

## OVERVIEW

Studying abroad helps students develop an appreciation of human diversity and an understanding of different world views. This is invaluable for students' personal and professional development. London is one of the most exciting and multicultural cities in the world. Thus, it is a perfect setting to study the cultural determinants of behavior. On average, 100 different languages are spoken in each borough of London, with 22% of the population speaking another language besides English as their first language.

The Psychology in London Program allows students to immerse themselves in this cultural experience while advancing their academic studies. Each summer, students in the Program take two upper division psychology courses that are not offered on the Tallahassee campus. Courses are small in size (30-40 students) and count as 4000-level electives that can fulfill either psychology major or minor requirements. In addition to class meetings, the program involves a variety of excursions, some of which have direct relevance to the courses (e.g., Darwin's home, Freud Museum, Science Museum) and some of which are of general social, cultural, and historical interest (e.g., Houses of Parliament, Windsor Castle, Shakespeare performance at the Globe Theatre).

The London Psychology Program is designed for psychology majors, although it is open to all students who have completed General Psychology (PSY 2012) with a C- or better, and who have a strong interest in psychology. The dates for the 2022 Program are **June 8 to August 5, 2023** (8-weeks).

## SCHOLARSHIP

To help make this Program more accessible to students with limited financial resources, FSU's Department of Psychology, in collaboration with FSU's International Programs, established a new scholarship fund in 2014. Awards go to students who meet criteria for both academic achievement and financial need. Awards are up to \$2000 for use toward the FSU London Psychology Summer Program.

The deadline to apply for this or any scholarship to study abroad with FSU during summer 2023 is January 8, 2023. For more information on eligibility and how to apply, go to: <https://international.fsu.edu/>.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS & INSTRUCTORS for SUMMER 2023**

**Students take two courses not offered in Tallahassee.** Both count as 4000-level psychology electives that can be used toward the psychology major or minor. Both include small class size (25-35 students) and a variety of course-related excursions in London.

See course descriptions below:

### **1) Everyday Neuroscience: Explore London, Explore your Brain**

Every thought we have, every emotion we experience, and every behavior we engage in emerges from and impacts neural activity. In this course we will consider common experiences and stimuli such as stress, exercise, food, music, and emotion, and discuss their bidirectional interface with brain function. Learning outcomes for the course will be (1) to describe the basic organization of the central and peripheral nervous systems, (2) to identify neural circuits and neurochemicals involved in these common experiences, and (3) to formulate hypotheses about the impact of various life experiences on short and long-term outcomes. Students will demonstrate success in these domains through a combination of reflection papers, group presentations, and synthesis/research papers. All required materials are open-source and accessible online, in written and alternative formats.

Instructor: Dr. Orenda Johnson, Teaching Professor, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Psychology.

### **2) The History of Evolutionary Thinking in Psychology: From Pea Plants to People**

This course will take a deep dive into the history of evolutionary thinking, with an emphasis on behavioral science. The course will begin by focusing on the classic origins of evolutionary theories including work by Charles Darwin (evolution by natural selection), Jean Baptiste Lamarck (inheritance of acquired characteristics), Gregor Mendel (Mendelian genetics), and others. The course will progress to discuss modern evolutionary thinking as introduced in work by E. O. Wilson (sociobiology), David Hamilton (inclusive fitness theory and kin selection), Robert Axelrod (Reciprocal altruism theory), Leda Cosmides (psychological modularity), Robert Trivers & David Buss (parental investment theory), and others. The course will finish its tour of evolutionary thinking by addressing contemporary issues in evolutionary science (e.g., gene X environment interactions; epigenetics; cultural evolution). Throughout the course, students will be exposed to foundational concepts in evolutionary science. To illustrate evolutionary principles, the course will draw on decades of theory development and empirical research in evolutionary behavioral science. Students will also develop an understanding of common misconceptions in evolutionary science (e.g., genetic determinism, the naturalistic fallacy; the nature-nurture debate), as well as how to correct those misconceptions.

Instructor: Dr. Jon Maner, Professor, Director of Graduate Studies,  
Department of Psychology

### **FEES, DEADLINES, FINANCIAL AID & MORE:**

London Psychology Program (Program code: LN97) **June 6 to August 2, 2022** (8 weeks, 57 nights) Fees: **\$11,350 (see below for what is and is not included)**

#### **FEES INCLUDE**

All registration fees  
All instructional costs for up to 6 undergraduate credits  
Housing  
Welcome orientation  
Continental breakfast on class days at the Study Centre\*  
Weekly pizza dinner at the Study Centre\*  
Program scheduled excursions

Program scheduled group activities  
Most course-specific field trips  
London transport pass  
Scheduled group pickup at airport  
Full-time academic support  
Full-time administrative support  
Health Insurance  
International Student ID Card  
IP T-shirt and travel water bottle  
Universal travel adaptor

*\*Participation in these meals is optional.*

### **NOT INCLUDED in FEES**

Round-trip international airfare  
Passport  
Food (*except as noted*)  
Books and supplies  
Personal travel/activity/spending money  
University-assessed fees (e.g. per credit hour technology fee) See ***international.fsu.edu*** for tech fee info.

### **Important Dates and Fees\***

Applications open.\*\* Application fee is \$100  
September 7, 2022  
Scholarship Application Deadline  
January 9, 2023  
Commitment fee of \$1,500 (included in cost)  
January 19, 2023  
Final Payment Deadline  
February 15, 2023

\*Fees are non-refundable. \*\*Program typically fills up so apply as soon as you can.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Psychology Information Session: **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022** 3 PM to 4 PM. Psychology Auditorium, D201 PDB. IP Specialist will be there, as will both instructors. This is Family Weekend, so **bring your parents!**

Go to [www.international.fsu.edu](http://www.international.fsu.edu) Click Academic Programs > England > Psychology (Program code: LN97)

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Send questions to Dr. Wagner [rkwagner@psy.fsu.edu](mailto:rkwagner@psy.fsu.edu) or call International Programs (850) 644-3272 or (800) 374-8581.

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