

LONDON CALLING

A joint study abroad program with Virginia Tech's English department

Jane Stein tells us more ~

London Calling is a study abroad through the English department. Theatre rotates with Architecture every two years, two years on, two years off, where students may receive 3 - 6 credits in theatre. It is an intense four week program where we attend 6 - 8 plays ranging in scale and scope from the Olivier Theatre at the National, to being a "groundling" at the Globe.

We frequent museums — the British, the London, the V&A, Wallace Collection, and Tate - old and modern — to name a few. We tour the BBC where our students did mock newscasts and radio shows, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and Parliament. We take a river excursion down the Thames to Greenwich, and trains to Oxford, and to Bath where we visit the Roman Spa and see where Jane Austen wrote. We stand beside ancient Roman ruins while gazing at the most modern architecture in the likes of the Shard or the Cheese grater buildings (Leadenhall Market).

It is an amazing and busy four weeks where we use London as our classroom. We are housed in our own flats and become Londoner's for a month! Some of the students stay on an extra two weeks to finish out their internships. We have had students placed in Parliament, magazine publishers, law firms, schools, and an opera company to name a few. It is a valuable educational experience that will broaden your knowledge of the world.