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THE BRITISH COUNCIL

The British Council is again organising several general courses and University Summer Schools in the United Kingdom this year. These may be of interest to Australians going to Britain, and particularly to teachers and post-graduate students.

SHORT GENERAL COURSES

These may appeal to those wanting more than a superficial holiday in Britain. They include courses on Actors and Acting, the Nursing Profession, Librarianship, Forestry, Local Government, Juvenile Delinquency, Industrial Welfare, English Literature, Music and so on. They are held between April and October at various places in Britain, last about a fortnight, and the average inclusive fee is about £20.

The course on Actors and Producers can be taken as typical. It will be held from June 25th to July 10th, partly in London and partly at Stratford-on-Avon. It is intended for actors, playwrights, producers, designers, managers, technicians, and accredited newspaper critics who are interested in the theatre in Britain. The first week will be spent in London, where opportunity will be given for seeing the more important productions of the "Little Theatre" and leading dramatic schools, and also for hearing lectures by leading figures in the British theatre world. In the second week the course will move to Stratford, where the Shakespeare Festival will be in progress. The fee for this course, including fares and accommodation, is £21.

TEN SUMMER SCHOOLS AT BRITISH UNIVERSITIES

These are held in July and August and each lasts about six weeks. They are concerned, among other things, with Shakespeare and Elizabethan Drama, Town and Country Planning, English Literature, and England's Industrial North. The inclusive fee is about £60.

Last year the British Council organised 42 courses in Britain (including seven University Summer Schools), which were attended by 1,500 people from 53 different countries.

Anyone wanting further particulars about either the general courses or the University Summer Schools should apply as soon as possible to the British Council, 469 Bourke Street, Melbourne, or 104 Hunter Street, Sydney, where prospectuses are available. Applicants should apply to the British Council's office in Melbourne; they should NOT write directly to the Council in London unless the applicant is already resident in the United Kingdom, when he should contact the Director, Courses Department, The British Council, 3 Hanover Street, London, W.I.
A. SHORT GENERAL COURSES

1. A Course for Librarians:

   The Programme will consist chiefly of lectures on libraries and library systems of different types, with reference to the requirements, services and methods of the National Library of Scotland, the University Library, the Public Library, the Central Library for Students, the County Library and selected specialist libraries.

   The course is designed for qualified librarians.

   Closing Date: 14th March
   Cost per person: £20.

2. Actors and Producers

   This course has been included in the programme in response to requests from overseas. It is designed for members of the theatrical profession - actors, playwrights, producers, designers, managers, technicians and bona fide critics accredited to a newspaper who are interested in the present developments of the theatre in Great Britain.

   Accommodation in London will be either at the Council Residence or in an hotel, and at Stratford in a guest house.

   Closing date: 25th March
   Cost per person: £21.

3. Britain and the British People
   Liverpool. 1st July - 21st July.

   This course is arranged in conjunction with the University of Liverpool and the City authorities, and will provide as wide a picture as possible of British life today on Merseyside and in North-West England.

   Members will be staying at Derby Hall, the University Hostel, which is situated near Sefton Park.

   Closing Date: 1st April
   Cost per person: £28.
4. The Nursing Profession.


The programme, which is designed for qualified nurses, will include lectures on training of nurses, nursing as a career, Nursing Associations, general nursing and specialized nursing, occupational therapy, midwifery, district nursing and nursing services in the Highlands and Islands.

Closing Date : 1st April
Cost per person : £18.

5. Education in Britain with Special Reference to Adult Education.

Bristol. 1st July - 22nd July.

This course, which has been arranged in co-operation with the Department of Adult Education of the University of Bristol, is primarily intended for lecturers and teachers and others directly concerned with education; but a few places will be reserved for non-specialists.

Closing Date : 1st April
Cost per person : £28.


Oxford. 5th July - 19th July.

This course is intended to throw light upon the origins and significance of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Lectures will be given by authorities on the history, constitutional development and present-day problems of the Commonwealth.

Closing Date : 5th April
Cost per person : £19.

7. English Language and Literature; The Lakeland Poets.

Manchester and Lake District. 8th July - 29th July.

The course has been planned with the assistance of members of the Department of English Language and Literature in the University of Manchester and is designed primarily for teachers of English in secondary schools.

The programme of lectures on English literature will open with a brief survey of England in the Napoleonic period and of the general effect of the French Revolution on English life and letters. This will be followed by a short study of the cultural tradition leading to the Lake School and a more detailed consideration of the development and relationship of Wordsworth and Coleridge, Southey and de Quincey.

