

# BRITISH SLAVERY AND ANTI-SLAVERY ENGLAND

J-TERM 2026



## COURSE OPTION

HIST 288 (IT, GE) or IHON 258 (H2)

## PREREQUISITES

2.0 minimum GPA

## CREDIT

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## APPLICATION

- Apply online at [studyaway.plu.edu](https://studyaway.plu.edu)
- Application Requirements:
  - \$50 non-refundable application fee
  - Application questions
  - 3 short-answer essays (250 words each)
  - 1 faculty recommendation
  - Following the online application process, you may be contacted by the faculty leader(s) for an interview
- April 15th: Application Deadline
- May 2nd: Decision Date

## PROGRAM FEE

- Final program fee will be determined April 1, 2025. Check [studyaway.plu.edu](https://studyaway.plu.edu) for pricing and details about inclusions and exclusions.
- \* Global Scholar Award eligible (25% reduction of program fee)

## COURSE OVERVIEW

This course explores the history of British slavery and anti-slavery, in order to understand how what happened in the past shapes the present. Based in the historic university town of Oxford, we will do research in the archives to uncover enslaved peoples' voices and experiences. Focus on the push to abolish slavery will enable us to consider how people have fought to change society and fight injustice, with lessons for today. We will also explore developments in public history through museum visits in Oxford, Bristol, and London, to see how Britain is grappling (or not) with the legacies and ongoing impacts of colonialism and empire.

### Why should we study History in the UK?

Britain's colonial wealth was built on the profit extracted from enslaved labor, and the legacies of that exploitation and the fight against it can be seen in the UK today, both directly and indirectly. At our home base in Oxford, students will experience life and do research in one of the world's oldest university towns. Short trips to London and Bristol will add breadth to our exploration of the history of slavery and anti-slavery in Britain.

## FACULTY LEADER

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