

# Fine Arts and Medieval Studies Travel Course

# Castles: Fact and Fiction

Winter 2023



Co-taught by Joan Coutu (Visual Culture) and Tara Cooper (Fine Arts - Studio), this combination on-campus and travel course will run in Winter 2023 and will include a 9-day trip to England. The theme is the many guises of castles and their environments: medieval castles, modern castles, pop culture castles (horror films, Hogwarts, Beauty & the Beast, castles in video games, sandcastles etc.) What makes castles so appealing and why are they so enduring? Note: Additional costs for the trip to England and local field trips will be incurred. If interested, contact [joan.coutu@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:joan.coutu@uwaterloo.ca) or [tlcooper@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:tlcooper@uwaterloo.ca). No commitment required until late Sept. 2022. \$3195 – for details, see next page.



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Why do castles capture our imagination? This course explores the idea of castle in its many guises - in history, in film, in art, in pop culture. The travel portion of the course is a trip to England (February 16-26) where we will stay in a seaside hotel and visit several nearby castles; the other two portions will be on-campus, before and after the trip. The main assessment for the course is to develop creative projects for the Ontario Grade 4 Social Studies curriculum that is about the medieval world, both in Canada and abroad.

Students will receive course credit (0.5) in Fine Arts, Visual Culture, or Medieval Studies

Course instructors & co-ordinators: **Prof. Joan Coutu** and **Prof. Tara Cooper** | Co-ordinator Assistant: **Sharon Dahmer**

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## TRIP DETAILS

Location & Date: Southeast England, February 16-26.

Trip cost \$3195.00\*

**Cost includes:** flights (Toronto-London Gatwick return), airport-hotel transfers in England, nine nights' accommodation (double or triple occupancy), all breakfasts, coach and train travel to sites, site entrance fees, all taxes. **Cost does not include:** lunches, dinners, tuition, souvenirs, shopping.

**\*This is the maximum possible cost. Final amount to be confirmed in September.**

**Number of students participating:** Maximum 25; minimum 15.

**Hotel:** We'll enjoy the English seaside experience by staying in Eastbourne on the south coast. [Best Western York House Hotel](#) or equivalent. (Check out the video on the site for aerial views of Eastbourne.)

**Day Excursions (included in the cost above):** [Dover](#) – one of the most famous castles in the world; the medieval village of [Rye](#); the ancient [priory](#) (monastery) at Lewes; [Bodiam](#) – a perfect castle?; [Herstmonceux](#) – a faux castle?; the [Royal Pavilion](#) in Brighton – one of England's strangest buildings; [Sissinghurst](#) – England's most famous garden. (All to be confirmed in Fall 2022).

**COVID:** UWaterloo COVID protocols will apply (even if the protocols are different in England). We encourage all participants to mitigate exposure.

**Payment schedule:** **1<sup>st</sup> Instalment: \$1500 due by Friday, September 30, 2022. (\$500 of this is a non-refundable deposit.).** **2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Instalment: \$1500 (or less if total cost is reduced) by Wednesday, November 23.**

**Course:** All participants must be UW students or UW employees and all participants must take the course associated with the trip (course numbers to follow). There are no pre-requisites for these courses.

**Passports & VISAs:** Every participant must have a valid passport. If you are not a Canadian citizen, please determine if you need a visa to enter the United Kingdom. **CHECK THE EXPIRY DATE ON YOUR PASSPORT NOW:** if your passport expires within six months of the return date of the trip (February 26), start the process to renew your passport [now](#).

**Medical insurance:** All participants **must** have extended medical insurance. If you are a UW student and have paid full-time fees, you have appropriate medical insurance for this trip, unless you have opted out. Extended medical insurance can also be purchased through our travel agent. **Cancellation Insurance (additional cost) is recommended!**

**Financial assistance:** For details and eligibility, please see the [International Experience Awards](#) site.