Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism
The British Experience

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3 Credit Hours

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From the jungles of Malaysia to the streets of Belfast, the British have had a long history with the challenges of terrorism and insurgency. In this class, you will be immersed in this history and take part in the debate about the politics surrounding the British responses to terrorism while examining the challenges within an advanced democracy.

We will hear from activists on both sides of the debate about surveillance practices and explore urban counterinsurgency—most notably, Northern Ireland, with an excursion to Belfast. Students will gain better understanding of the complex issues underlying violence and the threat challenging countries.

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Course Description

The unique role of 19th and 20th century Britain has given the British a deep reservoir of knowledge that is still used to confront 21st century challenges, and more recent experiences with terrorism highlight the challenges that come with balancing civil liberties with safety. The British experience can serve as a powerful lesson for current and future American thinking and policy.

In this class, you will be immersed in this history and take part in the debate. You will read about the history and politics surrounding the British experience in Malaysia, including a conciliatory policy of addressing Malays’ economic and political concerns that serves as the exemplar for counterinsurgency policy and became the approach that was used by the Americans in Iraq and Afghanistan. We will also examine the challenges of confronting terrorism within an advanced democracy, including Britain’s expansion of CCTC cameras. Lastly, the class will turn its attention to Britain’s most well-known experience with counterinsurgency and counterterrorism: Northern Ireland. We will learn about the historical period known as “The Troubles,” and discuss the nature of the division between the two sides, the interpretation of history from each perspective, and current efforts to bridge this divide.

Undergraduates of all majors are encouraged to apply for this course, which is designed to help students better understand the complex issues that underlie violence and the challenges that countries face in Countering this threat. The debates in our country speak to our future as a democracy and the effectiveness of our foreign policy. Learning and heeding the lessons of the British experience should prove an eye-opening and thought-provoking experience.

Costs and Scholarships

The actual program fee is $3,600, however, all students accepted will receive substantial scholarship support ($1,500) bringing the cost down to $2,100. Further, the OSU Office of Study Abroad has additional scholarships that students may apply for. The cost INCLUDES three OSU credit hours, guest lecturers, single room and board (free breakfast daily), tickets to an outdoor Shakespeare play in Cambridge, and an overnight excursion to Northern Ireland. Note that all items are subject to change.

The cost EXCLUDES travel expenses to Cambridge, miscellaneous personal expenses, and any costs associated with travel before or after the course. Scholarship support is made possible by The Lew Wentz Foundation and The Henry Bellmon Office of Scholar Development and Undergraduate Research’s Cowboys Scholars Society. All tuition and applicable program fees, along with the scholarship support you receive, will appear on your Bursar account at the beginning of the fall semester in August 2016. No OSU tuition waivers are usable for this course. Note: May 1, 2016 is the deadline to drop this course with no financial penalty. After that date, you will be responsible for all the course costs, including tuition, even though it will not appear on your Bursar account until August. This is a statement of interest and application form, not an official OSU registration form. Completion of this form will only allow you to be considered for acceptance in the program. You will be notified within approximately one week of the deadline.

Name

Classification

Address

City

State

Zip

Email

Telephone

Major(s)

GPA

To Apply:

1. All students must submit this form to Arts & Sciences Outreach (213 Life Sciences East) with an official transcript.

2. Attach to this form:
   a. Essay (500 words max.) on “The reason for my interest in taking this course in Cambridge, what I can contribute and how I expect to benefit from the experience.”
   b. Letter of Recommendation from an OSU faculty member supporting your application.
   c. Optional: Statement of Financial Need (400 words max.) listing all current scholarships.

Note: An additional $500 in scholarship support may be available to students with exceptional need.

I confirm the accuracy of this information and wish to apply for this course.

Signature

Date