

## STUDY ABROAD FAQ – AAST4990: EXPLORING BLACK BRITAIN

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### Q1. What is the AAST4990: The African Diaspora study abroad opportunity?

AAST4990: Exploring Black Britain is a special *summer session faculty-led travel course to the United Kingdom* open exclusively to students who have completed AAST/HIST3670: The African Diaspora. In this biennially offered upper-division spring seminar, students receive an introduction to the history of the African Diaspora; that is, the voluntary and involuntary migrations of African peoples throughout the Mediterranean, Asia, Europe, and the Americas from antiquity to the present. Students that have enrolled in the spring seminar are afforded the option to register for this three-week, three credit hour summer travel opportunity to a locale of significance in the African Diaspora. In 2015, eligible students will visit the United Kingdom where they will trace the historical experiences of people of African descent through visits to slave heritage sites, outings to cultural centers, and walking tours of Black London and Liverpool.

### Q2. What are the requirements for participation in the study abroad?

Eligible students will have taken or be taking AAST3670: The African Diaspora by the end of the spring semester of 2015 as well as have completed the application form, registered for the summer session, interviewed with a program representative, and paid the full deposit. Faculty leaders will make decisions about individual applications during the fall semester.

### Q3. Where are we going and for how long?

We will be traveling to the United Kingdom for *two-weeks* where we will visit sites related to the historical and contemporaneous experiences of African descended peoples in both London and Liverpool. Sites of note include: the African Galleries at the British Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the celebrated *London, Sugar, and Slavery* exhibit at the Museum in Docklands, the International Slavery Museum, and the recently opened Black Heritage Center in Brixton. In turn, students will visit important postcolonial centres of West Indian and West African community formation and meet with UK-based scholars that study their experiences and contributions. Upon completion of the travel component of the course, students will have one week to submit their final assignments.

### Q4. What will our accommodations be like?

In London, students and faculty will stay at the London House Hotel in the Bayswater neighborhood of West London (<http://www.londonhousehotels.com/>). In Liverpool, students and faculty will stay at the Hatters Hostel in the City Centre. (<http://hattershostels.com/liverpool-mount-pleasant/>). Both hotels provide a continental breakfast each morning and are close to transportation links and city center sites of significance for this trip. We have booked a number of rooms to afford students some options in terms of boarding arrangements.

### Q5. What should I expect to learn from this trip?

This trip is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit sites of significance to the Black experience in the Britain. During the spring semester, students will read a variety of texts about the Black experience in the UK from the rise of the Transatlantic Slave Trade to the Windrush migration and up to the present. On the study abroad trip, students will build upon this new knowledge and assess how the experience of African descended peoples in the UK has been publicly documented and memorialized.