



Summer 2025

Course Descriptions

Session 1

am Classes

****BRIT 220/320/320H - BRITISH STUDIES. HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES (3)****

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BRIT 220 offers students an historical perspective on the emergence of modern Britain. The central theme of the course is the development of a sense of national identity within the British Isles and the problems associated with a British national identity. Students are encouraged to reflect on the issues and stereotypes that emerge out of competing national identities and contested borders in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. UE Outcome 3.

EDUC-H598 - INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION & COLLEGE TEACHING PRACTICUM (3)

Dr. Robyn Long, Baker University and Dr. Lindsey Carlson, Baker University

In this course, students will learn about the purposes, design, facilitation and evaluation of international education programs, by having an in-vivo international experience, spending 2.5-5 weeks abroad at Harlaxton College in Grantham, U.K. The United Kingdom remains the most popular study abroad site for U.S. undergraduates, and 73% of undergraduates who study abroad do so in Europe (NAFSA, retrieved January, 2025).

Students will be responsible for leading small groups of undergraduates on 4-8 field trips within the United Kingdom, assisting those undergraduates in making meaning of their field trip and travel experiences, leading the small group travel, reading and evaluating course reading and travel responses through the use of rubrics created in collaboration with the course instructors, engaging in a grading norming session, and participating in a best-practices in international education conference at the end of their experience(s).

Additionally, students will develop lecture materials/a presentation on a subject of their choosing related to the topic of Healthcare and War, the course that the undergraduate students are completing. Additionally, students will attend 1-3 professional conferences aligning with their major and chosen profession; two meetings of the British Psychological Society, divisions for Health and Forensic Psychology, and World Empathy Day, part of the Empathy Lab experience for educators. Finally students in this course will participate in a bespoke field trip for graduate students only, visiting 37 Craven Street, the once-home of Benjamin Franklin, and a memorial for Edith Cavell, the subject of the forthcoming book by Baker university alumna Candice Millard.

ENGL 330 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN LITERATURE: VICTORIAN GOTHIC (3)

Dr Sara Petrosillo, University of Evansville

This seminar will start with an overview of Gothic in literature and how it changes over time. Although Gothic literature started in 1764, it will focus on the reign of Queen Victoria (1837-1901), a period which sees the rise and decline of the British Empire. It is a reign associated with double morality, ghosts, decadence, degeneration, invasion narratives, sexuality, and spaces. London grew by 90% in the XIX century and brought with it poverty, disease and corruption. However, there will also be a focus on regional and women's literature, specifically the Brontë sisters. These issues are all reflected in literature; thus, the seminar will have a socio-historical focus which will tie in with the Gothic. Vampires, ghosts and doubles will be the main focus. In addition to the set texts, the course will also use intermedial resources (films and documentaries). Possible texts are - Emily Brontë: *Wuthering Heights*. Charles Dickens: *Mr Testator's Visitation*. Sheridan Le Fanu: *Carmilla*. Arthur Machen: *The Great God Pan*. Sir Robert Louis Stevenson: *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.

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HSA 406/506 – HEALTHCARE ETHICS AND JURISPRUDENCE (3)

Professor Bill Stroube, University of Evansville

This course covers a variety of ethical and legal topics related to healthcare, including end of life issues, distribution of healthcare, ethics in the regulation of healthcare, professional ethics, new methods of reproduction, abortion and foetal-maternal conflicts, ethical issues in transplantation, and ethics in medical testing and research. We will study how these topics are addressed in various societies, with focus of the United States and the United Kingdom. Both historical and modern health care sites in England will be visited. The tentative schedule includes visits to London, Nottingham, Southwell, Eyam, Chesterfield and Grantham. Current ethical issues will be studied during visits to hospitals, hospices, medical museums, almshouses, and cathedrals. Group discussions with British citizens are also scheduled. We will also discuss how the UK and the US approached the Covid-19 pandemic and compare this to the bubonic plague in Europe during the 1300s and 1600s. The class will visit the plague village of Eyam in Derbyshire, England. All majors welcome. No prerequisites. **Course fee \$350**

NURS 395 / PSYC 205/405 / PH 599 Healthcare and War (6)

Dr. Robyn Long, Baker University and Dr. Lindsey Carlson, Baker University

Twentieth-century conflicts have shaped the disciplines of nursing, psychology and public health deeply, necessitating the establishment of the VA system in the United States and the National Health Service in the United Kingdom, as well as establishing the practice of triage, the movement of women to work in wartimes and beyond, and our understanding of psychophysical disorders, such as conversion disorder and PTSD.

