CARLETON COLLEGE SEMINAR IN ECONOMICS, CAMBRIDGE

PROGRAM DATES
Summer 2011

DIRECTOR
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Professor Swoboda has a PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of California at Berkeley. He teaches courses in environmental economics, microeconomics, econometrics, and cost-benefit analysis. His research interests include data visualization, land-use policy, housing, and spatial econometrics.

ELIGIBILITY
Students who have completed Economics 110 and 111 by the end of spring term 2011 are eligible to participate in the seminar. Students majoring in economics, political science, and history are particularly encouraged to apply, but the seminar is open to students of all majors.

LOCATION
Cambridge, England
Founded in 1983, the Economics Seminar in Cambridge has been located at the University of Cambridge for over 25 years. The University has been home to many great economic theorists among others. The program has become a popular destination for independent travel. In addition to the trip to the Midlands, the program will start in London where students will spend a few days visiting important sites. In Cambridge, students will stay at Hughes Hall, one of the colleges that make up Cambridge University. Students will have single rooms and a food allowance for meals, which can be taken at Hughes Hall or in town. Laundry facilities are available at Hughes Hall.

COURSE OF STUDY, 18 CREDITS

ECONOMICS 221: CONTEMPORARY BRITISH ECONOMY (4 CREDITS)
This course will focus on the theoretical and policy debates in British economics since the 1930’s and the development of the structure of the British economy and institutions during that period. Instructor: Dr. Solomos Solomou, Fellow, Peterhouse College

ECONOMICS 222: THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IN BRITAIN (6 CREDITS)
This course studies the development of the British economy during the Industrial Revolution, with special attention paid to the role of agriculture, foreign trade, capital accumulation, population growth, and technological innovation. The week-long trip to sites of the Industrial Revolution and excursions to other locations of historical significance are important aspects of this course.
Instructor: A. Swoboda

ECONOMICS 223: THE LIFE OF J.M. KEYNES (4 CREDITS, S/CR/NC)
This course will examine the life and times of J.M. Keynes. In addition to studying the economic ideas of Keynes, students will examine the social and political milieu in Britain in the first half of the 20th Century. Instructor: A. Swoboda

ECONOMICS 224: COMPARATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY (4 CREDITS)
This course will explore the environmental economic policies in place in Cambridge, Britain, and the European Union. Particular attention will be paid to comparing these policies to contemporary and historical policy in the United States. Topics may include: energy, climate change, land-use, water, and transportation, among others.
Instructor: A. Swoboda

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SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)
Classes will typically be held three days per week (usually Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays). There may also be occasional class meeting during weekday evenings. Excursions will usually take place on Wednesdays. Students will have the opportunity for individual travel on weekends, most of which will include Friday. A weeklong trip to the Midlands will be part of the Industrial Revolution class. The group will spend a few days in Brussels, after which students will have a break for independent travel.

EXCURSIONS
In addition to the trip to the Midlands, the program will include an excursion to the Continent (previous trips have visited Brussels and Amsterdam), trips to London and sites near Cambridge in East Anglia. Some excursions will be opportunities to better understand the contemporary British economy and the EU, while other trips will be cultural. On previous programs students have traveled to Greenwich to visit the British Maritime Museum, to Stratford-on-Avon to see a Shakespearean production, to the BMW Mini plant in Oxford, to Scotland, and to northern Wales.

REQUIRED LEAVE OF ABSENCE
The 2011 Cambridge seminar functions as a Carleton term of the academic year. Participants are required to take a leave of absence winter term 2011-2012.

EXPENSES
Students pay the 2011-2012 Carleton comprehensive fee, which covers the costs of instruction, room, board, and all scheduled excursions. Students must pay their own airfare to and from the program site and are responsible for books and personal expenses, plus travel expenses during the midterm break. Student financial aid is applicable as on campus.

See the Off-Campus Studies Office or website at http://go.carleton.edu/ocs for further information regarding work-study contracts, loans, and other subjects on financial aid. This Carleton summer term carries financial aid.
APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Application forms are available from the Office of Off-Campus Studies and online at http://go.carleton.edu/ocs. Applications are due to the Economics Department in Willis 305 by Friday, January 14, 2011. Students selected for the program will be notified in writing no later than mid-February, 2011.

INFORMATION MEETING
There will be an information meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 4:30-5:30PM in Willis 203.

For further information, see the Cambridge website:

http://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/econ/cambridge/

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