

Purdue Theatre Exchange Program: Study Abroad

Study Theatre in England!



Why Study Abroad?

- You will expand your view of the world AND your view of the USA
- You will experience a different type of theatre training that compliments ours
- You can visit historical sites, such as Shakespeare's birthplace--bringing history to life
- You can see productions at the RSC, London's West End, and much more
- You can meet international friends & have new adventures
- You can enhance your employability by gaining a global perspective
- ***You will be forever changed!*** Study Abroad forces you out of your comfort zone and gives you the confidence that you can take on a new place/situation/set of circumstances. There's nothing else quite like it!

Introducing 2 programs of theatre study through Purdue Study Abroad:

- **University of Coventry**
- **University of Kent at Canterbury**

BOTH located within a 1-hr train ride to London. BOTH have pre-approved exchange programs with Purdue University. Let's look at each one...





University (Uni) of Coventry

<https://www.coventry.ac.uk/course-structure/UG/2018-19/fah/theatre-and-professional-practice-ba-hons/>

- Located in the midlands, Coventry is a short bus trip to Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare's birthplace & home of the Royal Shakespeare Co.) In addition to theatre in Coventry, it's a short trip to see plays in Birmingham or London (1-hr train)
- The faculty are very warm and eager to work with you!
- Types of productions: devised work, traditional scripted productions, and international tele-presence productions

▶ The facilities and faculty at Uni Coventry



- ▶ Bombed in WWII, Coventry is a mix of old and new;



The bombed out cathedral shell is joined to modern construction





Take a day or weekend trip to Stratford-upon-Avon



See a play at the RSC, visit Shakespeare's birthplace, and revel in the Elizabethan history and beauty of the town

Take a day trip or weekend tour to the historic Cotswolds region

J.R.R. Tolkein was here & it may have influence his ideas for the shire in *The Hobbit*
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Historic, quaint, beautiful & relaxing!

Or check out nearby Birmingham, with an edgier theatre & nightlife scene



Exchanges to Uni Coventry in spring semester (Jan 21 to May 11) are available

- *Naturalism & Reactions to It* counts for THTR 381, History of Theatre II
- Other classes count as THTR 290 & 390 (special topics) credits:
 - *Devising Performance Texts* (with 1st year students)
 - *Outdoor Performance* (with 2nd year students)
 - *Negotiated Study*—group performance projects (w/ 2nd yr students)
- You may also become involved in 3rd year degree show pieces
- Consider staying on to travel at the end; May is beautiful
- {Note: faculty member Tom Gorman will be at PU Sept. 10-12}

Uni of Kent at Canterbury is a top school located just north of a medieval city



<https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/pdfs/drama.pdf>

The shop after student final projects →



Marlowe Theatre, in town



Why study at Uni of Kent?

- Located in the southeast of England, Canterbury is well-situated for travel to London and exploration of the eastern coast
- Uni Kent is a top-ranked school with a robust theatre & arts program. They even offer study in stand-up comedy!
- The semester plan there allows for study abroad in fall or spring (or both, if you have a full year available)
- Like Coventry, we already have student exchanges established between Purdue & Kent, making course transfer easier
- Canterbury's historic center is a 20 min walk from campus

Canterbury has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries (See Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, 1387)



Canterbury Cathedral

Also check out pub & town life!





Classes for transfer credit at Uni Kent

(Students take 2 classes/semester & they can transfer for 6+ credits each)

- *Shakespeare's Theatre* (counts as THTR 380 Theatre History I + 390 elective)
- *Victorian and Edwardian Theatre* (THTR 381, Theatre History II + 390 elective)
- *European Theatre from 1945* (counts as THTR 381, Theatre History II + 390 elective)
- *Physical Theatre I or II* (counts as THTR 235 Vocal Physical Preparation + THTR 526 Advanced Movement for the Actor)
- *Acting Shakespeare* (counts as THTR 433, Acting IV: Shakespeare + 390 elective)
- *Costume & Fashion* (counts as THTR 361 Cost. Design I & 580 Period Styles)
- *Directing Theatre: Methods & Making* (counts as THTR 440 + 390 elective)

**Many other courses transfer to electives in theatre; not all courses are offered every semester

One of the perks for weekends at both Universities: exploring London Theatre!



West End Theatres

Try the Backstage Tour of the Theatre Royal Drury Lane



Wigs for 42nd Street



←Stage hydraulics from 1890s

- ▶ Don't forget the Theatre Collection housed on the 3rd flr of the V&A Museum



Victoria & Albert Museum, founded 1852



So you want to go, but are worried about \$\$... Did you know:

- You pay PURDUE TUITION for these programs
- Campus housing is available for study abroad, just as here
- Purdue Study Abroad Scholarships help with the cost of travel
<https://www.studyabroad.purdue.edu/programs/aid/details.cfm?ScholarID=137>
- FYI: as a student it was cheaper for Dr. Anne to study in the UK for a semester abroad through Purdue, due to the scholarship!
- Consider inviting a friend to study abroad w/ you, even in another subject area
- Many more resources & FAQs are at <https://www.purdue.edu/IPPU/SA/>
 - See EXCHANGE PROGRAMS <https://www.studyabroad.purdue.edu/programs/programs.cfm>
- To make study abroad happen in your life, PLAN AHEAD. **It's your life...go live it!**
 - Study Abroad Fair 2018: Thursday, Aug. 30th, PMU South Ballroom

Last but not least...

- ▶ Proof of **true love** through study abroad!

Callie (Purdue) & Joe (Uni Kent at Canterbury) at their graduations; married Aug, 2018!



*It's a funny thing coming home. Nothing changes. Everything looks the same, feels the same, even smells the same. You realize what's changed is **you**.* - F. Scott Fitzgerald

➤ Call out through CLA Study Abroad:

Study Abroad – earn THTR credit for major, minor, and CLA core!



Exchange programs:

- University of Coventry, UK

January 21 – May 11

- University of Kent, UK

January 14 – June 14

CLA Study Abroad Events – Fall 2018

- **August 22:** Informational Table in BRNG Lobby
- **August 29:** Semester-Long Study Abroad Info Session
 - **September 5:** CLA Study Abroad Fair
- **September 11:** Informational Table in BRNG Lobby

The deadline for Spring 2019 Study Abroad is September 15!

Questions??

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