Boston University Study Abroad London

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London Architecture & Urbanism
CAS AH 381 (A1) (Elective)
Spring 2016

Instructor Information

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Course Overview

London’s architecture and urban development will be explored through the physical characteristics which shaped London. The key areas to be discussed include the creation of the city, the role of the river, the development of the built and natural environment, as well as mapping the city. Architectural styles and the growth of London will be examined within the broader framework of political, economic and social change.

Terms and Conditions

Promptness and punctuality are expected, slackness in this respect is discourteous and disruptive, and will be penalised. Students should be dressed for all weather walking. Laptops are not permitted. Camera phones are acceptable to photograph images on site visits only and must be switched off during class and when travelling to field trips. Please do not bring any travel luggage. Mobile phones and iPods must be switched off at all times including when travelling on the tube. Smoking is also not permitted.

Teaching Pattern

Teaching Sessions will be divided between classroom lectures and field trips - where walking as a group is not possible these will be self-guided. Attendance at both is mandatory.

Attendance

Classes

All Boston University Study Abroad London Programme students are expected to attend each and every class session, tutorial, and field trip in order to fulfill the required course contact hours and receive course credit. Any student that has been absent from two class sessions (whether authorised or unauthorised) will need to meet with the Directors to discuss their continued participation on the programme.

Authorised Absence:
Students who expect to be absent from any class should notify a member of Academic Affairs and complete an Authorized Absence Approval Form 10 working days in advance of the class date (except in the case of absence due to illness, for which students should submit the Authorised Absence Approval Form with the required doctor’s note as soon as possible). Please note: Submitting an Authorised Absence Approval Form does not guarantee an authorised absence.

Students may apply for an authorised absence only under the following circumstances:
• Illness, supported by a local London doctor’s note (submitted with Authorised Absence Approval Form).
• Important placement event that clashes with a class (verified by internship supervisor)
• Special circumstances which have been approved by the Directors (see note below).

The Directors will only in the most extreme cases allow students to leave the programme early or for a significant break.

Unauthorised Absence:
Any student to miss a class due to an unauthorised absence will receive a **4% grade penalty** to their final grade for the course whose class was missed. This grade penalty will be applied by the Academic Affairs office to the final grade at the end of the course. As stated above, any student that has missed two classes will need to meet with the Directors to discuss their participation on the programme as excessive absences may result in a ‘Fail’ in the class and therefore expulsion from the programme.

Lateness
Students arriving more than 15 minutes after the posted class start time will be marked as late. Any student with irregular class attendance (more than two late arrivals to class) will be required to meet with the Assistant Director of Academic Affairs and if the lateness continues, may have his/her final grade penalised.

Assessment Method
1) Essay: How did London develop its urban form up to 1666?
The course assignment counts for 50% of the overall mark and is due **Monday 4 April** at **8.45am** and is to be handed into the Student Affairs Office. The essay should be 2,000 words in length with captioned illustrations should indicate thorough research and critical engagement with the bibliography. The marked essay will be returned two weeks from the hand-in date.
2) Exam Paper: The 2 hour exam is scheduled **Thursday 21 April** - the time is to be confirmed. The exam paper consists of 1 question weighted at 50% and is offered from a list of 3 question options which will be handed out in the session before the exam. The exam response should indicate thorough research and critical use of published sources. Participation in class is also taken into account concerning the final grade.

Grading
Please refer to the Academic Handbook for detailed grading criteria and policies on plagiarism: [http://www.bu.edu/london/current-semester](http://www.bu.edu/london/current-semester)

* Final Grades are subject to deductions by the Academic Affairs Office due to unauthorised absences.
COURSE SCHEDULE

Lecture One: Monday 22 February 2016
Time: 9.00am-3.00pm (6 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: Introduction to London & Architecture
Field Trip: Bloomsbury to Kings Cross

Lectures Two-Three: Monday 29 February 2016
Time: 9.00am-3.00pm (6 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: The City (Roman & Norman)
Field Trip: City of London - Tower of London

Lecture Four: Monday 7 March 2016
Time: 9.00am-1.00pm (4 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: Westminster (Romanesque & Gothic)
Field Trip: Westminster Abbey

Lecture Five: Monday 14 March 2016
Time: 9.00am-1.00pm (4 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Palladian London
Field Trip: Covent Garden to Somerset House
Lecture Six: Monday 21 March 2016
Time: 9.00am-1.00pm (4 hours)
Field Trip: Parliament Square to Trafalgar Square

Monday 28 March 2016: No class - Easter Monday

* Course Work Assignment is due Monday 4 April at 8.45am and is to be handed into the Academic Affairs Office.

Lecture Seven: Monday 4 April 2016
Time: 9.00am-1.00pm (4 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: Making Modern London
Field Trip: Hampstead

Lecture Eight: Monday 11 April 2016
Time: 9.00am-1.00pm (4 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: The Age of Optimism
Field Trip: South Bank

Lecture Nine: Tuesday 12 April 2016
Time: 9.00am-1.00pm (4 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: The Commercial City
Field Trip: Canary Wharf


**No class session: Monday 18 April 2016 due to the earlier extended sessions.**

*Contingency Class Date: Wednesday 20th April.* Students are obligated to keep these dates free to attend class should any class dates need to be rescheduled.

**Final Exam: Thursday 21 April 2016** (times will be posted two weeks before exams)

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

*These books are intended as a guide for selective research for the course work and exam papers. They are not proposed to be read as an exhaustive list over the duration of the course.*

Additional reading may be found on Blackboard: [http://learn.bu.edu](http://learn.bu.edu)


Felix Barker & Ralph Hyde (1982) *London as it might have been*, John Murray.


