

Study Abroad 2017

Speech Pathology in London

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- When:** May 8, 2017 through May 16, 2017 (dates subject to change but will be sometime in that time frame)
- Where:** London and Paris (9 day trip: 2 travel days, 5 days in London and 2 days in Paris)
- Why:** Study abroad experiences have been known to increase personal, professional and philanthropic connections, build interpersonal skills, create a global understanding, and increase self-confidence and maturity. Looks good on resumes!
- Content:** The course will focus on the healthcare system in England. Students will learn how the healthcare system compares to that of the U.S. Students will also have an opportunity to hear from a speech-language pathologist who practices in London in a medical setting. Additionally, a lecture has been arranged with a speech pathologist who is doing research on linguistics in London. Florence Nightingale, the woman credited for founding modern nursing, will also be a focus of study. Many of the concepts that she emphasized for nurses apply to speech pathologists in terms of our relationships and care of clients. Finally, students will explore historical and tourist attractions in both cities.
- Course:** The course is worth 2 Undergraduate or Graduate credit hours. The 2 credit hours can be counted toward electives (UG or Grad) or will count as an undergraduate senior seminar course (with the addition of a 1 hour capstone class the semester after students return). The class will meet 8 times over spring semester. Students will be responsible for content in the 8 classes and complete assignments. Additionally, students will be required to keep a journal and answer specific questions while studying abroad. These questions will incorporate previously acquired knowledge from the on campus classes and the new information attained through guided tours and lectures.
- Cost:** The cost of the trip is \$3,785 paid to the tour company: Education First (EF) Tours. This fee is paid prior to the trip. Students will also be required to pay for a 2 credit hour course through Eastern Illinois University. Students will be billed for their 2 hour course during summer term 2017. There are a variety of payment options available through EF Tours. Information available at efcst.com/payment.

What is included in the cost? The cost includes roundtrip air, all hotel accommodations, free breakfast every day, a minimum of 2 group dinners, tickets or entrance fees to all attractions, all travel in London and Paris (planned destinations listed on itinerary). Students will need additional money for lunch, and maximum of 5

dinners. Also, students will be required to pay approximately \$150 in tip money which is distributed to our multiple tour guides at attractions, our private tour guide through EF, and private bus driver through EF.

Tour info: Education First (EF) Tour Company is an established company that offers tours for universities for study abroad experiences, as well as for adults who want to tour with a group. EF will provide a trained and knowledgeable tour guide for our group that will be with us from the moment (guide will meet us at airport) to the moment we leave Paris. EF provides our group with our own tour bus that will take us to all of our destinations. Therefore, we do not have to use public transportation, unless students do something on their own during their free time. EF puts us up in reasonable accommodations that are in safe locations and friendly to tour groups. Please check out the website for more information on EF www.efcst.com

Safety: Traveler safety is the priority of Eastern Illinois University and EF Tours. EIU and EF gather contact information from travelers so that if there is an emergency, both entities have a way to contact families at home. EF tour guides are specifically trained in traveler safety and have a set protocol in place for emergencies. As is ours, their number one concern is for the safety of the travelers. In the circumstance of any difficulties, families will be contacted immediately and our travelers will be taken to a safe setting.

Registration: Students will need to register first through EF tours and then register through the study abroad office at EIU. To register through EF please call 877-485-4184 or go to efcst.com/1798022NT

*Please note that the website is slightly different. It says London Healthcare Tour and has a different itinerary. It also does not state that we are going to Paris. Our trip was customized to meet our needs from this original offered trip through EF. Therefore, please refer to the customized itinerary.

Information: Please do not hesitate to contact Trina Becker, Faculty leader, for more information. 217-581-8497 or tmbecker@eiu.edu. Also, additional informational meetings will be held throughout fall semester so that students are able to hear more about the trip and/or ask questions.