

GINS3300/ MGDS5002:
Afterlives of Empire: Experiencing London as a Postcolonial Metropolis

20 June – 3 July 2027 | London, United Kingdom

Course Overview

- **Discover:** London as a living classroom that reveals the global legacies of empire and modernity.
- **Understand:** London's significance as both the imperial capital and a site of anti-imperial resistance.
- **Trace:** How colonial power, globalization, and postcoloniality shape London’s streets, institutions, and everyday life.
- **Engage:** With core themes of Empire, Decolonization, and Migration to connect historical power to contemporary diversity.
- **Reflect:** What might it mean to think and act ethically in a world shaped by colonial legacies and global interconnectedness?









Empire → Decolonization → Migration

Empire → established the global hierarchies, institutions, and cultural narratives that defined Britain's reach and imagination.

Decolonization → began as resistance to Imperial power, challenging authority and transforming Britain's political and cultural landscape.

Migration → carried the histories of empire back to London, as communities from former colonies reshaped the city's identity and global connections.

From domination to resistance to renewal – The course frames London as a living record of the afterlives of empire.

A typical day in London

9: 45 – 12:45 AM	Guest Lectures at AKU.
12:45 – 1:45	Lunch Break
1:45 – 4:45	Field visits
4:45 – onwards	Explore London



Course Assessment: Research Poster

Students will prepare a research poster on one of the course themes that:

- Develops a clear argument
- Uses field observations and data
- Incorporates original photographs
- Draws on course materials and research
- Presents findings visually





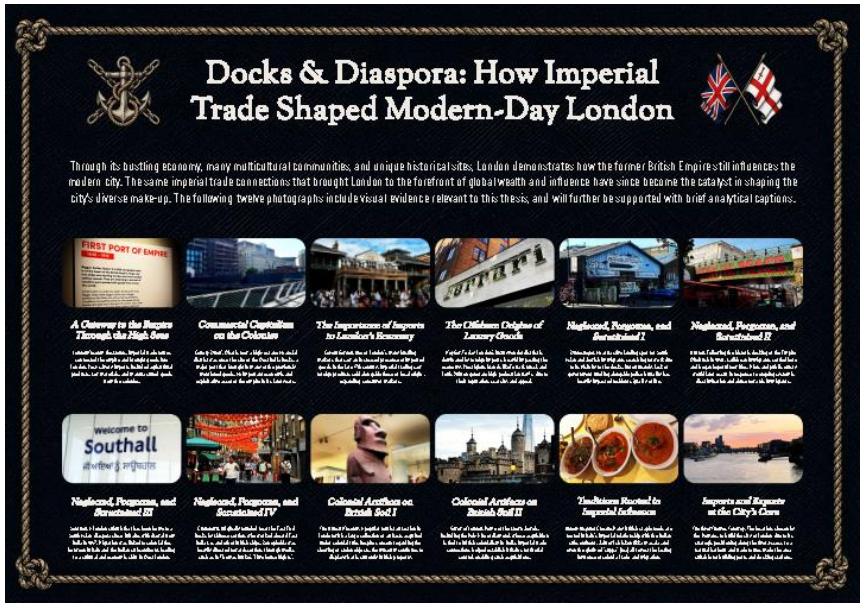


2026 Research Posters

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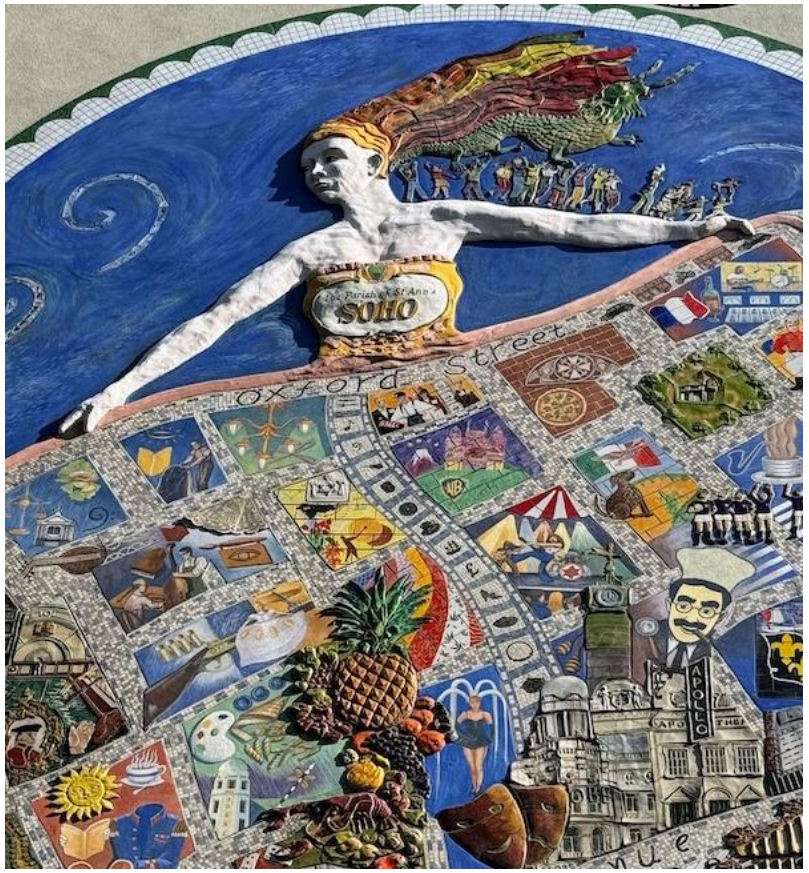


