

English 703/803 Travel Writing London, England J-Term 2019

Dates: Dec. 30, 2018 - Jan. 19, 2019
One week online and two weeks in London
4 credits

Pre-requisite: ENGL 501 or 621 or 623 or permission of instructor
Counts towards an English Writing Minor, the English/Journalism Major, and as
a Writing Intensive Course

What is the London Travel Writing J-Term Course?

English 703/803 Travel Writing is an upper level writing course that asks students to explore the world around them – in this case, London – and write thoughtful essays blending their experience with research and observations of place. Students are expected to have a working knowledge of and experience writing creative nonfiction and/or journalism. The course starts with a week of online readings and writing at home and then moves the show to London for two weeks.

This is a course for the independent and the adventurous. Aside from group excursions and the two hours that we meet in class most weekdays, students are on their own to roam London to find topics for their travel essays. At first, students will have writing prompts to help them acclimate to their new surroundings. The second week, they have the freedom to delve deeper into a subject they explored the first week or launch a fresh idea. London is one of the most vibrant, exciting cities in the world; there is no shortage of material to investigate. A typical day for a London J-term travel writer is a combination of exploring (a visit to the Tate Modern, a noontime concert at St. Martin's in the Field, a tour of Wembley Stadium), reading (classmate's work and published essays), and writing.

We meet as a class most weekdays for two hours in a seminar room attached to our lodging. The first part of every class is a salon in which we will write about what we've experienced and learned. The rest is a combination of discussing craft and the assigned reading and workshopping student essays. Classes are occasionally held off-site.

In addition, we have group excursions, including a bus tour of the city, two dinners, a trip to Cambridge, an evening at the theatre, and a weekend day trip.

Students stay at the Meininger Hostel in South Kensington, one of the safest and poshest neighborhoods in London -- just steps away from Harrod's and the Victoria and Albert Museum, as well as tons of funky restaurants, book shops, Stella McCartney clothing, and a Lamborghini dealer. Breakfast is included.

Course Schedule and Itinerary:

Dec. 30, 2018 - Jan. 3, 2019: Students will read, write, and workshop electronically with the instructor and each other through email and Canvas. In addition, they will research London and prepare their wish list for places and events to research when they arrive.

Friday, Jan. 4, 2019: Students fly to London

Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019: Students check in to Meininger Hostel in the South Kensington neighborhood of London. Introductory meeting at 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019: Big Bus Tour. Welcome dinner that night

**Monday, Jan. 7, -
Wed., Jan. 9, 2019** Two-hour class each day. Students will explore the city, write, and read.

Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 Class will be held at the Victoria & Albert Museum. Attend a theatre production that night

Friday, Jan. 11, 2019 Day trip to Cambridge

Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 Open day. Portobello Market? Camden Market? Bike around Hyde Park? Day trip to the Harry Potter studio?

Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019 Day-long group excursion

Mon., Jan. 14 - Friday, Jan. 18, 2019

Two-hour class each day. The rest of your time is devoted to exploring the city, writing about those explorations, and reading great travel pieces on which to model your essays.

Friday, Jan. 18, 2019 Group farewell dinner

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019 Fly home

What's it going to cost me?

Estimated costs for 2019

	NH Res. Undergrad.	Non-NH Res. Undergrad.	NH Res. Grad.	Non-NH Res. Grad.
UNH J-Term Tuition (4 credits)	\$1,836	\$2,024	\$2,140	\$2,360
Program Fee	\$930	\$930	\$930	\$930
UNH Technology & Registration Fees	\$46	\$46	\$46	\$6
UNH Study Abroad Administrative Fee	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
UNH Mandatory International Insurance Fee	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35
Total	\$2,947	\$3,134	\$3,250	\$3,470

*The program fee covers 14-nights lodging and breakfast, Big Bus tour of London, two dinners, one theatre ticket, and day-long excursion

Not included: Airfare; public transportation in London; meals other than the ones mentioned above; other travel, international cell phone (can be purchased for as little as \$20)

Dates of Travel: January 4 – January 19, 2019. Students will arrange their own transportation.

How do I apply?

- The online application and instructions can found on the “Apply” section of the program website (<http://cola.unh.edu/english/program/england-london-travel-writing>)
- Application fee: \$20. This fee will be waived for applications received before **May 11, 2018**. Final applications will be accepted through **September 30, 2018** (with a \$20 application fee due)

If I'm accepted, what happens next?

- You will need to put down a non-refundable \$200 deposit by October 22, 2018. If you applied and were accepted early, the \$200 is due Sept. 1, 2018.
- You will be billed full tuition and program fees in November. Payment in full is due to UNH Business Services by Dec. 7, 2018.
- You'll have some online forms to complete; COLA Study Abroad Coordinator Jim Parsons will be in contact with you during our pre-departure planning meetings to provide instructions

If I'm accepted, how do I get to London?

- The craft of travel writing requires the writer to navigate the unfamiliar, to learn how to reach destinations and how to seek information. Thus, students are expected to arrange their own travel to and from London, which includes making their way to the Meininger Hostel. To aid this first challenge, Prof. Hertz will provide students with a list of transportation options from Heathrow Airport to the hostel.

What else will I have to do?

- Apply for your passport if you do not have one or if expires before July 2019