

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Academic Courses

The curriculum may include basic studies courses that are existing courses at any of the three WCWC universities and may also include disciplinary courses that relate specifically to the study of Great Britain, provided that these courses are approved through the usual curriculum approval process. The courses must be approved at each of the three universities before the first offering.

The Program Director will distribute syllabi copies to the Directors of International Education/Programs at each campus, who will then be responsible for starting these courses through the local approval process.

The Directors of International Education/Programs will advise the Program Director of this approval in writing.

The Directors of International Education/Programs will provide the Program Director with a list of the courses being offered each semester and how those courses will apply to their home campus (course equivalence; i.e., UW-Stout's ANTH 220/Cultural Anthropology will be accepted as UW-River Falls' ANTH 100/Introduction to Anthropology).

A two-semester academic year and summer term calendar for the program will be developed.

The Directors of International Education/Programs will select the academic courses.

Deadlines and dates. Selection of the academic year curriculum will be concurrent with selection of the teaching faculty.

One of the goals of the WIS program is to learn about Scottish culture. As part of the orientation to Scotland, students in the semester sessions are required to participate in a three-credit directed study course (Scottish Culture Colloquium). The purpose of this course is to expose participants to the current cultural events in Edinburgh; to the Scottish culture, heritage and artistic traditions; to the national and international influence on Scottish life and culture; and, to acquaint participants with the city and environment of Edinburgh. There will be orientation lectures and post-event discussions.

The Program Director and/or the Resident Director will set the academic year calendar to facilitate programming at Dalkeith House.

The academic year calendar should be finalized by September of the year preceding its implementation so students have this information as they enroll in the program.

Textbooks

Beginning Fall Semester 2008, the WIS program will no longer ship textbooks and educational materials to Scotland. Students will be required to obtain (purchase, rent, borrow, etc.) the necessary textbooks for the UW courses they will be taking in Scotland. It will be their responsibility to bring the textbooks with them and/or obtain them prior to the first day of classes. Therefore, faculty need to furnish pertinent information (ISBN, author, edition, publisher, etc.) for required textbooks for the course/s they will be teaching. This information will be posted on the WIS website. (It is the intent of WCWC to keep the program affordable to all students; therefore, faculty are expected to keep costs to a minimum.) The WIS program will reimburse faculty up to \$300 per term for shipment of their personal textbooks/educational materials to and from Dalkeith House (no personal items and receipt required). WIS encourages faculty to use local, on-line and other resources for the following reasons: programmatic (better cultural immersion experience); financial (saves the students and WIS program money); and, ecological (smaller carbon footprint by not shipping heavy textbooks/materials).

Residence Credit

The program will carry full-time residence credit. All courses offered and completed will be entered directly on the student's home campus transcript. This will be done following local campus policy.

Total Student Credit Hours generated by the program will be divided proportionately (i.e., credits for students enrolled from that campus) among the participating WCWC universities.

All semester students are required to enroll for a minimum of 12 credits; WIS summer participants are required to enroll for a minimum of 6 credits.

Grading Policy (based on local campus policy)

WIS faculty may use pluses/minuses when evaluating students from UW-River Falls, UW-Stout, and UW-Superior.

The reporting of grades to the home campus will conform to the grading policy of that campus.

Pass/Fail Option

The restrictions vary from campus to campus and are rather firm. Students need to realize that pass/fail graded courses might not be accepted in transfer to other institutions of higher learning, and a "fail" may affect the student's academic standing. It is the student's responsibility to comply with the pass/fail policy of their WCWC campus.