

# Summer Study Abroad



## Exploring Shakespeare

**The School of Creative & Performing Arts at Liverpool Hope University is pleased to offer this opportunity to explore Shakespeare in partnership with the Shakespeare North Playhouse.**

### Dates and cost:

18th May - 9th June 2024, £2,800\*, 3 USA academic credits.

*\*The higher price takes account of the travel between Hope's Creative Campus and the Shakespeare North Playhouse.*

### Course theme: Exploring Shakespeare

Imagine reading, studying and performing Shakespeare's plays in a replica Renaissance theatre nearby where Shakespeare's own actors practiced their craft. This course will provide just such an opportunity for students. The Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescot, Merseyside is near the ancestral home of the Earls of Derby (Knowsley Hall), two of whom had direct links with Shakespeare. The 6th Earl's wedding at Knowsley Hall may even have been the occasion for the first performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Prescot also has a place in theatre history for having the only known indoor Renaissance playhouse outside of London – not bad for a small town!

Working closely with Liverpool Hope University faculty, students will visit the Shakespeare North Playhouse

(SNP) and explore Shakespeare's plays in this brand-new building. The SNP's Cockpit Theatre is the only replica of a Renaissance English theatre in the world that has been built from period architectural drawings – in this case designs drawn in 1629 by Inigo Jones who converted Henry VIII's royal indoor cockpit into a permanent theatre where Shakespeare's company, the King's Men, performed for Charles I.

*This course is dependent on viable numbers.*

### Liverpool

Liverpool is a city like no other. From world-famous architecture and magnificent museums, to music legends revolutionising popular culture, Liverpool has always been a hub of creativity. Through spectacular festivals, dramatic sporting attractions and unique art, the city continues to be a gateway for UK culture, attracting millions of visitors every year.

### Summer Study Abroad program

While Shakespearean theatre is usually associated with London and Stratford, students on this course will study Shakespeare against the backdrop of northern English culture and heritage, which includes this unique world-class theatre. Students will study and perform Shakespeare wholly in terms of what makes his plays work as plays. As well as examining the plays' structure and language, you



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will learn about original performing practices and techniques, including cue-scripts, shared lighting, and how to decode the texts for acting and staging clues.

The course will be taught as practical seminar-workshops that include a workshop at the Shakespeare North Playhouse, and those taking the three-week course will rehearse scenes with Hope Drama faculty for a final celebratory performance in the third week.

All Summer Study Abroad courses are made up of 4 components:

1. Morning academic classes/workshops
2. Afternoon cultural activities, some specific to each theme.
3. Evening social activities for all Summer Study Abroad students.
4. Weekend trips for Summer Study Abroad students.

*(There may be a small cost for local transport for some of these activities.)*

### Academic classes

You will be taught by Liverpool Hope University faculty members, including senior professors and heads of subject. All our academics are experts in their disciplines and publish research in international journals.

### Cultural activities

(examples of activities and trips)

- The Beatles Quarter
- The Slavery Museum
- Museum of Liverpool
- Walker Art Gallery

### Social activities

(examples of activities and visits)

- Welcome dinner
- Sports activities

- Iconic film screening
- Games night
- Traditional Pub quiz
- Park walk

## Living and studying at the Creative Campus

At the Creative Campus we have a range of facilities available to Summer Study Abroad students.

### Accommodation

Students will have a single room at Hope Park campus, the Creative Campus or our Aigburth Park campus, staying in a flat with other Summer Study Abroad students or home students. Each flat has a shared kitchen where students can cook evening meals. Our halls of residence each have a communal common room with a TV, couches and chairs for students to work together or sit round and relax. A free shuttle bus will take students between our campuses if necessary.

### Café 1844

Summer Study Abroad students will have breakfast provided in our Creative Campus café, Monday to Friday before morning classes. A cooked lunch is also included in the cost, Monday to Friday. Students can cook in the evening or get a take-away meal delivered.

### Sheppard-Worlock Library

Summer Study Abroad students will have access to a wide range of study environments, library and resources relevant to the course as well as technical workshops and creative spaces.

## Cost

3 week cost: £2,800

The cost includes:

- Airport pick-up and drop-off, Manchester Airport to University accommodation
- Single room on campus
- Breakfast and lunch (Mondays to Fridays)
- Pizza party
- Transport and any entrance fees for cultural and social visits included in the programme
- Final celebratory performance
- Assessed Performance/Exhibition with public viewing
- Formal record of grades and credits achieved

Optional weekend trip to London cost: £460

The cost includes:

- Train travel to London
- 2 nights hostel accommodation in central London with breakfast
- London sight-seeing bus
- Students will be accompanied to London by Hope staff who will be on hand for advice and guidance on activities, places of interest, etc.

