THEATRE ALIVE

ENGLAND IRELAND SCOTLAND

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Plays and playwrights are not bound by time or geographically drawn borders. They speak to each other and influence each other across time and space. This course will focus on major playwrights, both historical and contemporary, of arguably the greatest theatrical tradition of all time—that of England, Ireland, and Scotland. From Shakespeare to writers like Synge, O'Casey, and Shaw, to modern playwrights like Martin McDonagh, Carol Ann Duffy, David Hare, and Caryl Churchill, we will look at what made those playwrights so influential in their own time as well as how they continue to influence contemporary writers. We will look at plays as literature on the page, and in performance on stage, as they are meant to be encountered. We will also visit key historical sites in order to greater understand the political and intellectual circumstances in which these writers were working and in which their successors continue to work. Special attention will be paid to Shakespeare as a writer for the stage and a man of the theatre, with visits to theatres to hear and see plays, backstage tours, and critical discussions of directorial, design, and acting choices. Plays to be studied are to be determined as productions are announced.



Students choose one of the following courses:

- Theatre 385: Theatre Alive: Theatre in England, Ireland, and Scotland
- Literature 385: Theatre Alive: Theatre in England, Ireland, and Scotland
- English 385: Theatre Alive: Theatre in England, Ireland, and Scotland

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England: London and Stratford-upon-Avon

Ireland: Dublin

Scotland: Edinburgh and Glasgow





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Calendar	tentative and subject	to change.		
					Dec. 27	Dec. 28
					Depart for Ireland	Arrival in Dublin Orientation Welcome Dinner
Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 4
Dublin	Dublin	Dublin	Dublin / Edinburgh	Edinburgh	Edinburgh	Edinburgh
City Tour Theatre Production	Class Discussion Tour, Abbey Theatre	Class Discussion NYE Dinner	Flight to Edinburgh City Tour	Class Discussion Theatre Production Group Dinner	Day trip to Glasgow Theatre Production	Class Discussion Cultural Activity
Jan. 5	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11
Edinburgh / Stratford Train to Stratford Group Dinner	Stratford Class Discussion Theatre Production	Stratford / London Train to London	LondonClass DiscussionCultural Activity	LondonClass DiscussionCultural Activity	London Class Discussion National Theatre Tour	• Class Discussion • Free afternoon
Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Jan. 14				
London Class Discussion Final Theatre Production	London Final Exam Farewell Dinner	Depart based on individual schedules				