

Culture, Identity, & Society: London and Paris Study Tour

PSY-291/POL-291 (3 credits)

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Spring 2026 Semester / Travel Dates: May 11th – May 22nd, 2026



WLC students, faculty, staff, and alumni have an amazing opportunity to participate in a 12 day international study tour to London and Paris. The central theme of the course explores the meaning, relationships, and applications among the concepts culture, identity, and society. Some of the many sites that we will experience in connection to the course theme include:

London: Buckingham Palace, Kensington Palace, Windsor Castle, Westminster Abbey & UK Parliament, St. Paul's Cathedral, Tower of London, Winston Churchill's WWII War Room Memorial, Sigmund Freud Museum, British Museum, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Bethelm Museum of the Mind, Hyde Park, Covent Gardens, "The Eye" (Ferris Wheel), Big Ben, Temple Church, Portobello Road Markets, Harrod's Department Store, & attend a play or musical in the "West End" or at Shakespeare's Globe Theater.

Paris: Notre Dame Cathedral, Louvre, Eiffel Tower, Latin Quarter, Place de la Concorde, Marais District and Bastille, Montmartre District and Sacré Couer Cathedral, Tuileries Gardens, Luxembourg Gardens, Palace of Versailles, Champs Elysées & Arc de Triomphe, Pantheon, d'Orsay museum, Rodin museum, Orangerie museum, Hôtel de Ville, & Père Lachaise Cemetery

Normandy Beach: Day-trip to visit the WWII American D-Day Invasion Memorial and Cemetery (includes Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc, and German Battery at Longues-Sur-Mer).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

- **Who may participate?** WLC students, faculty, staff, & alumni
- **Are there any academic prerequisites?** No (Note: there is significant walking, including stairs).
- **How will the course be taught?** Nine weekly Thursday seminars from 12:30pm-1:50pm during Spring semester starting Week 7 (Feb. 26) through Week 15 (April 30), then onsite travel May 11-22, 2026.
- **What is the cost per participant?** \$3,525 (cost may be reduced given total number of participants).
- **What does the cost include/not include?** Included - 3 credits, airfare, UK and EU travel entrance visas, lodging, daily breakfast at hotels, most entrance fees, regional train and local transportation, health and emergency travel insurance policy, one carry-on bag and one backpack for the flights. Not included - personal spending, passport origination or renewal fee (if applicable), lunches and dinners, vaccinations (if applicable), theatre ticket. Participants may request upgraded airfare to include one additional checked piece of luggage (50lbs max) at a cost of \$150 (round-trip).
- **When are the payments due?** \$100 refundable deposit is due by November 14th to hold your seat in the course and to show your commitment to participate. \$750 deposit is due by December 12th (for airfare). The remaining \$2,675 is due by January 19th. All payments are made directly to the WLC Business Office window. Remaining deposits after the initial \$100 are not refundable.
- **Is financial aid an option?** A student's financial aid package may apply toward some portion of the cost of the course. Please contact the WLC Financial Aid Office.
- **Study tour contacts?** Dr. Badura (jason.badura@wlc.edu) or Dr. Close (wendy.close@wlc.edu).