

ECONOMICS IN LONDON

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Eye of London Ferris Wheel

Professors Firat Demir and Cynthia Rogers are excited to lead the 2018 Economics in London program. London is a fascinating and important city that these professors know and appreciate. It offers a wide variety of learning opportunities and unique experiences, particularly after Britain's vote to leave the European Union.

Classes usually will meet Monday through Thursday, with some Fridays used for group excursions. One class will meet in the morning and the other in the afternoon each week. Most evenings will be free. Some Fridays will be used for visits to sites related to the course content, such as the British Museum, London Transport Museum, Museum of London, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, as well as walking tours of various parks in the city. One open three-day weekend is guaranteed for independent travel during the program. This allows time for exploration within the United Kingdom or elsewhere. Students are required to report those travel plans ahead of time.

There will be significant integration of topics and content across the two courses offered: Urban Economics (Rogers) and World Economic Development (Demir).

It is hard to imagine a better setting to take an Urban Economics course than London, a city that was literally at the heart of the Industrial Revolution and stands as a remarkable and unique example of an urban environment. The goal of this course is to "bring cities to life." Topics will include urban sprawl, economies of scale, location theory and land-use regulation, racial discrimination and housing segregation, and public and mass transportation.

The World Economic Development course will also take advantage of the location, which is home to the Royal Exchange, the East India Company, and Lloyd's of London. In addition, the city provides numerous tangible outlets for understanding globalization, colonialization and economic development around the world. The evolution of industrial revolution, labor unions, welfare states, institutions, colonial rule, the imposition of international order and the interplay between early industrializers and their overseas empires are all areas that will be covered in the course.

The maximum number of participants in the program will be twenty-four. Spots are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants must schedule study abroad advising with Karen Elmore, Director of International Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, as part of the application process.



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