

GLOBAL LEARNING

What is global learning? Global learning is "a critical analysis of and an engagement with complex, interdependent global systems and legacies (including historical, cultural, political and social) and their implications for people's lives (AACU Shared Futures). This course examines the impact of war on children - a topic with relevance to psychology, neuroscience, health, culture, and policy and can be studied in current and historical context. You will learn applied skills as well as the underlying theory and scientific evidence for how we approach this global problem. After building our foundation in Pittsburgh, we will move as a class to London.

The **global learning goals** of this class are 1) Building global self-awareness through an understanding of the inter-relationships among your self, local, and global communities, 2) Develop cultural sensitivity and perspective taking, 3) Develop your ability to recognize your responsibility as an educated and privileged person to society both personally and professionally,

You might be wondering **why we are studying in London**. There are more child refugees in Europe than at any point since the end of the second world war. The increased numbers reflect the ongoing crisis in Syria, but also new or reignited conflicts in Burundi, Iraq, Libya, Niger, and Nigeria and older unresolved conflicts in Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen, among others. As children flee from war and disaster, borders across Europe are closing and making their journeys even more dangerous and difficult. The international portion of our trip allows us to access a number of international resources including training at the UK Refugee Council, Play for Progress, Anna Freud Centre, the Birkbeck Lab - a lab that focuses on developmental neuroscience research, as well as experts and scientists who are working at the forefront of the refugee crisis.

Experiences in London

Neuroscience

Child Development Lab at Birkbeck

Guest Speaker:
Vanessa Putz

s/fMRI Investigation of the impact of early adversity on emotion and factors that promote resilience.

Psychology

Workshop-Anna Freud Child Development Centre

Understanding of Mentalisation in the Experience of Trauma in Childhood

Context

Guided Tour of the Foundling Museum

Play for Progress - Refugee Week Activities

Meeting with the UK Refugee Council

Guest Speaker:
Vanessa Pupavic

Culture

Afternoon Tea

HOHO Tour

Tower of London

Stonehenge/Bath

Westminster Abbey

Harry Potter Studios

The International Politics of Trauma and Western Therapy Culture