Travel Opportunities with the Department of English

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."
- St. Augustine

Andiamo!
Partons!
Let's Go!

The importance of travel in one's education has been epitomized by such writers as Rene Descartes, Francis Bacon, and Mark Twain.

In keeping with this belief, the Department of English offers several travel opportunities for UCA students. These programs combine literary analysis with travel experience as participants study selected writers and their works in location and cultures in which the works were written.

"Traveling is almost like talking with men of other centuries."
- Rene Descartes

The British Isles
Our longest running program, the first study abroad program at UCA, is our biennial travel seminar in English Literature. Directed for several years now by Dr. Rusty Rogers, this program includes two weeks of intensive study on campus of the literature of Great Britain and its backgrounds, followed by a three-week tour of Scotland, Ireland, and England visiting literary sites.

Florence
One of our most popular programs is a four week trip to our sister campus in Florence, Italy. Students study Dante, Boccaccio, Petrarch, and other great Italian writers who have greatly influenced the literature of the world while exploring the landscape and monuments that influenced these great writers. Though stationed primarily in Florence, students accompany Dr. Charles Bane on day and weekend trips to Venice, Pisa, and Rome.
Paris

Paris is a living monument to centuries of French history, architecture, and tradition. For Americans, Paris is both excitedly foreign and invitingly familiar. It is a city that engages the mind as it enchants the heart. Ernest Hemingway once wrote that if you are lucky enough to live in Paris as a young person, "then wherever you go for the rest of your life, it stays with you, for Paris is a moveable feast."

American Southwest

Those who would like to travel, but would still like to stay close to home may join Dr. Conrad Shumaker on his biennial quest to the American Southwest. Beginning at UCA, students study the literature and culture of American Indians before loading into vans and heading to New Mexico and Arizona to meet with Navajo, Hopi, and Pima artists, storytellers, healers, and elders. Camping under the stars, hiking through the mountains and canyons, and discussing literature in the places where it was written enables participants to engage with literature in a unique way.

Through Study Abroad, the Department of English hopes to provide an informed appraisal and deeper understanding of literary texts when studied in the geographic locations that inspired them.

Both Undergraduate and Graduate students are eligible and are encouraged to apply.

"Imagine having class just ten feet from the Leaning Tower ... I haven't taken so many field trips since elementary school."

- Therese Pollard, English Major

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