Closing Date : 8th April
Cost per person : £28.
8. Summer School for Teachers.

The course will aim at presenting a general picture of English education, and provide opportunities for organized visits to various types of schools in Leicester and the neighbourhood. Seminars will be arranged on the problems of spoken English and modern English literature.

Closing date                  14th April
Cost per person               £28.

9. The Language and Literature of the Twentieth Century.
Cardiff 19th July - 9th August, 1949.

This course is designed primarily for teachers of English, and will deal with the main trends in English literature from 1900 onwards. Lectures will be given upon modern poetry, the modern novels, the short story and the theatre; the opening lecture will be given by Mr. Dylan Thomas, who will speak on the Background of Modern Poetry.

Closing date                  19th April
Cost per person               £28.

10. Music

In the summer of 1948, the British Council, by courtesy of the Ministry of Education, were able to include 20 overseas Teachers of Music in a course designed for British Teachers which was held at the Royal Academy of Music. This experiment was so successful that the Ministry of Education have agreed to repeat it in the summer of 1949.

Orchestral players should, if possible, bring their own instruments.

Accommodation will be either in the Council Residence or in a small hotel.

Closing date                  27th April
Cost per person               £17.

11. The Place of the University in Modern Life.
Cambridge 2nd August - 16th August, 1949.

The programme is intended especially for young lecturers in universities overseas, but will appeal also to teachers. It will attempt to describe the place of the universities in the educational system of this country, and especially of Cambridge with its highly developed tutorial system, and the intense social and cultural life which is encouraged by the College system.

Closing date                  2nd May
Cost per person               £19.
12. Summer School for Teachers

The main subject of the course will be "Aspects of the English Novel." A series of morning lectures by University lecturers and other authorities will be arranged, with opportunities for discussion. Evening talks and discussion groups will also be organised in order to enable members to discuss more general topics. It is hoped that a certain number of British schoolmasters will be able to attend the Summer School, so that they and their Continental colleagues may have an opportunity of comparing notes.

The course will be held at Worcester College, one of the most beautiful of the Oxford Colleges, by kind permission of the Provost and Fellows. Members will be accommodated in the rooms occupied during the University term by undergraduates, and meals will be served in the College Hall.

Closing date .. 2nd May
Cost per person .. £19

13. English Language and Literature of the Last 300 Years
Southampton. 4th August - 23rd August, 1949.

This course is primarily designed for teachers of English, and lectures will cover the English language - including such subjects as Philology, Phonetics and Modern Teaching Methods - and English literature from the Elizabethan period to the present day.

The course will be housed in a University Hall of Residence, in Southampton.

Closing date .. 4th May
Cost per person .. £22


The object of the course is to enable a party of young people from overseas to spend a fortnight studying Citizenship with a similar number of young English people.

Closing date .. 13th May
Cost per person .. £10

15. Britain - Its Life and People.
Bangor. 16th August - 6th September, 1949.

This course will be of a general nature and will deal with aspects of British life as exemplified in a small University town.

Closing date .. 16th May
Cost per person .. £27.
16. Britain in Transition
St. Andrews. 3rd September - 17th September, 1949.

This course is designed to give members a general picture of cultural, educational and social trends in Britain today.

Members will stay in the Residence of St. Andrews, one of Britain's oldest Universities.

Closing date: 3rd June
Cost per person: £19.

17. Women in Britain.
Brighton. 6th September - 23rd September.

This course has been designed for women engaged in public or voluntary professional or social activities. It will deal with women's place in British society today, and lectures will be given dealing with Home Life, Professional Life, Schools, Hospitals, Local Government, Industry and Commerce, Law, Police and Several other subjects.

Many visits will be paid to institutions, factories, etc.

Closing date: 6th June
Cost per person: £22.

18. The Co-operative Movement in Great Britain.
Loughborough and Manchester. 6th September - 23rd September, 1949.

The course has been planned with the assistance of the Chief Education Officer of the Co-operative Union, Mr. R. L. Marshall, O.B.E., M.A. and of the Sectional Education Officer for the North-West, Mr. G. D. Dust.

Closing date: 6th June
Cost per person: £21.

19. Local Government.
Guilford. 9th September - 30th September, 1949.

The programme will consist of a series of lectures and visits. The lectures will be given by the various officers of the Guildford Corporation. They will be illustrated by visits to the various Departments of the Corporation, and visits will also be paid to places of interest in the locality.

Closing date: 9th June
Cost per person: £26.
20. Social and Industrial Welfare

Cardiff. 23rd September - 14th October, 1949.

