CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE IMMERSION SCHEME [CALIS]

SUBJECT TO FUNDING APPROVAL

College of Engineering
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What is CALIS

- To provide a full immersion experience in British culture
- To improve English Language skills
- To foster personal development
- To polish their critical thinking
- To enhance problem solving ability
- To sharpen interpersonal and intercultural communication skills
CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE IMMERSION SCHEME (CALIS)

- To take on a global perspective
- To gain cultural exchange experience
- To be more competitive for student exchange or overseas internship or scholarship interviews
- Fulfill the requirement of Global experience for CityU X Sino Grand Challenges Scholars Program
LANGUAGE COMPONENTS

- A Formal teaching Programme

- Professional UK instructors:
  Practices on presentation / reading / listening / speaking / writing

- Classroom teaching & homework: Small class ~12-15 students each

- Student Learning Assistants (SLA): Providing pastoral support, information about life in UK & leading off campus activities
Particular emphasis on boosting achievement and increasing the number of students achieving IELTS 6.5 (*International English Language Testing System*) and above

Placement test on arrival and taking IELTS at the end of the programme
VISITS TO MUSEUMS & SCENIC SPOTS: BRITISH MUSEUM, ROYAL OBSERVATORY, NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM, HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT AND THE BUCKINGHAM PALACE, WINDSOR CASTLE, TOWER OF LONDON, RIVER THAMES, ETC

ATTENDING A MUSICAL: E.G. “HARRY PORTER”

INDUSTRIAL VISIT: A GUIDED TOUR OF THE WORLD FAMOUS WORKING FULLERS BREWERY

SPORTS EVENTS: HORSE-RIDING, CRICKET GAME, REAL TENNIS

SOCIAL EVENTS: WELCOMING LUNCH, ENGLISH AFTERNOON TEA

WEEKEND EXCURSIONS: WEST END LONDON, CITY OF LONDON, OXFORD, BRIGHTON AND WINDSOR CASTLE.
VISITS TO MUSEUMS
VISITS TO SCENIC SPOTS
SERVICE LEARNING
Undoubtedly, I’ve learned so much from this precious experience and have broadened my horizon to a great extent. To see, to learn and to make progress, which the CALIS program aims at, are just the right things to do.

I surprisingly found that my English had improved a lot during the trip, especially English listening and speaking.
On the whole, it was a remarkable month. I enjoyed the sightseeing and substantial interaction with peoples from different walks of life.

The schedule was tight but it was fruitful. I made friends with the local people become more independently. I really appreciate the opportunity provided by CityU.
SCORE ATTAINMENT (CALIS 2019)

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SCORE IMPROVEMENT

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<td>Improvement</td>
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MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

May
- Briefing for participants
- Grouping for the Group Project

June
- Pre-departure workshop & Final Briefing via Zoom

On Return
Post-trip presentation & debriefing
- Presentation of your group project on cultural differences with a PPT for 15-20 minutes, Each group member will have to present part of your findings
- Share your 2-minute Group Video capturing the essence of your CALIS experience
ASSIGNMENTS

Individual Assignments

► Reflective Journal of 1000 words with 5 representative photos (HD) with captions
► 1-minute video clipping

Group Assignments

► Group Project & Presentation
► Group Photo Album (around 30 representative photos with captions)
► 2-minute Group Video with subtitle/narrative/background music
ELIGIBILITY

- All non-final year CENG full-time students
- Students who are:
  - CGPA 2.0 or above
  - Eager to improve your English
  - Ready to explore the world
  - Hardworking, independent, responsible & with good self-discipline
  - Good at teambuilding and willing to contribute
    - Form groups to work on a project with topic at your choice
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<th>Period</th>
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<td>Middlesex University, London</td>
<td>14 June – 17 July Group Departure</td>
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APPLICATION & KEY DATES

- Application: 2-13 January 2023
- Application via CRESDA
- Interview: Week 4, Sem B
- Results announcement: Week 5
- Acceptance, Home-stay Deposit and Airfare: Week 6

Exact dates to be confirmed and announced through email.
BUDGET ESTIMATE

Programme Fee around HK$51,000

- University: 60%
- Student: 40%
- Caution money: HK$8,000 (will be returned after the trip by the end of September 2023)
- Additional Cost - insurance to cover COVID-19, Visa Fees, COVID Test, Hotel Quarantine, etc to be borne by students, if applicable
- Potential Cost – Charges for cancellation of air tickets and non-refundable programme fee around HK$10,000 if the programme is cancelled due to COVID. (Seeking approval for 60% subsidy from the University)
PROGRAMME FEE
(ESTIMATION – SUBJECT TO THE CHANGE IN AIRFARE)

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<th>Tour</th>
<th>Programme Fee (HK$)</th>
<th>University Subsidy (about 60%)</th>
<th>Student Contribution (40%)</th>
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<td>London</td>
<td>50,600</td>
<td>28,400</td>
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PROGRAMME FEE INCLUDES

- Return Airfare
- Accommodation in a home-stay family with breakfast and dinner
- Travel Card: Oyster Card (London tour only) GBP150
- Transportation: airport pickup, weekend visits, industrial visits, weekend day trips
- Tickets and entry fees of certain scheduled visits
- IELTS exam, teaching materials & tutor fees
CAUTION MONEY

- Non-transferable

- Additional cost, e.g. sudden increase in exchange rate, rise of fuel cost, may be deducted from the caution money

- Refund: Successful completion of CALIS

- **NO** refund, if:
  - Withdrawal at any time
  - **Failure to attend** all programme activities/submit report/presentation
  - complaints from the host university
OTHER FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP ON COMPETITIVE BASIS

- HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund - Non-academic Awards (ROA) 2022-23 (HK$10,000)
- Parent Department will announce in February
- Eligibility: CGPA 3.0 or above
Video Clipping
London Group 2019
PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Week 6: Home-stay Deposit (non-refundable) and Airfare (subject to the refund policy of the airline)
- Week 10: Programme Fee
- Week 12: Caution money HK$8,000

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CENG Website:

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Thank you!