This course will explore advances made initially in the Crimean War (and Florence Nightingale's work) and throughout WW1 and WW2, with several opportunities for travel/field trips and amongst the backdrop of Harlaxton College, who billeted and trained soldiers in both the first and second world wars. This course can be taken at the lower or upper college level, and will earn the student a) diversity experience credit for Psychology majors, b) 3 hours of "content domain" coursework for Psychology majors or minors, c) and a core concentration course under the social science designation for Identities and Systems or Sustainability and Progress, as well as a core concentration course under the natural science designation for Identities and Systems or Sustainability and Progress themes.

WRTG 205 – INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE WRITING (3)

Professor Lindy Rudd, Harlaxton College

Introduces basic experience and techniques of description, characterization, poetry, and narration.

The course will focus on techniques of travel writing and poetry to develop a sense of place, drawing inspiration from college-organized travels to write about the personal experience of English culture and studying abroad. Trips include the stunning city of York, a ride on a heritage train in West Yorkshire, and visits to places in London with literary connections: Westminster Abbey, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, and 221B Baker Street.

It aims to foster an engaging and dynamic learning environment where students can explore their creative potential, develop skills as writers, and create a unique and lasting record of their experiences.

UE Outcome 5 & Overlay Outcome E: Writing Across the Curriculum.

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ENGL 210 – APPROACHES TO LITERATURE, TOPIC: LEGENDS OF KING ARTHUR (3)

Professor Sara Petrosillo, University of Evansville



Fulfill literature and writing requirements with this 3-credit course on the legends of King Arthur in the land of King Arthur! In this course you will learn how to approach literary texts with imagination and authority. You will work to build up a writing skillset that will allow you both to argue imaginatively and effectively about poetry, drama, memoir, and fiction, and also to take those skills and communicate effectively in any context. In addition to building a critical vocabulary to talk about the formal components of literature, you will learn strategies for generating ideas, turning those ideas into arguable theses, organizing evidence and supporting arguments, and revising your drafts into convincing and provocative essays. We will read modernized medieval legends, Victorian and contemporary poetry, and a satirical anti-Shakespeare memoir prefacing a pseudo-Shakespeare play. We'll even watch film adaptations of Arthurian stories, such as David Lowery's 2021 *The Green Knight*. Through these stories of knights and ladies of King Arthur's world, we will interrogate social conventions and human nature. Field trips to Arthurian sites will also contribute to our understanding of how literature continues to shape and be shaped by a desire to explore actual locations. Fulfills two General Education Requirements: Outcome 2 and Overlay Outcome E: Writing Across the Curriculum.

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[SOC 386 - DEATH AND DYING \(3\)](#)

[Dr Mari Plikuhn, University of Evansville](#)

Explores thanatology - the study of death - using a sociological lens. Examines how society shapes attitudes and behaviors toward dying, death, and bereavement. Topics of study include cultural traditions, rituals, practices, and attitudes toward death, self-awareness and value identification concerning death and dying, grief and bereavement, the impact of death and dying across the life span, and end-of-life planning. At Harlaxton, students will explore course themes through culturally-comparative experiential activities, including field trips to cemeteries, funeral homes, war and death memorials, and museums.

[PSYC 405 - PSYCHOLOGY, CRIME AND PUNISHMENT](#)

[Professor Holly Skillman, Marian University, Indianapolis](#)

This interdisciplinary course explores the intricate relationship between psychology, criminal behavior, and the justice system in both the United Kingdom and the United States. Through a dynamic combination of lectures, case studies, and field trips, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the psychological factors influencing criminal conduct, the legal processes involved in addressing crime, and the various approaches to punishment and rehabilitation across different cultural and historical contexts.

