

Enhance Your Summer Course with Free “Virtual Study Abroad” Content

Courtesy of a grant from the US Department of State, _____ College has a special opportunity to offer faculty the chance to access FREE instructional content with an international focus with which to enhance their regular summer course.

ELIGIBILITY:

ANY summer **session 1** class may be eligible. A morning schedule is ideal (but not required) to allow for some activities to be synchronous. Participating faculty will choose to use **either** the UK or the Trinidad virtual content as a resource to enhance their regular summer course.

DISCIPLINES:

Per grant terms, most courses using UK content will be in the humanities and social sciences, while most courses using Trinidad content will be in business or in health, wellness, or psychology – though any other disciplines may also be eligible and are encouraged to inquire.

DATES:

Content will be provided during a 2- to 3-week period in June. Some events will be offered synchronously in the morning, while other events will be asynchronous. All or most live events will also be recorded to allow for later viewing.

OTHER COLLABORATIVE OPTIONS:

Courtesy of our grant, classes at several other MD community colleges will also participate, so this is a unique community learning experience. If desired, you could opt to partner with other participating faculty at or outside our college for related activities. We can help you to arrange it.


FUTURE OPPORTUNITY:

This program is scheduled to repeat in subsequent years, ideally in person as a true study abroad experience with rotating teams of faculty leaders. Faculty who participate this summer may have priority to be chosen to lead the program abroad in a future iteration.

QUESTIONS OR TO PARTICIPATE:

Contact ASAP YOUR NAME (your email address) if you might wish to involve your summer course. A limited number of openings is available and priority is for faculty who will (1) integrate at least ~half the virtual events into their course content and (2) contextualize some regular course content accordingly. Once we finalize participating classes, **your name** will publicize this special opportunity to students.

VIRTUAL CONTENT: Following is a tentative list of virtual activities that the partner institutions abroad will provide us:

UK Virtual Content (provided by Swansea University, Wales)	Trinidad Virtual Content
 <p><i>Most activities are a clear fit for contextualization with humanities and social science courses and will be presented from multi-disciplinary perspectives.</i></p>	<p><i>Most activities include academic content from both health/wellness and business perspectives – but are also readily contextualizable for humanities and social science courses. All also include optional live post-event debriefings with Trinidadian faculty at Morgan State University.</i></p>
Welcome by Student Ambassadors / US students currently studying at Swansea	Introduction to Trinidad & Tobago, including historical context, carnival, transnationalism & multi-cultural citizenship
Visit to Swansea & the Gower , a spectacularly beautiful, ecologically diverse coastal region	Visit to the National Museum & Art Gallery of Trinidad & Tobago to explore the natural & cultural heritage
Visit to Big Pit National Coal Mining Museum to explore how this industry shaped Wales over several centuries	Visit to the Ministry of Health – North Central Regional Health Facility to explore health disparities in the Caribbean
Cooking lesson on how to make Welsh cakes , a popular and practical traditional treat in Wales	Visit to the Ministry of Finance (Central Bank) & Money Museum, with a lesson on Trinidad & Tobago’s currency
Creative writing / poetry class following Welsh traditions, the oldest literary traditions in all Northern Europe	Viewing of Lavway , 2021’s tribe carnival production, including economic & cultural aspects of the event & costuming
Introductory Welsh language lessons (Parts 1 & 2)	Local steelpan drum lesson with the BP Renegades
Celtic workshop at St. Fagan’s National Museum of History , an open-air museum full of historical structures	Lesson on behavioral change, mental health & human development in Trinidad & Tobago
Welsh rugby coaching session – the national sport	Visit to the Wild Fowl Trust
History lesson on the longstanding suppression of the Welsh by the English	Visit to Pitch Lake & Pitch Lake Museum, location of the world’s largest natural deposit of asphalt
Lectures by experts on virtual media & communication; additional discipline-specific talks may be available	Exploration of Trinidad’s East Indian Heritage through visits to key sites in Central Trinidad