LONDON HIGH AND LOW
Literature, Theatre, and Popular Culture
(English 395, May 31-June 20, 2020)
This three-credit course meets Humanities and Experiential Learning GenEd requirements.


Starting from your lodgings in Marylebone, walk in the footsteps of famous writers and their characters. Discuss detective stories in the Sherlock Holmes Museum outside Regent’s Park. Look for Harry Potter on King’s Cross Station platform 9 ¾ in St. Pancras. Join intellectual conversations in Bloomsbury. Imagine Charles Dickens at work while visiting his former home in Clerkenwell. Haunt the labyrinthine alleys of Soho with Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde. Stroll down the stately streets of Westminster with Virginia Woolf’s Mrs. Dalloway. Be a grounding in Shakespeare’s Globe in Southwark. Mingle with artists and bohemians of Shoreditch, and with the business crowd of the City. Take in the views from Hampstead Heath. And more. (Find the highlighted neighborhoods on the map other side of this flyer to see where our walking tours will take you.)

Fly high and low! Visit museums and pubs, theaters and back alleys. Experience both the great art and the cutting-edge fads of London. Savor its grand historical beauty as well as its electrifying modern diversity. Investigate the porous boundaries and mutual influences between literature and popular culture. Seeing the places you will read about will help you understand how London itself is a “character” in these diverse texts.

Readings:
- J. K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone
- Robert Louis Stevenson, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
- Virginia Woolf, Mrs. Dalloway
- William Shakespeare (a play performed at the Globe during our stay)
- Course package with short texts or excerpts by Jane Austen, William Blake, John Keats, Charles Dickens, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Zadie Smith, and a few others

Visits:
- Performance of a Shakespeare play at the Globe and a contemporary play
- Sherlock Holmes Museum, Charles Dickens Museum, John Keats House, Tate Britain
- Walks through London neighborhoods with stops at various places of interest
- Possible day trips to the Harry Potter World and Bath

Requirements:
- Participation in all class meetings, including performances and walks
- Weekly quizzes and travel/ literary journal entries
- One short essay & a related oral presentation

Program Leaders:

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