Our exploration will encompass both theoretical frameworks and real-world applications. Lectures will delve into research on criminal psychology, while case studies will offer practical insights into the complexities of the



legal system. The unique setting in England provides an unparalleled opportunity for comparative analysis between UK and US approaches to crime and justice.

Field trips will bring course concepts to life, and may include visits to relevant sites such as:

- Courts, to observe trials and sentencing procedures
- Historical landmarks related to crime and punishment
- Museums and specialized exhibits
- Guided walking tours highlighting the intersection of law and society

By the end of the course, students will have developed a nuanced understanding of the complex interplay between psychology, criminal behavior, and societal responses to crime. This program offers a distinctive comparative perspective between the UK and US systems, equipping students with valuable insights applicable to their future studies and careers in psychology, law, criminology, or related fields



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****BRIT 230/330/330H – BRITISH STUDIES. LITERARY PERSPECTIVES (3)****

Professor Lindy Rudd, Harlaxton College

This course introduces students to a range of literary perspectives in relation to the development of modern Britain. The central theme of the course is the development of a sense of national identity within the British Isles and the ways in which literature has both shaped and questioned British identity. We will consider how national identity intersects with other key themes including gender, race, class, colonialism, science, technology, environmentalism and belonging.

Moving broadly chronologically, the course will examine a variety of literary styles and genres (including plays, poetry, short fiction, and film) to explore how different writers and creators responded to a changing colonial, anti-colonial and post-colonial Britain and sense of what it means to be “British”. Writers and artists covered will include William Shakespeare, John Gay, William Wordsworth, Elizabeth Barrett-Browning, Bram Stoker, Virginia Woolf, Agatha Christie, Clint Dyer and Roy Williams. How have these different writers and creators articulated what it means to be British? How were works shaped by, and how did they respond to, the changing historical, political and cultural contexts in which they were created?

Students will visit places which inspired these writers: in the beautiful university city of Cambridge, and England's capital and largest city, London, you can walk where they walked, as well as experiencing their works in performance at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Bloomsbury Theatre, and Rutland Open Air Theatre. UE Outcome 2.

BRIT 290 – BRITISH MUSIC FROM THE BEATLES TO ED SHEERAN (3)

Professor Kristen Strandberg, University of Evansville

Explore the vastly differing sounds of British music from the 1960s to the present! We will examine social, political, and cultural movements that shaped British musical styles including rock, punk, Britpop, and the varied music of today. We will discuss artists such as The Beatles, Queen, Elton John, Coldplay, Harry Styles, Dua Lipa, Ed Sheeran, and more, with field trips to important sites such as the famous Abbey Road crosswalk and recording studio.

MKT 325 – PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING (3)

Professor Douglas Albertson, University of Alabama

The Principles of Marketing course is an experiential class where we will explore marketing as an integrating function of the firm. We explore marketing from a theoretical perspective as well as from an applied perspective. Our focus will be on the study of product, price, place, and promotions in the creation of customer value. We will discuss real-life examples of the marketing concepts and constructs we learn. We also discuss extensively the roles of corporate social responsibility and ethics in marketing decision-making. By the conclusion of the semester, students will understand how the following concepts lead to the development of a market-driven organization: the marketing concept; the selling concept; the role and management of product, price, channels, promotions; consumer behavior; market segmentation; target marketing; positioning; branding; and



international marketing. Students will learn how marketing decisions are influenced by forces that are internal and external to the organization. Finally, by the end of the semester, students will understand the ethical issues that arise in various marketing situations and the role of corporate social responsibility in marketing decision making.