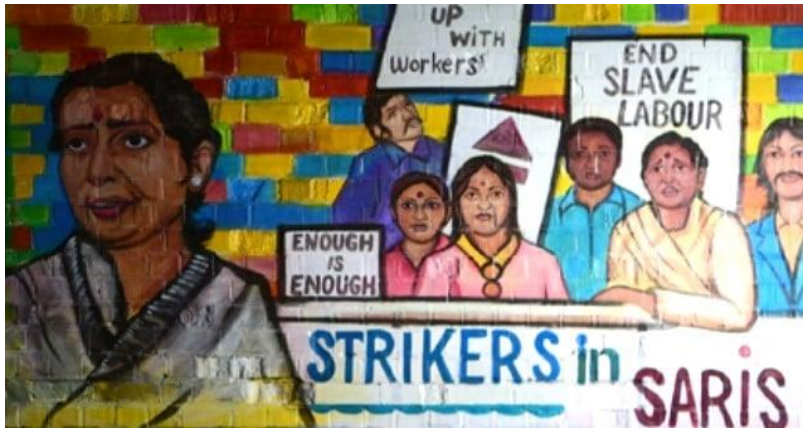












Field Visits













Museums, Galleries and Theatre

When, Where, and How Much

Dates

Late Summer 2 July – 25 Aug 2027

Pre-Travel Sessions: 14 – 18 June 2027 (online)

Time in London: 20 June – 3 July 2027

Post-travel Canada: 5 August 2027: submit posters

Venue: The Aga Khan Center, Central London

Cost: CAD 3000.

Included: Academic facilities, Administrative support, Housing, Public transport day passes, Field visit entry fees, Guest Speaker honoraria, farewell dinner.

Not included: Carleton Tuition (check with the registrar's office), airfare, insurance, daily meals.



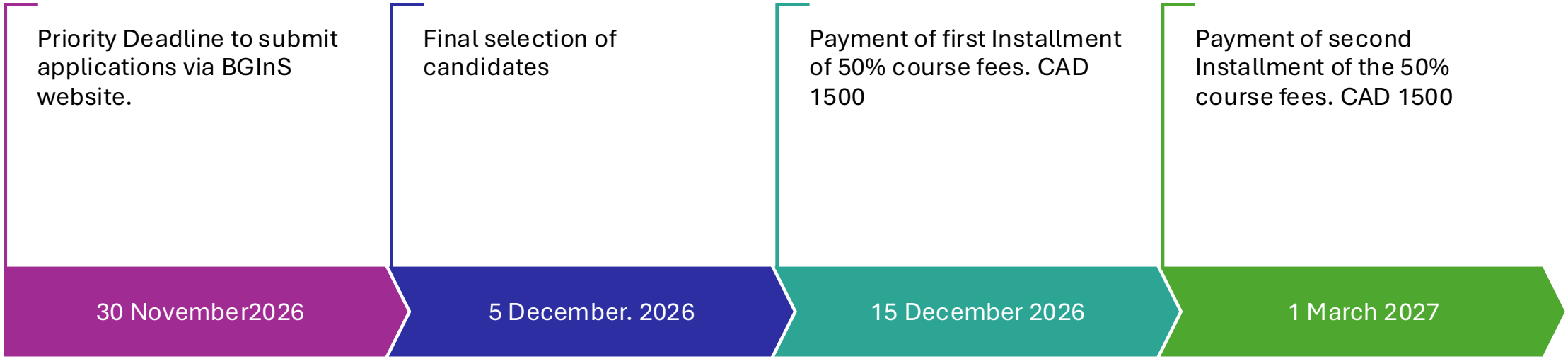
Housing: Dinwiddy House

- London Zone 1 (15 min walk to King's Cross)
- Single Ensuite Rooms (6-room apartments)
- Common Room and Kitchen
- Free broadband and WIFI
- Onsite Laundry
- Bike Storage
- On-site security and CCTV
- Garden area
- Weekly linen change & Towels





Registration and Financial Information



Note: The program is capped at 20 places (undergraduate and graduate combined). Applications submitted after 30 November 2026 will be considered if places remain.



2026 Cohort

Application Link



https://carleton.ca/bgins/study-abroad-program-london-uk/

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