Study Abroad
Health and Equality Throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland

Explore.
June 23 - August 4

Learn all about this immersive 6 week experience.
Welcome!

We invite you to join us as we compare the health and the quality of life for young LGBTQ people throughout the UK and Ireland.

Health is more than a medical issue. Health is an integral part of equality and health outcomes that reflect deep-rooted social inequities. Who we are, where we are born, grow up, live, learn, work, and age are all key determinants to our current and future health. Our social environment is widely recognized for playing a crucial role in shaping our patterns of health and vulnerabilities to diseases.

This course and trip will require students to look at health through the lenses of individual, interpersonal, community, organizational, and policy aspects that promote health and wellbeing in young LGBTQ adults.

In each city, we will meet advocates and group leaders along with visiting various health centers and community groups to see how people are fighting for the rights of their local communities.

DR. STEWART CHANG ALEXANDER

Purdue Faculty Scholar Study Abroad Leader
Dr. Stewart Chang Alexander is an Associate Professor in the Department of Consumer Science and is currently a Faculty Scholar. Previously, he worked in the Department of Medicine at Duke University.

Dr. Chang Alexander’s research focuses on ways to improve how providers and patients talk in order to enhance understanding of illness, improve health outcomes, and promote behavior change.

His work concentrates on two predominant areas of communication in health care: end-of-life care for oncology patients and preventive health care in adults and adolescents.

Angel Avina is a first year Masters Student in the Department of Consumer Science. He received his Bachelors of Science from Purdue University in Public Health Promotion from the College of Health and Human Sciences.

He currently works in the Health Disparities Research Lab under Dr. Stewart Chang Alexander focusing on behavior change interventions that provide the HPV vaccine to college-aged males in the dormitories. His general research interests are on preventative health interventions that focus on LGBTQ and Latino/Hispanic populations.
PROGRAM INFORMATION

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CREDITS

6 Credits

CSR 390 - Global Health

CSR 390 - Health and Inequality

Students can substitute one of the above courses with WGSS 390, which counts towards the LGBT minor.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

FUNDING YOUR TRIP

Every student who applies for the Purdue Moves Scholarship will receive the $2,000, unless they have already received one in the past. Students should be sure to apply for the scholarship as soon as possible. Your best source for learning about available funding is your academic advisor. They are knowledgeable on all the department and college funding options.

If you receive financial aid and/or work study, there are more resources available to help pay for study abroad. The key to finding financial aid funding is to Visit the financial aid office before Spring semester. You'd be surprised at the resources that are available and how much they can help!
UK / IRL

Learn about the countries and cities you will visit, what you will learn and the unique experiences that await.
Dublin

12 DAYS - 11 NIGHTS

An ancient city, Dublin is one of the most dynamic and fastest growing European capitals. With a young and vibrant population of over one million, it has enjoyed considerable economic growth during the last decade. Dublin may be a city on the move; however, the charm, culture, and heritage of old Dublin is still apparent everywhere. It is perhaps the most literary city in the world with associations that include Joyce, Yeats, Shaw, Swift, Wilde, and Beckett.

While in Dublin, you will explore the sites and museums of Dublin and visit various community and health centers.
Guest Speakers

During our time in Dublin we will have the opportunity to learn from three different guest lecturers. The first topic will focus on the struggles faced to obtain gay marriage equality which just got approved in May of 2015. The second lecturer will unveil the current fight for Trans-rights and representation in Dublin. The third will come from the Pavee Point, and will focus on their current efforts in fighting for the health care and rights for marginalized communities.
Belfast

10 DAYS - 9 NIGHTS

Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland and has emerged with economic and commercial growth. It is a hub of industry, arts, higher education, business, and the law with development around Victoria Square, the Titanic Quarter, and the Golden Mile. Belfast endured a period of disruption, conflict, and destruction known as the "Troubles," but has undergone a sustained period of calm, free from the intense political violence of former years, and substantial economic and commercial growth.
Guest Speakers

The first lecture will focus on the current women's rights and abortion movement. Northern Ireland is the only location where abortion is still illegal so we will learn about what community leaders are doing to end this ban to improve women's health over all. The second lecture focuses on gay marriage because it is still illegal in the Northern area, so we get to see first hand how organizations work together for a common cause.