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EXSS 451 – EXERCISE AND SPORT PSYCHOLOGY (3)

Professor Jeff Tilly, University of Evansville

Provides an overview of the rapidly developing fields of exercise and sport psychology, including psychological aspects of sport performance and psychometric characteristics of sport participants. Topics in this class include the relationship of exercise to mental health. Special emphasis on theoretical and research issues important in the field of sport psychology is given. Prerequisites: Junior or senior standing or permission of instructor; Psychology 121. The class will include private tours of the London Olympic Complex, British Olympic Training Center, English Institute for Sport, Wimbledon Tennis Stadium, Wembley Stadium (home of the English National Soccer team and British Track & Field Meets among others), Nottingham Cricket Stadium (used during the London Olympics, and where we will watch a cricket game and receive a stadium tour) and Leicester Rugby (where you will receive a tour, and go through full rugby practice with the Leicester coaches). Both Nottingham and Leicester are ancient cities, and you will have time to explore each. Nottingham is also home to the Robin Hood legend, and the actual Sheriff of Nottingham's Castle is there, along with a pub established in the 1100's called Ye Old Trip To Jerusalem, which is where the knights gathered before leaving on Crusades. Leicester dates back to Roman times, and there are many Roman ruins that you can see, along with the burial site of King Richard III. Moreover, additional class trips may be included as well (in the past, these have consisted of trips to Manchester United, Aston Villa, Coventry Stadium (where the Bronze Medal Game was played for Women's Soccer during the London Olympics), Fulham, and the University of Lincoln.

PYSC 225 – LIFE SPAN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (3)

Professor Gabriela Martorell, Virginia Wesleyan College

From the moment of conception, when our genetic code is laid down and many of our fundamental traits are set in place, we begin a process of interaction with our environment; first as a single cell, then as a living, breathing person being affected by and affecting the various interacting spheres of our world. We move through these various influences – our families, peer groups, neighborhoods, schools, communities, and cultures – and as we do, we change, and grow, and carry with us many common experiences and broad patterns of development. If you have ever wondered why babies cling to their parents so fiercely and why toddlers say they “drowed” a picture or “goed” to the store, why teens are so painfully self-conscious, how people pick careers and partners, and why older adults get wrinkles or become forgetful, this course will help you answer those questions. The course will be a blend of lecture and discussion/activities and will include 4 experiential learning days. Tentative plans include the Young V & A, the British Museum, the Bethlem Museum of the Mind, and a historical cemetery.

THTR 110 – INTRO TO THE THEATRE (3)

Professor Jordan Fuchs, Texas Woman's University



Acquaints students with the process of creating theatre and enhances their ability to enjoy and appreciate performances. Requires observations of evening performances in addition to attendance at lectures. (UE Outcome 5) At Harlaxton, students will attend theatrical performances in London and surrounding cities, to experience first-hand, theatre as a form of artistic expression. Class sessions will further explore these plays, their connection to contemporary culture, as well as the “how and why” of their creation. Not only will we read and view, but we will also practice, experimenting with the methods and concepts we are learning through short in class studies. No textbook is required. A class fee includes theatre admission and transportation to tours and performances. Previous classes have attended the National Theatre and West End performances, and toured the Globe Theatre in London, the Shakespeare historic sites and the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford, as well as regional productions close to Harlaxton. UE Outcome 5. ***Course fee \$450***

PSYC 405 THEORIES OF EMOTION

[Dr. Grant Corser, Southern Utah University](#)

Emotions provide meaning and information about some of the most significant events in our lives. In this course, students will study current theories of emotion and the role of emotion in motivating our behavior and providing information about our varied contexts such as relationships and places. Students will have the opportunity to learn about emotions which warrant theoretical explanation. Throughout the class, students will have the opportunity to apply the theories and principles explored in the classroom in various, significant locations in the United Kingdom. We will focus on increasing psychological understanding while participating in curated experiences that allow students to generate, modify, explore, and understand emotional responses. For example, students can explore the feeling of awe while viewing exhibits in places such as the Museum of Natural History. They can put feelings of dissonance in context while viewing controversial artifacts in spaces such as The British Museum, and explore concepts of fear, in “haunted” locations. Students completing this course will be better equipped to explain the affectively motivated behaviors of self and others.