

Karl Marx, John Locke and Rival Worldviews

Walk in the footsteps of two of the greatest and most consequential thinkers of modern times.

COURSES

- PS 431 - Karl Marx, John Locke, and Rival Worldviews
- PS 431 (H - Honors) - Karl Marx, John Locke, and Rival Worldviews
- PS 431 (G - Graduate) - Karl Marx, John Locke, and Rival Worldviews

ACCOMMODATIONS

Harlaxton Manor, Grantham
Hotels

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Karl Marx and John Locke are two of the greatest and most consequential thinkers of modern times. Each thinker has profoundly influenced the social, economic, and political practices and institutions not only of specific modern states, but of entire civilizations. Thinking and writing a little more than a century apart, Marx and Locke presented to the world, and continue to present to the world, two profoundly different and rival worldviews affecting our understanding of politics, economics, religion, education, science, and a host of other important topics.

This course will introduce students to the major corpus of thought articulated by Karl Marx and John Locke. Primary and secondary source readings will be assigned in advance of the trip in order to devote nearly all of our time in England to site visits, guest lectures, discussion, and reflective essays.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Demonstrate knowledge of each thinker's unique historical context and identify significant factors prompting each thinker to write.
- Identify the major written works of each thinker and describe the core arguments contained therein.
- Describe and analyze the thought of Marx and Locke on a variety of topics, such as politics, economics, religion, history, science, among others.
- Discuss and debate the legacy of each thinker.

PROGRAM DETAILS

LOCATION: London, Grantham, Manchester, Oxford, Nottingham, UK.

ACADEMIC TERM: Summer 2014: June 1, 2014 – June 21, 2014 (specific dates subject to change)

ITINERARY *(subject to change)*

June 1 – Depart Nashville	June 12 – Travel to Oxford
June 2 – Travel to Harlaxton	June 13 – Travel to London
June 3 – Tour of Grantham	June 14 – Tour Parliament
June 4 – Travel to Manchester	June 15 – Research
June 5 – Class at Harlaxton	June 16 – Reflection Paper
June 6 – Travel to London	June 17 – Tour Woolsthorpe
June 7 – Individual travel in London	June 18 – Travel to Nottingham
June 8 – Karl Marx Walking Tour	June 19 – Class Review
June 9 – Reflection Paper work	June 20 – Final
June 10 – Class at Harlaxton	June 21 – Return to Nashville
June 11 – Class at Harlaxton	

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

ELIGIBILITY

- Graduate student in good standing (Graduate Catalog p.30).
- Undergraduate students with 3.2 cumulative GPA or good standing in the Honors College.
- Permission of instructor(s) is required.
- Current WKU student eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [visiting students](#).
- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure (parent/guardian permission for anyone under 18 at time of departure).
- Students must possess passport valid for at least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by Judicial Affairs.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment prior to departure is required.
- Students must complete the [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. We suggest you start this application process immediately and respond to all emails promptly

BASE PACKAGE

Cost: \$3800

Included in Base Package

- Undergraduate tuition for 3 credit hours (\$1,090 value)
- All accommodations in England
- Daily breakfast, some lunches, and most dinners provided
- Airport transfers in England
- Course-related ground transportation
- Round-trip flight between Nashville and London
- International medical insurance

Excluded from Base Package

- Items not explicated list in package.
- Transportation between your departure airport and your home.
- Independent travel (non-program travel).
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access.
- Tips for guides and drivers not included in program-related activity.
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance. *Highly recommended.*
- Visa/immigration fees.
- Meals & Services and beverages not mentioned in the program
- Baggage fees and costs not associated program

Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts. Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.

Green Sheet subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

<p>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</p> <p>February 1, 2014 - Priority deadline for application with non-refundable \$250 deposit*</p> <p>February 1, 2014 – Program Fee will be charged to student’s TopNet account. Balance must be paid prior to program departure. Students applying after this date will be billed on a rolling basis.</p> <p>* Deposit paid by student directly with a credit card – NOT billed to student account.</p>	<p>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</p> <p>After February 1: 25% of program cost After March 1: 50% of program cost After April 1: 75% of program cost After May 1: 100% of program cost (No refund).</p> <p>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU’s Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</p>
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LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the voyage. The expiration must be beyond July 20, 2014.

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