This course will be divided into two parts -

Part I, dealing with Social Welfare, will include lectures covering changes and advances in Great Britain following the National Insurance Act of 1946;

Part II, dealing with Industrial Welfare, will emphasize the improvement in industrial conditions, and lectures will be given on such subjects as Factory Welfare, Miners’ Welfare, Personnel Management and the Prevention and Treatment of Industrial Diseases.

Members of the course should be engaged in Social or Industrial Welfare work in their own countries.

Closing date: 23rd June
Cost per person: £25.

21. The Engineer and the Municipality

Bristol. 4th October - 25th October, 1949.

Members attending this course should be Civil, Mechanical, or Electrical Engineers or engineering trainees associated professionally with similar services and undertakings in their own countries.

The programme will deal with the administration and finance of the Public Utility Services of Bristol - Water, Gas, Electricity, Drainage, Public Cleansing and Salvage, Sewage Disposal, Roads, Docks and Harbours, Parks and Gardens, Passenger Transport, Public Markets, Baths, etc.

Closing date: 4th July
Cost per person: £28.
B. SUMMER SCHOOLS AT BRITISH UNIVERSITIES.

Those ten courses are intended primarily, though not entirely, for post-graduate students and teachers. Students at all these schools will be from various countries. They will live either in colleges or in university hostels. Numbers will be kept down so that there will be plenty of opportunity for discussion.

These summer schools provide an opportunity to meet fellow students from other countries and to get to know them and the background of daily life of the British people.

Applications should reach the Representative, The British Council, 489 Bourke Street, Melbourne, not later than March 17th. All accepted candidates will be so informed by April 15th.

1. SHAKESPEARE AND ELIZABETHAN DRAMA.

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM.

To be held at Stratford-upon-Avon.

Date: 9th July - 20th August, 1949.

President: Professor Allardyce Nicoll, Professor of English Language and Literature in the University of Birmingham.

Accommodation: Students will be housed in hotels in Stratford. A Conference House, standing in its own grounds, has been secured for the School.

Curriculum: The detailed study of Elizabethan and Jacobean Drama and Theatre, with particular reference to Shakespeare together with the historical and cultural background of the plays.

Students will see all the plays performed at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon and, in connection with the Course on the historical background, will visit places of historical interest in the West Midlands.

Fees: The charge for the Course of six weeks will be £66; this covers board, residence, tuition, and fares and meals on excursions. It may be sub-divided as follows:

Tuition £24
Other charges £42.

In addition, theatre tickets at 2/6, 5/- and 7/6 will be reserved for all plays at the Memorial Theatre.
2. BRITISH LINKS WITH NORTH AMERICA.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL:

Date: 9th July - 20th August, 1949.

President: Sir Philip Morris, C.B.E., M.A., Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bristol.

Accommodation - Manor Hall (University Hall of Residence)

Curriculum: The purpose of the Course is to study some of the religious, political, social and economic links between Britain and North America with special reference to the West Country.

Fees: The inclusive fee for the six weeks' Course will be £66. This may be divided as follows:

- Accommodation (including board) £34.13.0
- Tuition and general expenses £31.7.0

3. TRADITION OF EUROPEAN CULTURE.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH:

Date: 12th July - 23rd August, 1949.

Dean of the School: Professor W. M. Calder, M.A., D.Phil., LL.D., F.S.A., Professor of Greek, Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

Accommodation for Students - Will be arranged at a University Hostel.

Curriculum: There will be a general series of lectures on "The Tradition of European Culture."

N.B. The last week of the Summer School will coincide with the first week of the Edinburgh Festival of Music and Drama. Students who wish to attend the Festival should make their own arrangements through the Festival Office, Synod Hall, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh.

Fees - The charge for board and residence will be £4.15.0 per week, and for tuition £6.5.0. The inclusive charge for six weeks will be £66.

4. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

Date: 9th July - 20th August, 1949.

Director of Studies: Professor Gordon Stephenson, M.C.P., (M.I.T.), B. Arch., F.R.I.B.A., Lever Professor of Civic Design in the University of Liverpool.

Accommodation: Residential accommodation will be available at Derby Hall, a recently erected University Hall of Residence.
Curriculum: This Course will include lectures by members of the Teaching Staff of the Universities of Liverpool and London, planning officers, architects and engineers of Local Government bodies, and other eminent architects and town-planners.

