

## 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 2011-2013 academic years include:

### Courses:

ART 311	Art Appreciation	3 credits – Fulfills Humanities Fine Arts req.
THEO 490	Topics in Theology	3 credits – Fulfills upper-level Theo req.
HIST 351	20 <sup>th</sup> Century England	3 credits – Fulfills Humanities History req.
GS 390	Topics in English Life and Culture	3 credits – Required of all participants
NURS 390	Challenges in Global Health	3 credits – Partially fulfills Social Science req.
GEO 210	Current Themes in Geography	3 credits/x-listed with NUR 390 – Fulfills Social Sciences requirement)

*Cultural Diversity requirement and Christ College seminar credit fulfilled by participating in the program*

- Global Health Issues will be offered throughout Spring 2013. This course will be replaced in Fall 2013 by another 3 cr. course to be taught by the next Resident Director in his or her specialty. All other courses will remain available.
- 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 - \$1400.00 round-trip between Chicago and London. Many of the discount flights found online 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 \$4500.00 - \$5500.00 on meals, entertainment and travel throughout the UK and Europe. 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.

### **Fixed Costs** (Currently listed for 2011-2012 academic year): *per semester*

Tuition:	\$15,000 (VU scholarship & financial aid apply)
General Fee:	\$520
Cambridge Fee:	\$1,200 (towards group excursions & cultural activities)
Housing Fee:	<u>\$2,678</u> (includes kitchen facilities, fully equipped) \$19,398 (minus financial aid & scholarships)

### **Estimated Expenses:**

Roundtrip Airfare:	\$1,000 – 1,400 (arranged through VU)
Meals:	<u>\$1,850</u> (based on groceries & cooking in kitchen facilities* and eating out) \$2,850 – 3,250

*\*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: \$22,248 – 22,648 (minus scholarships and financial aid)**

*Typical semester at VU: \$19,648 (tuition, fees, room & board only)*

### **Other Expenses:**

As when they are at home, students will likely require additional pocket money for entertainment, cultural activities, and basic needs (including supplies and toiletries). But students can easily spend more money in Europe if they plan on additional travel, restaurant meals, hotel stays (or significantly less expensive hostel stays), and shopping. Going out to movies, clubs, concerts, etc. adds further expenses, which students would also have if engaging in these activities at home. These are matters of personal choice and depend of the resources of the individual student. Bringing additional spending money is strongly encouraged. Many students choose to purchase a Britrail for additional travel in the UK and/or a Eurail Pass for additional travel in the continent of Europe during the two-week break and some longer weekends and should count on lodging expenses and additional costs when planning such trips.

Eurail Pass	\$575/10 days of travel within 2 months – to tour Europe
Britrail Pass	\$571/15 days of travel within 2 months – to tour England

## CONTACTS

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