is May 31. Full payment is due on or before May 31 and is non-refundable at that point.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO: Tetyana Schneider
University of Wisconsin Colleges
432 North Lake Street, Room 237
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

NON-CREDIT AUDITORS

Non-credit auditors who are interested in a learning experience are welcome to apply for participation but are not eligible for scholarship consideration.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Students who have a physical or learning disability and require special arrangements while traveling or on-site, are strongly encouraged to contact Tetyana Schneider, at 608-890-4611 or tetyana.schneider@uwc.edu
FINANCIAL MATTERS

PROGRAM COSTS
Students are responsible for reviewing course description and information on what is and what is not included in the program fee.

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FEE
The comprehensive fee of $4,200 for the Oxford program includes international airfare, host family stay with breakfast and dinners, all in-country transportation, most lunches, one-day excursion to London, insurance, an administrative application fee, instruction, and three or six UWC credits. The deposit of $500 is due upon application and is non-refundable unless we cancel the program.

Costs listed are approximate, based on a minimum enrollment. If the minimum enrollment is not reached, the course may be cancelled and down payments refunded. We reserve the right to adjust fees due to dollar devaluation, fuel surcharges and general inflation.

PARTICIPANTS’ PERSONAL EXPENSES
The program fee does not include the following expenses and they are participants’ responsibility:
- Spending money: estimate $150/week (such as a handful of meals, souvenirs, calling cards, etc.)
- You can obtain an ISIC for $22 from their website: www.myisic.com. You must have a passport size photo and be able to prove you are a student (by submitting a valid student ID, a current class schedule, or a tuition receipt). You can also purchase these in most sites abroad. Some discount airfares may require proof of an ISIC card.
- Immunizations if you choose to get some prior to travel (See “Immunizations” below).

***Passports and additional spending money are the participants’ responsibility.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS
All cancellations must be submitted in writing. Cancellations due to medical emergencies or U.S. government shut down (such as passport offices) do not guarantee a refund. Students are strongly encouraged to consider trip cancellation insurance.

SCHOLARSHIPS
To be considered for a study abroad scholarship, please submit your application forms and administrative application fee by February 1, 2013. The scholarships will be awarded based on financial need. Students must meet the following criteria to be considered for a scholarship:
- Applicants must be full-time students the semester prior to travel.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Applicants may not be on academic or disciplinary probation.
- Applicants must be admitted to the study abroad program
- Applicants must have completed the FAFSA and be eligible for financial aid.
- New student applicants must have a high school diploma earned prior to August 31, 2012 to apply for a scholarship

If you feel you qualify and wish to apply, check the box on the application form that indicates you wish to be considered.

FINANCIAL AID
Would you like to be considered for additional federal student or parent loans for the study abroad program? Please review the Financial Aid for UW Colleges Study Abroad Programs information on our website for eligibility.
PAYMENT DEADLINES
The $500 deposit is due upon application. Please make the check payable to "UW Colleges" and mail it together with the completed and signed application to Tetyana Schneider, UW Colleges Study Abroad, 432 N Lake Street, Madison, WI 53706. The deposit is non-refundable unless we cancel the program.

The remaining program fee ($3,700) is due by May 31, 2013 and is non-refundable at that point unless UW Colleges cancels the program. Please make your check payable to “UW Colleges” and mail to:

Tetyana Schneider
University of Wisconsin Colleges
432 North Lake Street, Room 237
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

If the trip is canceled by UW Colleges due to low enrollment, all deposits and payments will be refunded in full.

PASSPORTS AND TRAVEL LOGISTICS

PACKING AND BAGGAGE
Please consider packing light and taking only necessary things with you. Remember to keep it minimal. You don’t want to carry too much and you also want to give yourself some extra room to bring back things you might purchase along the way. Stick to the basics. It is best to bring neutral colors and clothing that you can layer and mix and match easily. Remember that airlines have fees for overweight luggage, so check with your airline carrier for luggage restrictions before you pack. Consider the current exchange rate abroad when determining what to take with you and what to buy abroad as it may impact the cost. Most airlines allow you carry on one bag and one personal item at no charge. Please note that your carry-on cannot exceed 45 inches (length + width + height), or 115 cm and that all items must easily fit into the overhead bin or under the seat in front of you.

U.S. PASSPORT
You do not need a passport to apply to participate in a study abroad trip. However, all participants traveling on any study abroad trip are required to have valid passports. Obtaining a passport is your responsibility and the passport application fee is NOT included in the comprehensive fee quoted. Passport applicants are currently experiencing lengthy delays. We recommend that you apply immediately. To participate in the Oxford study abroad program, you must have your passport by no later than April 1.

If you already possess a passport please check when it expires and make sure that its expiration date is NOT earlier than 6 months before the program travel dates.

OBTAINING A PASSPORT
To obtain a passport, you will need the following:
1. Proof of U.S. citizenship (birth certificate, expired passport, proof of naturalization).
2. Current identification (driver's license, government I.D. card or document that bears your signature).
3. Two photographs – identical, passport-quality, front-view photos cut exactly to the measurements required on the passport application.

Information about obtaining a passport and application forms may be found at: http://travel.state.gov/
Students who would like additional information about United Kingdom should check out the following Web Site: [http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1052.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1052.html)

**ENTRY / EXIT REQUIREMENTS**

All U.S. citizens must have a U.S. passport valid for at least six months from the date of arrival in United Kingdom and a proof of return to the U.S. Because you are coming to the UK for a short visit (up to 6 months), you generally do not need a visa. However, you should bring documents with you to show our immigration officers when you arrive at the UK border. It will sufficient for you to bring all materials related to your Study Abroad and the Letter of Acceptance that you will receive during the orientation. Please review the following link for more information on types of documents you may want to provide to support your status as a visitor: [http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/visiting/general/documents/](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/visiting/general/documents/) Visit the UKBA website for more details.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

If you are an international student who is applying to participate in this study abroad program please inquire if you need a visa to the country where the study abroad program takes place and contact the Student Services person on your campus who is responsible for international students to make sure:

1. That there’s a current DSO signature on your I-20s.
2. That your visas and passports are valid for re-entry into the U.S. when you return.
3. That if you are a Youth for Understanding (YFU) or Global Undergraduate (IREX) student, YFU or IREX is made aware of this travel and has contact information for you while you are gone.

**IMMUNIZATIONS**

Travel in some countries may require and/or recommend additional immunizations. Travel health information is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for specific countries. Visit their Web Site at: [http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx](http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx) We also recommend that you consult with your doctors about this matter.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Health insurance coverage through CISI is included in all UW College study abroad opportunities.

**PROPOSED ITINERARY**

Final details on the location and time of the classes and the excursions will be confirmed upon your arrival to Oxford. On some weekend days, you will have lunches and dinners out. But, that will be based on the desires for certain types of foods that you will express once you are there. The following itinerary is subject to change:

**August 1:** Depart from ORD, Chicago (6:15 PM)  
Note: Please visit the website of United to learn about the checked baggage service charges and requirements for economy class passengers ([http://www.united.com/CMS/en-US/travel/Pages/CheckedBaggage.aspx](http://www.united.com/CMS/en-US/travel/Pages/CheckedBaggage.aspx))

**August 2:** Arrive at London Heathrow (8:25 AM); transport to Oxford; Get accommodated with host families.

**August 3:** Tour of Oxford

**August 4:** Free weekend

**August 5:** Class begins.  
Note: Classes will take place inside the Saïd Business School at Park End Street in Oxford. You will be getting more details about the rooms when you arrive on site, and that information will be also posted each day on the electronic boards that all the students will see as they enter through the only front door that will be accessible to them.
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