COLGATE UNIVERSITY OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

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Studying at the University of Manchester
An important part of any study abroad program is the integration of its participants into the host country’s fabric of daily life. The Division of University Studies’ Manchester Study Group (MSG) offers its members the opportunity to continue their Colgate programs by taking four courses and living with British students at the University of Manchester (UM). Registering as non-matriculating students, study group members are guaranteed full access to the University's libraries, Student Union, health services and sports and fitness facilities.

Over a decade's worth of student evaluations shows that one of the most valuable aspects of MSG is the opportunity to study at an outstanding British university, so different from Colgate in the diversity and size of its student body, its extensive curricula and location. Approximately 12,000 students study at the university, which comprises over 70 academic departments. The richness of academic offerings has been one of the MSG’s main attractions. For example, over the last 3 years credit has been earned in the following Colgate departments:

- Art History
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Religion
- Sociology & Anthropology
- Women’s Studies

The University Theatre, home to the professional Contact Theatre Co.; the Academy, offering almost nightly music events; and the impressive Whitworth Art Gallery are all located on the main campus. The university's proximity to the city center allows easy access to a variety of cultural amenities available in this city of half a million. Manchester is also a convenient jumping off point for excursions to London, Edinburgh (regular train service to either takes around 3 hours), and beyond. As part of the 2004 program, the study group will experience the wilderness of Mt. Snowdon in North Wales, artistic and architectural riches of Manchester and Liverpool, the Lady Lever Gallery in Port Sunlight, and Chatsworth, the home of the Duke of Devonshire.

The 2004 program will be the 16th group of Colgate students to enroll at the University of Manchester. Its director, Robert McVaugh, is a member of the Art and Art History Department and a contributor to the CORE curriculum through the Challenge of Modernity program.

The Academic Program. All students will enroll in two elective courses and in two required courses, which are designed specifically to reflect the study group’s unique location.

CORE 3XXY: Cultural Legacy of the Industrial Revolution in England

As Manchester was the cradle of the industrial revolution, it provides the ideal environment in which to explore the ways that industrial wealth transformed the public/private institutions associated with the arts. The collections of Manchester and its environs provide a laboratory in which imagery associated with the growth of industrialization and colonialism during the Victorian era. The seminar will explore the economic, social, architectural and political forces shaping art and its display, with special attention to public art collections in Manchester and Liverpool. We will study pre-industrial art collection practices at Chatsworth, as well as the great Victorian collections of the Manchester Museum, the Manchester City Gallery and the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool. Additionally, we will investigate the integration of a significant art gallery within Port Sunlight, a model Industrial town built by Lord Leverhulme in the early 20th Century. In the last quarter of the course, the seminar will build on its work in critical museum studies and cultural analysis to look at museums and institutions in contemporary Manchester.
The Lowry and the Orbis are outstanding examples of new, architecturally dramatic structures, housing cultural institutions to inform and engage the public in a time when telecommunications create new expectations about public space and bring new pressures on appreciation of artifacts.

Since it is anticipated that this course will carry a CORE Distinction classification, it is expected that all successful applicants will have completed their CORE requirements by the end of the Spring 2002 semester.

2. UNST 324Y: The History of Technology, Science, and Culture in Manchester. Beginning with an intensive two weeks (August 30-Sept. 10) involving several all day in Northern England and one overnight trip to Wales, this course takes a highly experiential look at the evidence of how technology and science changed Manchester, the first industrial city in the world, and by extension, changed the way we all live in the industrialized modern age. At the end of September when the UM fall semester begins, this course will meet once a week through the end of November. Taught by Professor Joseph Marsh, historian of science and technology, this course has been the most successful in the study group's history. The group will visit an operating textile mill at Helmshore; the site of the first commercially smelted iron in the world at Ironbridge; the Leeds Liverpool Canal and its system of canal locks; the Albert Dock, at Liverpool, a primary nineteenth century port for cotton and emigration; North Wales and its early 19th century bridges and aqueducts; and a slate mine that provided Victorian Britain with its roof tiles. Students will be assessed on the basis of five written assignments that will emphasize a synthesis of course readings, lectures, discussions, and on-site experiences.

3. & 4. Two Courses from the University of Manchester's Visiting Students' Handbook. To complete their program, students are invited to choose 2 courses from offerings that satisfy individual interests or Colgate concentration requirements. Colgate maintains a list of courses from Manchester which have been accepted for concentration credit in the recent past, but a student wishing to count 1 or both courses toward a concentration must make individual arrangements with the appropriate Colgate department, in close collaboration with a concentration adviser.

Housing. Students live with other UM students in residence halls. Each has a single room that is part of a 'flat' of six or seven other singles, with a shared sitting room, kitchen, and bathrooms. Students purchase and prepare their own meals.

Costs. Study group members are required to pay the usual tuition and SA fees to Colgate for the semester that they will be off-campus. Additionally, students will be required to cover UM room charges (inclusive of a refundable deposit) for the duration of the program, the cost of room & board when the group is traveling together, and expenses traveling to and from Manchester. Current information and rates of exchange suggest that these costs will be approximately $3000. Past experience shows that individual student living expenses vary considerably depending on eating habits, personal spending, and individual travel. An estimate of personal expenses based on information gathered from the 2002 group and compiled by the Office of Off-Campus Study will be available before the end of the current academic year. Students receiving financial aid from Colgate are strongly encouraged to notify the Office of Financial Aid regarding their plans to participate in this program.

Calendar and Deadlines. Two information sessions will be held: the first on Thursday, 13 November, at 7:00 PM and the second at Tuesday, November 18, at 11:20 AM --both in 207 Little Hall. Applications are due by November 25. All applicants will be interviewed before the end of the fall semester and notified of decisions before 14 January 2002. Students must confirm their acceptance to the study group by Monday, 28 January 2002. Orientation sessions will be scheduled during the spring semester.