Visits will be made to planning offices and to such places of interest as new housing estates, industrial estates, the Mersey Docks and Tunnel, war-damaged and blighted areas, Chester, Shrewsbury, Port Sunlight and the proposed National Park in North Wales. It is hoped also to arrange visits to the sites of one or two of the new towns to be built by the New Towns Development Corporations. There will be an exhibition of the Planning, Architectural and Engineering work of the City of Liverpool.

Fees: £60 for the six weeks' Course, which will be made up as follows:

Accommodation charges (including board) £31.10.0
Tuition and general expenses £28.10.0

5. TWENTIETH CENTURY ENGLISH LITERATURE.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

Date: 11th July - 19th August, 1949.


Curriculum: The Course will include lectures on the main literary forms, topics and authors of the period, seen in relation to contemporary social and intellectual forces - the whole being arranged so as to give a picture of British culture since 1900. The lectures will be given by senior teachers in British universities and by men and women who have achieved distinction in creative literature and cultural activities of various kinds.

The programme will be designed to take full advantage of the special facilities which London offers in connection with the work of a course of this kind, for visits to theatres, concerts, ballet, art collections, the B.B.C., film studios, newspaper houses, and to other places and institutions of historical and cultural interest and of importance in national life.

The charge for board, residence and tuition will be £9 per week or £54 for the six weeks' Course. (All visits and excursions will be voluntary, and their cost, which will be small is not included. The likely division of the charge is board and residence £5.10.0 per week; academic charges £3.10.0 per week.)
6. ENGLAND'S INDUSTRIAL NORTH
UNIVERSITIES OF MANCHESTER AND SHEFFIELD

Date: 9th July - 20th August, 1949.

Part I. The University of Manchester.

Date: 9th July - 30th July.

Accommodation: Dalton Hall, University Hall of Residence.

The Course will be directed personally throughout by Professor E. Devons, M.A., Robert Ottley Professor of Applied Economics.

Part II. The University of Sheffield.

Date: 30th July - 19th August.

Accommodation: Crowe Hall, University Hall of Residence.

Curriculum: A survey of social life and conditions in Northern England, with special reference to the history and organisation of the great industries of Lancashire and Yorkshire, of their background in the social and cultural history of England, and of their contribution to Britain's position in the world.

Opportunity will also be provided for seeing something of the scenery, among the finest in England, which lies within easy reach of the two universities - for example, the Lake District, North Wales, the High Peak and the Yorkshire Dales.

Fees: The cost of the six weeks' course will be £60. This may be divided as follows:

- Accommodation and meals £30.
- Academic costs £30.

7. THE BACKGROUND AND CHARACTER OF ENGLISH SOCIAL LIFE.
UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM.

Date: 9th July - 19th August, 1949.

Director of Studies: Professor Robert Peers, O.B.E., M.C., M.A., J.P., Professor of Adult Education.

Accommodation: Hugh Stewart Hall of Residence.

Curriculum: In addition to the main Course students will be required to choose one of the following special courses:

1. The Evolution of English Social Theories in the Modern Age.

Fees: Inclusive fees for the six weeks' Course will be £60. This may be divided as under:

- Accommodation (including board) £30. 0. 0.
- Academic fees £30. 0. 0.
9. MODERN EUROPEAN CIVILISATION.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

Date: 8th July - 17th August, 1949.

President: Professor C.M. Bowra, M.A., D.Lit., Professor of Poetry at Wadham College, Oxford.

Accommodation: Somerville College and other colleges.

Curriculum: While the subject of the School is Modern European Civilisation, studies will not be confined to contemporary subjects.

10. ANTIQUE GREECE.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

Date: 8th July - 17th August, 1949.

Director of Studies: Mr. Anthony Andrews, M.A., Fellow of New College, Oxford.

Accommodation: In a University Hall of Residence.

Students at this school will be expected to read texts in Greek and will not be accepted unless they have an adequate knowledge of the Greek language.

Fees: The inclusive charge for board, residence and tuition will be £10 a week. About one third of this represents academic costs.

10. THE GROWTH OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN BRITAIN.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, SOUTHAMPTON.

Date: 9th July - 20th August, 1949.

Dean of the School: J. Parker, M.A., Department of Adult Education.

Accommodation: In a University Hall of Residence.

The aim of the Course will be to acquaint students with the particular character of British Government, affording a special study of Politics today, while tracing the historic development of the ideas and institutions which are still part of the democratic heritage. The Course will be made as practical as possible by bringing students into direct contact with governmental machinery and with personalities within the field of party politics.

Fees: Inclusive for the six weeks' Course £60. This may be divided as follows:

Accommodation (including board) £30.
Academic Fees £30.