

Culture, Health and Medical Humanities in the UK

London-York-Edinburgh

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Overview

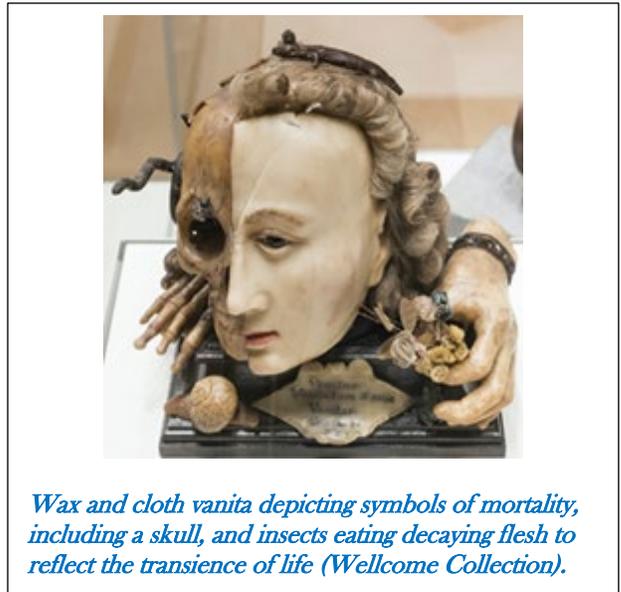
A 2-week tour of London, York and Edinburgh with focus on the history of medicine through the lens of anthropology and the humanities. As we journey across the UK, we'll explore the world of bodies, as they have existed in the rise of anatomical education, surgical experimentation, religious relic and literary phenomenon. Along the way, students will have time to roam cobbled streets surrounded by stunning architecture, explore cozy pubs and coffeehouses, and visit historical sites that make the UK one of the most desired destinations in the world.

This study abroad is unique in that a spring course by the same title will be offered (but not required) for students interested in an extended experience that is both in-class and on-the-ground. This approach aims to offer students an experiential opportunity that allows for depth, breadth and continuity. The course will hold particular interest for pre-health and health-professions students interested in global experience and building competencies in cross-cultural and interdisciplinary approaches to medicine and health.

Estimated cost: \$4200 (including airfare). **Scholarships available:** See Dr. William Duncan for more information.

Highlights

In London, we will visit an apothecary and operating theater from the 1800s, the infamous “Bedlam” insane asylum, and the Wellcome Collection, housing medical relics gathered from around the globe. We will visit Borough Market, a market from the 12th century, enjoy a Jack the Ripper tour and visit the famous London Tower. Optional events (not included in the package) range from a visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum, seeing a show at the West End Theatre district and taking a night bus tour of the city.



Two faces of London—a 19th century operating theater reflecting London's long and, sometimes, macabre history of medicine (L) and London today (R)



We will enjoy a brief 3-day stay in York that will include a walking death tour, a visit to York Minster and Bar Convent. Students will have time to wander around the Shambles, eat fish and chips at haunted pubs and enjoy the unique character of York.

(L) The Shambles in York (R) The hand of Catholic martyr, Margaret Clitherow

In Edinburgh, we will visit the Surgeon's Hall Museum of medical and anatomical history. We will have a private visit to the Edinburgh University anatomical museum, home to the skeleton of famous body-snatcher turned killer, William Burke. Our time in Edinburgh will also involve a visit to Greyfriar's Kirkyard, with a cemetery from the 1500s. The cemetery features funerary architecture to evade grave-robbers and served as inspiration for Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* and JK Rowling's *Harry Potter* series.



(L) Greyfriar's Kirkyard; (R) Nightwatchman disturbs body-snatcher who has dropped the stolen corpse while the anatomist runs away.



Victoria Street, a charming corner of Edinburgh's Old Town, with something for everyone—cafés, colorful storefronts, dazzling architecture, unexpected historical pockets, and many things Harry Potter.