



# Study abroad program enhances student learning and global awareness

**S**tudents experience the world as their classroom when they study abroad.

Montcalm Community College has incorporated study abroad opportunities into its curriculum at different times during the college's 50-plus years. Since 2009, a renewed commitment to creating global awareness in the classroom has revived the college's offerings. A 12-day trip to England and France is planned June 16-27, 2020.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Rob Spohr, who served as a chaperone during the college's 2017 study abroad trip in India, said global awareness is a key need for American college students.

"Traveling abroad enhances student learning on a higher level by immersing them in a different culture," Spohr said. "By studying abroad, students are exposed to different perspectives. They experience different customs and different values."

Participants in MCC's 2020 study abroad trip will see the best of England and France. In partnership with Percussive Tours, the itinerary includes a combination of planned tours as well as free time to explore attractions of personal interest. Participants must be enrolled at MCC in either the humanities, business, biology or sociology study abroad class, and they will earn three college credits for their work. The trip is open to the public as well.

## Cost

\$2,395 per person (based on double occupancy). The first 10 currently enrolled MCC students who register and pay for this trip are eligible to receive a \$500 scholarship through the MCC Foundation.

## Registration

The deadline to register is Jan. 31, 2020, and the cost of the trip must be paid in full. To register, visit [www.percussive.org/uk](http://www.percussive.org/uk).

## For more information

Visit [www.montcalm.edu/study-abroad](http://www.montcalm.edu/study-abroad), Email [robs@montcalm.edu](mailto:robs@montcalm.edu), Call (989) 328-1241

## Itinerary

- Day 1: Fly to London
- Day 2: London Walking Tour to Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, Parliament and more. Optional Thames River Sightseeing Cruise.
- Day 3: British Museum, Hyde Park and Borough Market.
- Day 4: Free day. Optional day tour to Stonehenge and Bath.
- Day 5: St Paul's Cathedral, London Eye and Shakespeare's Globe Theater.
- Day 6: Tower of London, Tower Bridge and free time.
- Day 7: Eurostar Bullet Train to Paris. Walking Tour of Paris to Notre Dame, Palais de Justice, Tuileries Gardens and more. Optional Seine River Sightseeing Cruise.
- Day 8: Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Elysees, Sacre Coeur and Montmartre.
- Day 9: Free Day. Optional day tour to Versailles Palace.
- Day 10: Louvre Museum, Catacombs and Luxembourg Gardens.
- Day 11: Free day. Optional day tour to Normandy.
- Day 12: Fly Home.

A detailed itinerary for each day may be viewed at [www.percussive.org/uk](http://www.percussive.org/uk)