Coventry, England
University of Warwick

USC’s exchange program in England is designed to expose students to British life and culture. Students will attend the University of Warwick and take classes within the History Department, which is the second highest-ranked history program in the UK. The University campus is located on the edge of the city of Coventry, situated in the heart of England. Once a medieval city, Coventry is now a bustling industrial center with a population of around 300,000. Only USC history majors, minors and cognates are eligible to participate in this program.

The program at the University of Warwick offers a variety of subject options within the discipline of history: Art, Modern European, Renaissance, Cultural, Sociological, French, and Comparative. Students take classes, taught in English, with British and other international students.

As a prerequisite, students must have attained at least junior standing prior to attending the University of Warwick. A major, minor, or cognate in history is required as well as a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Courses and Credits
Students typically earn 30 credit hours per academic year. Normally, three year-long courses worth 10 credits each are taken at Warwick, at least one of which must be in history. Students studying for one semester only will have restricted course selection and should meet with the Study Abroad Office for more information. Listed below are a few sample history course titles offered previously at Warwick. A more detailed list of history courses at Warwick can be found on the History Department’s website at http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/history/undergraduate/handbooks.

Course Titles

Pilgrimage: Art, Cult and Travel in the Medieval World
Georgian Britain: Society, Commerce and Culture
Disease and Culture from the Black Death to AIDS
Poverty, Charity and Welfare in Early Modern Europe

The Medieval World
British Parliamentary and Electoral Politics, 1688-1832
Religion and Religious Change in England, 1470-1558
French Culture and Society: Middle Ages-Revolution
Living Arrangements
Students live in University residences with British, international and other exchange students. Students pay in-state tuition and fees to USC. Housing costs are paid to the host institution. More information on housing at Warwick can be found at http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/accommodation.

Budgeting
The United Kingdom is one of the most expensive places to study abroad due to the weak dollar against the strong pound. Due to this fact, students need to budget accordingly and be aware that prices will be approximately double while in the UK. For assistance in determining living costs and other fees, please refer to the following sites: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/international/students/a-zguide/d-g/#budgeting http://www.studentcalculator.org.uk/international/

Master Calendar
Classes begin in late September and end in December for the fall semester. In the spring, classes begin in January and end in June. A detailed schedule can be found at http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/study/termdates/.

Insurance
Per university policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad. Contact the Study Abroad Office for more details.

Orientation
Orientation will be held during the first few days after you arrive. Orientation will cover such topics as campus life, health care, safety and housing. For more information, visit http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/1df43b66#/1df43b66/2.

Excursions
For an additional fee, Warwick’s International Office organizes a variety of inexpensive excursions to places such as Stratford, the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Oxford, Cambridge, London, Stonehenge and Salisbury. Students also have the opportunity for individual travel.

Visa
Students who attend the University of Warwick for one semester will need to apply for a Student Visitor visa at the airport, or in advance. Students studying for the full academic year will need to apply for the PBS Tier General Student visa. Please contact the Study Abroad Office for step-by-step directions on how to obtain either visa.

Footnotes
USC students can attend the University of Warwick during the fall semester, spring semester or academic year. Visit the University of Warwick’s website at http://www.warwick.ac.uk or USC’s Department of History home page at http://www.cas.sc.edu/hist/ for further information.

For information on tourism in England and the UK, please see http://www.visitbritain.com/