



INSTEP-WFU London
London as a Global City

London as a Global City explores the social, artistic, and environmental dimensions of contemporary life in one of the world's most dynamic and multicultural urban centers. This course examines London's rich history and evolving global identity, focusing on its architecture, folklore, music, literature, and museums. Through an interdisciplinary approach, students will gain a deeper understanding of how London's diverse population, visionary leadership, and international influence shapes its character as a global city.

As a hub of migration, commerce, and culture, London is home to a vast array of communities that contributes to its vibrant social fabric. The course will explore the city's architectural evolution—from historic landmarks such as the Tower of London and Westminster Abbey to modern skyscrapers like The Shard—highlighting the global influences that have shaped its skyline. Folklore and traditions will be examined through festivals and local customs, showcasing how London's deep-rooted heritage coexists with contemporary multiculturalism. Music and literature will provide further insight into the city's global reach, featuring works by both local and international authors who have captured London's spirit in their storytelling. Visits to world-renowned museums, including the British Museum and Tate Modern, will illustrate London's role as a custodian of global art and history.

The course will also emphasize leadership and character, exploring how key historical and contemporary figures have shaped London's identity. From monarchs and prime ministers to social reformers, business leaders, and cultural icons, students will analyze how leadership decisions have influenced the city's growth, resilience, and global standing. Through site visits, guest lectures, and interviews with Londoners, students will engage with personal narratives that defines the city's evolving identity.

By the end of the course, students will gain a nuanced appreciation of London's role as a global crossroads, where diverse perspectives, traditions, and ideas converge—guided by visionary leadership that continues to shape one of the world's most influential cities.

Assessment:

40% Creative Assignments (ex: Review, Photo-Essay, etc.)

40% Practical Assignment (ex: Management Plan, Proposal, etc. Comprised of 2000 words, 15 minute presentation or the equivalent depending on format)

20% Participation