

HUMN 315/SCIE200
Edinburgh Study Trip
Free choice academic activity

During the afternoon on Wednesday, April 10, students should pursue an “academic activity” of their choosing. The scope of acceptable activities is intentionally broad, leaving you plenty of freedom to choose something that particularly appeals to you in Edinburgh or beyond. It’s fine to do an activity as a small group, but please discuss with your director in advance more than 2-3 intend to do the same activity.

There are numerous heritage sites, museums, art galleries, and cultural spaces for you to choose from. Or feel free to think creatively and propose something really unique (ensuring, of course, that it meets the parameters of the assignment listed below).

This is a for-credit assignment, with the following parameters:

1. The chosen activity should not duplicate any scheduled group activity.
2. The activity should illuminate some element of Scottish society, intellectual or historical developments, culture, etc. (i.e. you should learn about some facet of Scotland, Scots, or a particular Scottish person as a result of your activity!)
3. Students are expected to share with the group what they did and what they learned (in an informal but substantive talk of around five minutes).

Below is a list of some free places to visit in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Edinburgh

City Art Centre
Museum of Edinburgh
National Library of Scotland
People's Story Museum
Scottish National Gallery
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art
Scottish National Portrait Gallery
St Giles' Cathedral
high church of the national church of Scotland
St Mary's Catholic Cathedral

Glasgow

Burrell Collection
Gallery of Modern Art
Glasgow Cathedral
Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum
Provand's Lordship
St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art

These lists are by no means exhaustive and you are not limited to the sites listed above. If you choose an activity further afield, research the travel times to be sure your choice is feasible as a half-day excursion. Your Scotland Explorer Pass will give you free admission to affiliated sites. Explore their webpage, if interested (filtering by sites accessible by public transportation). Your program may be able to defray modest travel and/or admission fees associated with your activity. Research the costs and discuss with your program director in advance.