

THE COURSES

CAMBRIDGE

The Political Economy of the EU
Geopolitics and International Law
Economic Theory: The Cambridge Tradition
Western Europe and the USA Since 1918
The Political Economy of China
Global Business Perspectives
Money and Banking
Modern British Fiction
Shakespeare
International Economic Issues
The Theory of Finance

LONDON

Ethics in Action
The New Security Agenda
Law and Society
The Middle East and Political Islam
The New Europe
Contemporary Britain
Applied International Business
Media, Society & Contemporary Culture
Directed Research and Methodology

Directed Research Track

Students may define and apply a wide range of research methods and techniques to a self-defined directed research project in Politics, Business, Law, or Communications available in London.

HOW TO APPLY

Over the past 30 years students from a wide range of U.S. colleges and universities have been accepted on and received credit for the INSTEP programs in Cambridge and London. Students should consult the INSTEP website and their home school's study abroad office for application forms and detailed instructions regarding admission requirements and application procedures. Your home institution study abroad advisor will provide you with instructions concerning on-campus procedures for applying to the INSTEP programs.



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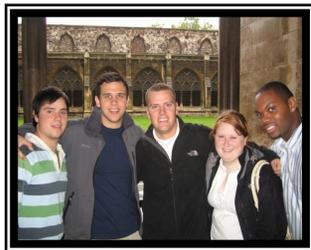
INSTEP

Undergraduate Study Abroad
London or Cambridge



Semester and Summer Courses

Economics
Politics & Law
Political Economy
International Relations
Business & Finance
Media & Communications
History



The Institute of Economic and Political Studies (INSTEP) has been offering semester and summer programs in England since 1979. Students from more than 120 US colleges and universities have participated in the INSTEP programs.

Students may choose from two exciting centers: the academic setting of Cambridge or the cosmopolitan environment of London. Each center specializes in different subject areas, but both provide the same philosophy and high level of services. Classes are taught in small groups of traditionally British seminars or supervisions for which students may earn credit toward their degree programs. The courses provide a contemporary perspective on economics, media and communications, business, politics, law, and international relations. While INSTEP draws its academic resources from local British institutions, it is not formally associated with a specific British university.

The distinguished INSTEP faculty members are drawn primarily from two outstanding British institutions: the London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of Cambridge. In addition to being exceptionally well-qualified in their academic fields, the INSTEP faculty have the important additional attribute of many years of experience working with American undergraduates. It is well known that the British system of higher education differs in a number of ways from the US system, and this can sometimes cause American students some initial anxiety. The INSTEP faculty and staff understand the special needs of American students and are skilled at easing the students' transition so that program participants will derive the maximum benefit from the experience of studying in a British academic environment.

A few well qualified students may be interested in applying for our Directed Research track offered in London in order to add a different dimension to their educational experience. Coursework is closely connected to an individualized research project in the following areas: politics, law, business, and communications. Research students have regular meetings with a faculty member in their subject area to discuss the formation and execution of their research plans.

WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE INSTEP

INSTEP stands out in several important ways:

Experience

INSTEP has been providing courses taught by distinguished British faculty for American students in England for over thirty years.

A Cross-Disciplinary Approach

In both the London and Cambridge locations, a variety of central themes are examined from the areas of economics, politics, political economy, international relations, media and communications, business, finance, law, and history. This academic approach allows for close study and critical evaluation of the broader issues underlying the course of Western thought for more than a century.

Small Classes: Seminars, Supervisions, and Tutorials

INSTEP emphasizes a close student/faculty teaching relationship which is underscored by the fact that no class in either London or Cambridge is larger than twelve students. All courses are, in fact, what US academics would term seminars, ranging in size from five to twelve students. In addition, INSTEP programs provide tutorials for qualified students (there are pre-requisites) meeting in small groups of one to four students to discuss pertinent issues surrounding the content of particular courses. At INSTEP these small classes are called supervisions.

Outstanding Faculty

INSTEP has sought to afford students the opportunity to study with distinguished faculty from the colleges of Cambridge University and the London School of Economics and Politics. We feel it is a tribute to the program that faculty have taught with INSTEP for many years. All are fine teachers and scholars and many have international reputations in their disciplines. Most importantly, they enjoy teaching American undergraduates and are committed to the work of the INSTEP program.

Superb Locations

INSTEP is one of the few American programs located in Cambridge which is among the most renowned university towns in the world. Cambridge has a small-town flavor, but it also offers tremendous opportunities to those seeking an outstanding academic and student culture. The excellent public transportation system makes Cambridge an easy hop to London and other cities in England.

In contrast, London is a vast city with an extremely diverse population. Its historical significance is well-documented and contemporary aspects include numerous superb restaurants, theatres, cinemas, and other forms of entertainment. London is pre-eminent in business and politics proving to be a prime location for INSTEP students. The benefits of living and studying in cities so rich in culture and history are beyond description.

Guaranteed Housing and Support Services

The INSTEP staff members strongly believe that a high level of student services is as important to a successful study abroad experience as is an outstanding academic program. That is why we offer the highest quality support system beginning with the student's initial contact, throughout the application, acceptance, and orientation process, during the actual period of study abroad, and ultimately even after the student has completed the program and returned to the US. INSTEP provides these important services:

- * Dedicated office and program staff in the U.S.
- * Pre-Departure mailings and advice
- * Credit transfer to any U.S. college or university
- * Help with booking transatlantic student flights
- * Dedicated on-site staff in London and Cambridge
- * Guaranteed student housing in London or Cambridge
- * Excellent on-site orientation in the U.K.
- * On-site academic support and advising
- * Membership in student unions
- * Library, computing, and email facilities
- * Special receptions, dinners, and group photographs

