PILGRIMAGE: PROTESTANT SITES IN SCOTLAND

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Spring Break Study Abroad Program
March 11 - 19, 2017

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Program Description

Pilgrimage Sites in Europe will take place during Spring Break of the Spring 2017 semester, with 5 days in Iona, Scotland and 4 days in Edinburgh, Scotland. Pulling from almost 1500 years of history, Iona is located among remote islands off the Western coast of Scotland. For the last century, it has become a major source of Christian pilgrims seeking spiritual growth and healing. From here, students will study firsthand the experience of pilgrimage, as well as explore centuries-old sites in this historic town. Students will begin and end the trip in Edinburgh with multiple pilgrimage sites and a vast array of diverse interpretation of pilgrimage and ritual.

Schedule: one class prior to the trip will be held on GSU’s campus on March 3. The students will fly from Atlanta to Edinburgh on March 10, arriving March 11. Daily classes will be held in the mornings with group outings in the afternoons. The group will travel to Iona on March 11 via 2 trains, 2 ferries, and a mile hike (approx. 16 hours), returning to Edinburgh on March 15 to stay in Edinburgh for 4 nights, and returning to Atlanta on March 19.

Students will learn about the central role of pilgrimage in the religious lives of the pilgrims, the cultural contexts of the pilgrimage sites, and how to study a religious practice using interdisciplinary methods. Students will keep a pilgrimage journal and write a final paper upon their return to Atlanta. While some of the days will be organized around the class and group excursions, students will also have plenty of time for individual interests.

Accommodations

Housing in Iona will be at the Iona Hostel. Housing in Edinburgh will be in 1 or 2 large apartments in the city center.

Application Information

The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students. Non-majors are welcome to apply; there are no pre-requisite courses required. Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application.

Transient Students: please see theTransient Student tab on the How to Apply page on our website.

International students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Students and Scholar Services at (404) 413-2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

Application Deadline: October 31, 2016
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Atlanta, GA

March 3 Class on GSU campus

Edinburgh, Scotland

March 10 Flight to Edinburgh
March 11 Arrive in Edinburgh and travel to Iona

Iona, Scotland

March 11-15 Iona

Edinburgh, Scotland

March 15 Return to Edinburgh
March 19 Return flight to Atlanta

Courses and Credits

Participants who successfully complete the program will receive 3 semester hours of credit from Georgia State University. Undergraduate students should register for RELS 4290 Pilgrimage. Graduate students should register for RELS 6290 Pilgrimage. Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

Program Cost

Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $1785, PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost. For more information on what the program cost does and does not include, please visit: http://www.studyabroad.gsu.edu/?go=RELScotland

Spring Break Early Decision Discount

For the first 9 students that apply for the Scotland study abroad program, are accepted to the program, and pay their $500 applicant fee before October 31, 2016 will receive a $1000 early decision discount. If an applicant misses the early decision discount (application submissions are time-stamped), they will absolutely be refunded their deposit within 7 business days should they choose not to participate at the full program price. Please note: transient students are not eligible for this discount.

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