

## Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

**Program Title:** War & Remembrance: World War I on the Western Front

**Locations:** England, France, Belgium

**Dates:** May 8-27, 2024

**Program Description:** Across England, France and Belgium, students will study World War I and uncover the influence and impact of the Great War through texts, reflective discussions, and memorials. In London, students look to understand how wars are commemorated where no fighting took place through visits to Cenotaph, the Imperial War Museum, and the British Museum to understand the role of imperialism as a cause of WWI. The program will then head to France to see the battlefields such as the Somme, Verdun, Vimy Ridge, Reims (the site of the WWII surrender) and more, before heading to Belgium to concentrate on the area around Ypres. Through the exploration of visiting vast battlefields, walking in existing trenches, and viewing the huge scale of the ossuaries where bones are collected and memorials with tens of thousands of names of the missing, students will come to understand the impact of the Great War.

### Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

	Frequency		Frequency
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional	STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	Never	Foreign Language Environment	English, French, Flemish
Course work in English	Always	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Trenches, battlefields, cobblestones, hills, metro stairs, possible mud
Laptop Required	Not Required	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban and rural
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Required	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Moderate temperatures during the day, cool evenings, possible rain
Traditional Classroom	Virtual for the first two days.	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	None
Group Work	Never	Is tap water safe to drink	Safe to drink
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Test, journals, project, participation	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Pickpocketing in cities
Interactions with local residents	Seldom	Cultural Dress Code	Never
Field Work/Research	Never	Curfew	Never
Internship/ Volunteer Work	Never	Motion Sickness	Plane and bus travel (four hours at most on bus)
Other	Required for the first few days.	Other	

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PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	HEALTH & DIET	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Always	Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Can potentially be accommodated with advanced notice.
Carrying equipment or program supplies	Never	Food Allergy Accommodations	Yes, with advanced noticed
Standing 60+ minutes	Always	Group Meals	5 group meals; all breakfasts covered
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Always	Cooking for oneself	Never
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	Never	Host family prepares meals	Never
Walking 3+ miles per day	Sometimes	Healthcare easily accessible	Always
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Always in cities; chartered bus in rural areas	Quality of Healthcare	Excellent
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	WATER ACTIVITIES	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Host Family	Never	Swimming	None
Roommate	Always	Snorkeling	None
Shared Apartment	Never	SCUBA	None
Dormitory	Never	Boat, canoes or other water activities	None
Camping	Never	Sea sickness	None
Hotel	Always	Other	
Cell phone signal available	Most of the time	Center for Disease Control Recommendations: <a href="https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/united-kingdom">https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/united-kingdom</a>  <a href="https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/france">https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/france</a> <a href="https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/belgium">https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/belgium</a>	
Internet signal available	In most hotels and in urban areas		
Refrigerator Access	Not guaranteed		
Air Conditioning	In most places, but may not be as strong as U.S. air conditioners		
Other	No kitchen facilities		