Faculty
Program Advisors

Dr. Gina Oswald, Associate Professor, is the program director for the undergraduate Rehabilitation Services program and the Transition-To-Work endorsement program in the College of Education and Human Services. She also oversees the Veteran Services and Disability Studies minors. She has extensive experience with international travel, including a coordinating/networking trip to Anglia Ruskin University (UK) in October 2016.

Tom Webb is the Director of the Office of Disability Services at Wright State University and an adjunct professor for the Rehabilitation Services department. He comes to Ohio from the University of Delaware, where he served as their ADA/Section 504 Compliance Officer, as well as the Director of Disability Support Services. He has also held director positions at McDaniel College and Chesapeake College in Maryland. While working at McDaniel College, Webb co-taught a “January Term” study abroad trip to Budapest, Hungary, where the class explored cultural differences between Hungary and the U.S. in regards in disability rights and access.

Eligibility

There are no prerequisite courses for RHB 3640 or RHB 3710. All applicants will attend an interview before acceptance into the program. Decisions will be made based upon several factors including a 2.5 GPA, the student’s goals for their travel experience, and expressed interest in the program.

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Community Accessibility for People with Disabilities

April 30 - May 12 2018
WSU Ambassador Program
About the Program

For the first time ever, Wright State University will host study abroad programs specifically targeting rehabilitation services program topics. Students with and without disabilities will have the opportunity to travel to England for an inclusive two-week educational experience! This immersive, interactive program will be offered in May 2018 (the week between Spring and Summer terms and the first week of Summer A/C).

Through the framework of community, environmental, and attitudinal accessibility for people with disabilities, WSU students will explore accessibility and international rehabilitation through the two campuses of Anglia Ruskin University (Cambridge and Chelmsford, England) and London to understand the accommodations and services available to Britons with disabilities, as well as the current limitations and factors that impact accessibility in the U.K. In addition to meeting with leading professionals related to the courses’ topics and engaging with disability service agencies, students will visit cultural sites and service organizations to exchange perspectives with locals, college students, and related professionals.

Academic Credit

Neither RHB 3640: Community Accessibility nor RHB 3710: International Rehabilitation require any prerequisite courses. Students who complete RHB 3640 and RHB 3710 will earn Rehabilitation Services credits that are directly applicable to the Rehabilitation Services major (or Disability Studies minor with regard to RHB 3640).

In preparation for the trip, students will be required to meet with the course advisors during the spring semester to review all academic requirements for the course, as well as plan for any necessary accommodations. Attendance and participation is crucial. Students must also be present and active in all U.K. activities related to this course.

In addition, students will be required to:

RHB 3640:
- Participate in four mandatory content lectures prior to the trip.
- Complete readings and a quiz prior to the trip.
- Complete reflections during the trip.
- Turn in a full accessibility report post trip.

RHB 3710:
- Complete readings and an orientation session prior to the trip.
- Complete reflections during the trip.
- Turn in a full U.K. disability report post trip.

Cost & Enrollment Deadlines

The cost for this program is $1,950. It will include lodging, transportation within the U.K., London tour fee, fees for professors, lecturers, and institutions, health and accident insurance, faculty coordination, and 3 basic meals per day.

NOT included are airfare, expenses in U.S., meals not included in program, drinks, tips, personal expenses, optional or unscheduled activities, tuition, and passport fees.

To officially reserve a spot in this program, you will need an application fee of $100 and a program deposit of $500. $675 is due on February 1st. $675 is due on April 1st. All payments are non-refundable.

The UCIE reserves the right to adjust the program price up to 10%. Applications are available at: http://studyabroad.wright.edu.

Meals & Accommodations

While in England, students will be provided with three meals a day through a combination of the ARU cafeterias and local restaurants.

Students will share rooms (two students per room) in the accessible Premiere Inn of Cambridge and Chelmsford, unless otherwise specified. Single rooms are available for a higher fee.