

Join the Social Work Department in London, England!



**SW 785/885: Comparative Social Welfare Systems: Social Welfare History and
Child/Family Services
London, England
May 30 – June 9, 2011
SW 785: 4 cr. SW 885: 3 cr.**

“The man [sic] who is tired of London, is tired of life.” Samuel Johnson

“If London contained only its landmarks – Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, and the Tower of London- it would still rank as one of the world’s top destinations. It’s a heady mix of old and new, reflecting fast moving changes in fashion, lifestyle, and architecture, with an unconquered continuance of more than 2,000 years of history. A city that loves to be explored, London beckons with great museums and galleries, shops and restaurants, royal pageantry, gracious parks and wild open spaces, and quirky historical hideaways.”

Fodor’s London, 2006, pp. 2

Course description: The theme of this year’s study/tour is an examination the social support and social service system of the United Kingdom, particularly as it affects children and families. Lectures by British social workers and the instructing faculty on the structure and value base of social services in London will be augmented by visits to museums, numerous agencies and several of London’s most notable landmarks. Private walking tours of notable London neighborhoods, a community service project, and a theater experience are included. London offers a glimpse into the beginnings of the American social welfare system based on English poor laws. We will tour the East End of London, not only home to the infamous Jack the Ripper, but also home to the waves of immigrants escaping war and persecution around the globe.

Course Objectives: At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify key themes/issues in the recent development of social services for children and families in the United Kingdom;
2. Gain a beginning understanding of the political and administrative structures and processes underpinning service delivery
3. Discuss some of the current practice issues facing social workers in the United Kingdom.
4. Identify and compare the value base and practice models of English social services with those of the United States.

Housing: Students will be housed in Vandon House in double, triple or quad rooms – most with en suite bathrooms. Vandon House is owned and operated by an American college for their study abroad programs during the school year. It is located in the heart of the city, within walking distance of Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Parliament, Trafalgar Square, St. James Park and Whitehall
www.vandonhouse.co.uk

Registration and deadlines: See Martha Byam or Robert Jolley for an application. The application is due by February 11th or before. **Limited to the first 12 students who register.** A nonrefundable deposit of \$200 will be required by February 11th, 2011 to the UNH Business Services. Four hundred (\$400) of the remaining balance is due March 11 and the last \$385 is due April 15th. The application process requires essential medical information and emergency contact information for each participant. **Extensive walking is a requirement for this course and the “Tube”, the public transit system, is used extensively.** Other UNH fees include the summer school registration and technology fee.

Financial Information

Special Course Fees: \$985
This fee includes: Ten nights housing (double, triple or quad) in a Bed & Breakfast near Buckingham Palace – walking distance to all of central London, all Breakfasts, 2 casual dinners, 2 professionally guided tours, entrance fees for Museum of London and the Tower of London, one theater experience, lectures and all agency visits. (Course fee is based on a currency exchange rate of \$1.55 to 1 Pound – if this changes significantly, adjustments to the program or to the fee may have to be made)

Unlimited ground Transportation \$64
(Zone 1 and 2 on the ‘tube’)

Tuition*: In-state undergraduate	\$1273
Out-of-state undergraduate	\$1402
In-state Graduate	\$1111
Out-of-State Graduate	\$1223

***This is an estimate - 2011 tuition has not yet been set.**

Additional Cost:

Air fare (currently around \$850, you make your own flight arrangements- although if enough want to fly together, can get a reduced rate)
Personal Spending
Meals (other than breakfast and two dinners) Lots of choices!

Refund policy: Due to the unique nature of this course, refunds of the course fee and tuition cannot be given. The course is self- supporting and revenues are committed ahead of time to the different venues that comprise the class. Substitutions may be allowed, if for some reason a registered student cannot attend.

Questions? Contact: Martha Byam @ martha.byam@unh.edu or Robert Jolley @ robert.jolley@unh.edu