



UNITED KINGDOM SPRING BREAK 2016

EXPERIENCE•DISCOVER•CONNECT

CURRENT TRENDS IN GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEMS, SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

**COURSE: STUDENTS WILL ENROLL IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
ALS 494 OR AGI 194 (3 CREDIT HOURS)**

This program introduces students to emerging issues facing global food systems with an emphasis on agricultural production practices in the United States and the United Kingdom. Using these nations as a comparative case study, students will critically examine topics such as livestock management, crop production and distribution chains, the promises and challenges of new agricultural technologies, and an understanding of the influences of history and culture in the development of land management systems and practices in British agriculture.

The program includes a 10-day study abroad component during the week of Spring Break. While traveling abroad, students will spend four days in England, one day in Wales, and four days in Scotland exploring a diverse selection of farms, crop production and environmental research centers, as well as historical heritage and cultural sites. Students will also enrich their professional development skills through interactions with faculty and students at **Harper Adams University**, a leading institution of higher education in agriculture, animal science, agribusiness, engineering, and food studies. For more information please visit:

<http://calsabroaduk.wordpress.ncsu.edu/>



2015 STUDY ABROAD PARTICIPANTS AT EDINBURGH CASTLE, SCOTLAND

HOW TO APPLY?

- Apply online through NCSU Study Abroad at <http://studyabroad.ncsu.edu>
- Pay Study Abroad Application fee of \$350
- Contact the NCSU Financial Aid Office, Study Abroad, and the program directors about possible opportunities for financial assistance
- Upon acceptance into the program, program fees of \$2,250 need to be paid in full

EXCURSIONS & CULTURAL DESTINATIONS

Students will visit sites such as:

- USDA and London Embassy
- Tower of London and Westminster Abbey
- Stonehenge and Highclere Castle
- Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales
- Abbott Lodge Dairy Farm in England
- Rosslyn Chapel and Edinburgh Castle

While in London, students can visit Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, the London Eye, the British Museum and more!

PROGRAM COSTS \$2,600 INCLUDES:

- Application charge (\$350) due by 10/15/15
- Tuition for 3 credit hours
- Overnight accommodations & breakfasts
- Ground transportation
- Tickets to on-site locations
- Multiple group meals
- International insurance coverage

Note: Airfare, additional meals, and personal expenses are not included.

Instructors & Co-Directors:

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CLASS MEETINGS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Pre-departure class meetings are designed to help students gain new insights into differences in agricultural production practices and culture in the US and the UK. Classes will consist of presentations by NCSU faculty and industry leaders, a panel discussion with former student participants, and group presentations.

Specific topics include:

- the natural history of the UK
- policies that regulate production
- public and industry perceptions on the long-term viability of farming while maintaining economic growth and the sustainability of eco-systems

Excursions throughout England, Wales, and Scotland will serve as a foundation for a comparative case study with respect to beliefs and practices related to livestock management, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), biodiversity, environmental sustainability, and other special topics chosen by students in collaboration with the instructors.

TRAVEL ITINERARY

- Day 1** Meet at RDU for departure to London Heathrow (LHR).
- Day 2** Arrive that morning in London. Catch a connecting flight to Edinburgh. Visit Glenrath poultry farm and Rosslyn Chapel outside of Edinburgh.
- Day 3** Visit the Leault Sheep Farm (Picture A) in the morning.
- Day 4** Spend the day in and around Edinburgh Castle, exploring historic Edinburgh.
- Day 5** Tour the Abbott Lodge Dairy Farm (Picture B). Spend the night in Glasgow.
- Day 6** Receive a lecture and tour at the Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales in the afternoon (Picture C).
- Day 7** Spend the morning and evening at Harper Adams University, meeting with faculty, students, and touring their farms and facilities. Afternoon at Fordhall Farm.
- Day 8** Visit Highclere Castle (Picture D) and Stonehenge in England.
- Day 9** Morning market tour and then visit the USDA office at the London Embassy. After that, tour Westminster Abbey then an evening group dinner at Covent Garden.
- Day 10** Tour the Tower of London in the morning and then head to the Borough Street Market and complete a group scavenger hunt while enjoying a free day in London.
- Day 11** Depart from London Heathrow and return to RDU.

Note: This is a tentative itinerary and is subject to modification.



Picture A



Picture B



Picture C



Picture D