

## **Office of International Programs**

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# **CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND – Fall or Spring**

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

**Spring Semester Enrollment : October 1 Deadline (Early Acceptance: April 1 of prior year)**

**Fall Semester Enrollment : February 15 Deadline (Early Acceptance: November 1 of prior year)**

### **WHO?**

- You must be a sophomore, junior or senior. Minimum 2.75 GPA, but a 3.0 is encouraged.
- Almost all Valpo students can study abroad in Cambridge without delaying graduation IF they plan carefully with their academic advisor. Up to 18 students may study at the Cambridge Center each semester.

### **WHAT?**

One semester of study, either fall or spring, at VU's own study center in Cambridge (not affiliated with Cambridge University). Courses for the 2009-2011 academic years include:

#### *Courses taught by British faculty:*

ART 311	Art Appreciation	3 credits
THEO 490	Topics: History of Early Christian Centuries	3 credits
HIST 351	English History and Culture	3 credits

#### *Courses taught by VU Professor Mark Farmer, Resident Director 2009-2011:*

GS 390	Topics in English Life and Culture	3 credits
CLC 251	Classical Mythology	3 credits
	(Fulfills Humanities Req.: Fine and Performing Arts)	

- Additional courses may be offered, depending on the academic field of the resident director(s).
- Independent study can always be arranged with VU faculty. Contact your advisor for details.
- Students may also take one class at nearby Anglia Ruskin University by special arrangement (spring semester). See the Office of International Programs for details.

### **WHERE?**

An old, medieval market town and the seat of one of Europe's most prestigious universities, Cambridge provides a perfect setting in which to experience British culture and academic tradition. As one of England's major cities, Cambridge is filled with attractive shops, museums, restaurants, and pubs. London is only a one-hour train ride to the south. Participants in the program live in two attached housing facilities, with bedrooms, sitting rooms, study areas, kitchens, and other facilities.

### **HOW?**

You must apply for the program through the Office of International Programs. Applications available online at [www.valpo.edu/studyabroad](http://www.valpo.edu/studyabroad). The OIP is located in the Harre Union, 209, phone: 464-5333.

You should consult with your academic advisor *and* the OIP *as early as possible*. Freshman year is not too early to begin your inquiries about study abroad. Careful planning will ensure your classes taken in Cambridge can be used for graduation requirements. Consult the VU Catalog under "International Study Programs" for details.

# HOW MUCH?

- *Air fare:* Students can expect to spend \$1000.00 - \$1200.00 round-trip between Chicago and London. Many of the discount flights described in newspapers are for short-term stays, and are not useful for a semester abroad. The OIP will make every effort possible to book the lowest-priced, most convenient air tickets for the group.
- *Tuition, Room, and General Fee:* Students pay the same tuition and fees they would pay in Valparaiso. All VU study abroad programs are considered "in-residence," so financial aid and most scholarships apply.
- *Cambridge Center Fee:* Each student who studies in Cambridge pays an additional study center fee, which is used by the program for approximately three group trips throughout England, cultural activities such as tickets to a Shakespeare play, and miscellaneous center expenses.
- *Spending Money:* The exact amount will differ depending on individual preferences and exchange rates, but generally you can expect to spend \$3000.00 - \$5500.00 on local travel, food and entertainment. Many students take advantage of purchasing additional transportation packages to tour England and Europe while participating in the Cambridge Program. However, these additional packages are optional and not a requirement to participate in the program. Remember that as part of the Cambridge fee, group excursions and cultural activities are already arranged to enhance your experience in England. The costs of the optional train passes are the Eurail Pass (\$291.00 - \$696.00) and the Britrail pass (\$199.00 - \$529.00).

## **Fixed Costs (2009-2010): per semester**

Tuition:	\$13,680 (VU scholarship & financial aid apply)
General Fee:	\$480
Cambridge Fee:	\$1,200 (towards group excursions & cultural activities)
Housing Fee:	<u>\$2,455</u> (includes kitchen facilities, fully equipped)
	\$17,815

## **Estimated Expenses:**

Roundtrip Airfare:	\$1,000 – 1,200 (arranged through VU)
Personal Spending:	<u>\$3,000 – 5,500</u> (includes meals*, transportation & entertainment for entire semester)
	\$4,000 – 6,700

*\*The housing facilities have two full kitchens that are fully equipped with cooking utensils. Students can spend less money by cooking their own meals during the week.*

## **Total fixed & estimated costs: \$21,815 – 24,515**

*\*Typical semester at VU: \$21,035 (Tuition, fees, room/board, personal spending)*

## **Optional Travel Expenses:**

Britrail Pass	\$529/15 days of travel within 2 months – to tour England
Eurail Pass	\$533/10 days of travel within 2 months – to tour Europe

# CONTACTS

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