Students will also be able to sit in a Parliament House meeting that will focus on the women's rights and abortion issues. The second meeting will be with the Social Democratic and Labour Party, where students will get to listen to legislators discuss LGBTQ rights, health and equality.
Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland and is home to medieval and Georgian gardens and neoclassical buildings. World famous festivals take place with the backdrop of historic ruins, cathedrals, abbeys, castles, and stunning geography. With galleries and theaters abound, there are many ways to take in the local culture and learn about the tribal history of the Scottish Isles. During our stay, we will visit Edinburgh Castle, and the National Museum of Scotland where a curator will provide a lecture on Scottish history.
Home of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games, London is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city with over 250 languages spoken in the UK capital. This makes London the most linguistically diverse city in the world. London is at the cutting edge of the arts scene and provides access to music, fashion, museums (which are all free!), comedy, and theater. For those who want a break in the pace of London life, there is an abundance of green space to be explored in and around the capital, which boasts eight Royal Parks right in the heart of the city. During our stay, students will stay in apartments and have both a transportation pass and a city pass that allows them access to over 60 London attractions including Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Windsor Castle, Royal Albert Hall among other venues. As a group we will enjoy a river boat cruise down the Thames River.
Cambridge is deservedly famous for its university and is much quieter and more secluded compared to Oxford University. Unlike Oxford University, Cambridge is not overpopulated with American students during the summer. The campus and city straddles the River Cam and we will spend a day "punting" through the city and campus as a group. "Punting" is a quintessential Cambridge activity. During our stay, students will stay in dormitories and explore the many colleges including the famous King's College.
WHAT STUDY ABROAD CAN DO FOR YOU

Study abroad Newsletter

by M. Bittinger

Meredith Rees, (Political Science ’08) had her first international experience the summer prior to starting at Purdue. She went to Quebec, Canada with the University Honors Program. During the spring semester of 2007 she studied in Copenhagen, Denmark. There, she enrolled in a European Politics and Society program through the organization DIS.

Meredith learned both inside and out of the classroom. She was able to study the European Union from a local perspective. She also learned a lot about herself while abroad. Through her travels, Meredith gained a better understanding of what she is capable of.

She says that after conquering the subway system in Moscow, there wasn’t anything she couldn’t do. Meredith continued to excel and utilize what she learned. Her experiences abroad gave her a better understanding of the world, helped her in classes, and were instrumental in landing a foreign policy internship at the State Department the next year. The independence and confidence she gained during study abroad made it much easier to move to Washington D.C.

Upon graduation, Meredith was awarded the Outstanding Senior Award by the College of Liberal Arts. Study abroad led to her internship, which led to the position she now has with the National Security Agency (NSA).

Meredith is currently working as an Intelligence Analyst. She says that it would have been almost impossible for her to get the job without her international experience. The topic dominated the job interview, and that is why Meredith believes that study abroad was essential to her success.

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STUDY ABROAD APPS

1 WHATSAPP
Foreign cell phone plans can be very costly. With this app you simply need a wifi connection and you can text all you want with friends and family. This is a great way to let mom and dad know you are having fun. (Free)

2 VIBER
Viber allows you to make phone calls with a wifi connection. Keep that money you would spend on credits to use the public phone and call home via wifi. (Free)

3 INSTAGRAM
You know this app! Instagram is the easiest way to keep all of your friends updated on what you’re doing day by day. (Free)

4 XE CURRENCY CONVERTER
Currency can change quickly and often. Always know how far your dollar will go, wherever you are in the world. (Free)

5 MONEYWISE
Students travel on a budget and this app makes it a little bit easier to see how much money you have left. Eating cheap for a few days to save up for that fancy restaurant? This app helps you see if you have budgeted enough. (Free)

6 SIT OR SQUAT
Exploring a new city and aren’t sure where the closest restroom is? You do now! (Free)

7 BBC WEATHER
You’re leaving the hotel and not coming back until late that night. Should you take a jacket? Always know what weather to expect to be prepared. (Free)

8 STAY.COM
This app allows you to plan an itinerary for the day. Leave the house with all of your activities and restaurant destinations planned out with maps on how to arrive. (Free)
THE GREATEST SINGLE CONTRIBUTION WE CAN MAKE TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH STATUS OF OUR SOCIETY IS TO BRING ABOUT SOCIAL EQUALITY

- MARK GARAVAN
IRISH ACTIVIST