History of Science in Europe
Exploring the Darwinian Revolution in England

What’s this program about?

Charles Darwin famously remarked in the Origin of Species (1859) that “when the views entertained in this volume on the origin of species, or when analogous views are generally admitted, we can dimly foresee that there will be a considerable revolution in natural history.” Today we can clearly see how revolutionary Darwin’s masterpiece proved to be, and not just in natural history. There has been no field of human thought untouched by the “one long argument” Darwin advanced a century and a half ago.

Taking advantage of the 200th anniversary of Darwin’s birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of the Origin, this program investigates Darwin’s revolution, paying particular attention to his life and work as a gentleman of science in imperial, industrial, reforming Victorian Britain. We will spend our three weeks on the move in England. Our visits will include: Down House, Kew Gardens, the Natural History Museum, Oxford University’s Museum of Natural History, Cambridge University, Westminster Abbey and many other sites.

More details about this program can be found at http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/sciencehist.html

College sponsors: Lyman Briggs College, the College of Social Science, and College of Arts & Letters

Semester available: Summer: June 27 – July 17, 2009

Courses offered*: LB 330, 333, 492, 490B, 490E; HST 455, 490; PHL 480
Pending approval: ISS 310; ZOL 457

Credits: Minimum of four (4); maximum of six (6)

Requirements: 2.5 GPA (undergraduates); 3.0 GPA (graduate students); minimum sophomore status; essay

Program fee**: $3,268 (2008)

Deadline: March 1, 2009 – students are urged to apply by February as this program is expected to fill prior to the March deadline

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