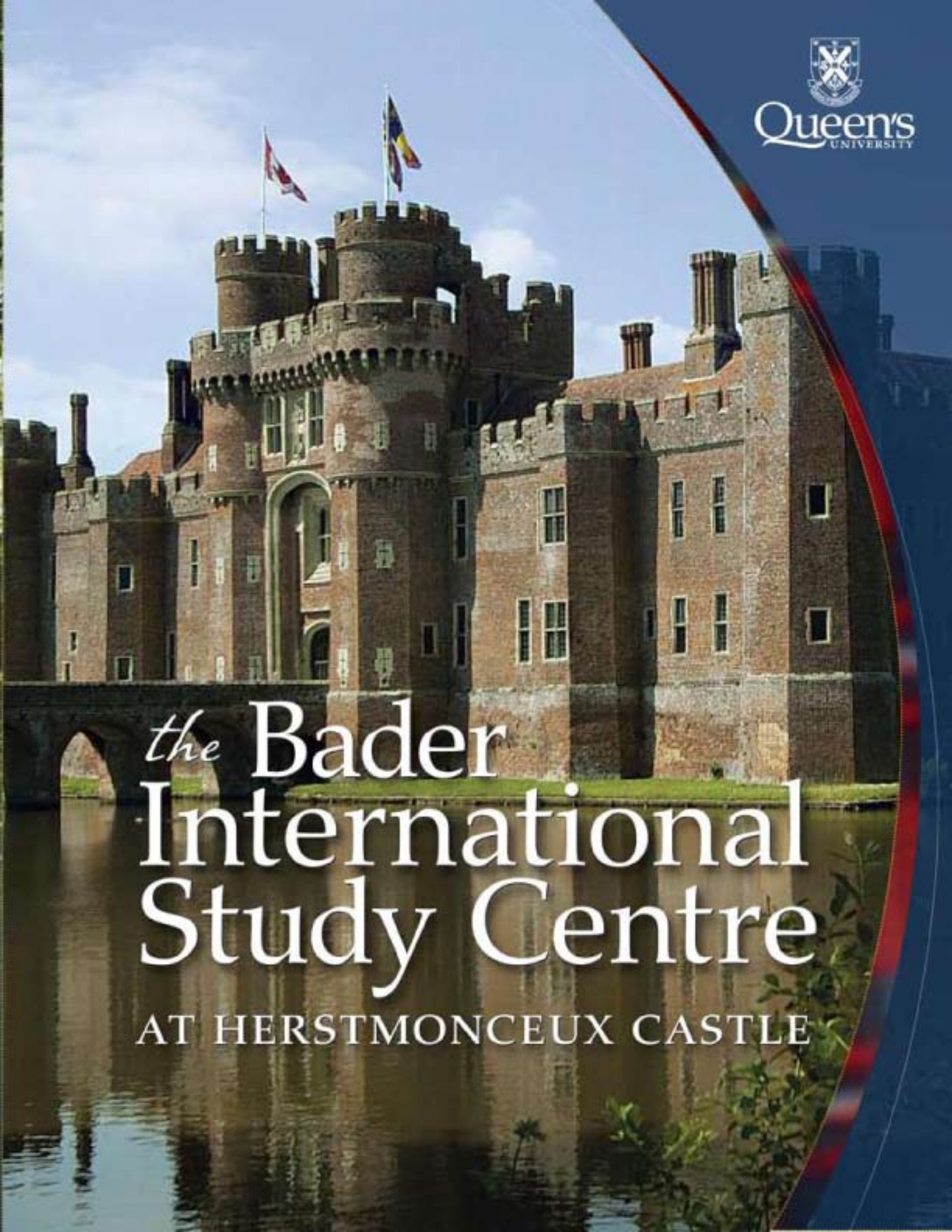




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A large, multi-story brick castle with several towers and battlements, situated on a grassy bank overlooking a body of water. Two flags are flying from the top of the central tower. The castle is reflected in the water in the foreground. A decorative blue and red curved graphic element is on the right side of the image.

the Bader
International
Study Centre
AT HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE



The Castle is a legacy made possible by the generosity of one of Queen's University's most distinguished alumni, Dr. Alfred Bader, and his wife Isabel. After receiving degrees in engineering chemistry and history at Queen's, Dr. Bader went on to graduate studies at Harvard, formed his own international chemical company, and became a world-renowned philanthropist and art collector. Among his many gifts to Queen's was Herstmonceux Castle.

As a Jewish teenager escaping the Nazis, Dr. Alfred Bader fled to England in 1938, from where he was sent to an internment camp near Montréal, Québec. There, the young Austrian native continued his studies and, once released, applied to several well-known Canadian universities. Queen's was the only one to offer him admission. "I was determined to do my best," he later wrote. "Two years in the camp, education without distraction, followed by four years at Queen's, was a great beginning for a successful life."

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STUDY HERE: LEARNING FOR LIFE

A university is much more than a place of learning. It is a place that will shape and prepare you for the rest of your life. It is an experience that starts in the classroom, but that goes far, far beyond. This is what awaits you at the Bader International Study Centre, Herstmonceux Castle.

Here, life starts where the lecture leaves off. Information is elevated to insight. Theory becomes real. Campus life becomes a life experience. These are among the rewards that await those who choose to experience this unique study abroad program. Your academic growth is matched by a rich, personal appreciation of new cultures, history, societies, languages and economics. You gain a broader view of the world simply by occupying a different place in it.

I look forward, very much, to the prospect of welcoming you to the Bader International Study Centre.

David Bevan
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





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THE BADER INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE, HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE

Picture a 15th century castle as your home, with Europe as your classroom. This is not your normal university experience. This is the Bader International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle. Located in the heart of East Sussex, England, just south of London, the Castle is rooted in a language and lifestyle that are sufficiently familiar and accessible to most university students, but also richly enhanced by the deep history and multicultural possibilities present in the region, the country and the continent.

When you walk over the moat coming into the Castle, you truly do cross over into a different world. Your time at the Castle will take you and your education experience to some remarkable places. Global in outlook and diverse in community, our program and location act as a perfect academic base in which to develop a sense of curiosity, analytical ability and international awareness that will be a vital part of not only your university experience, but your entire life thereafter.

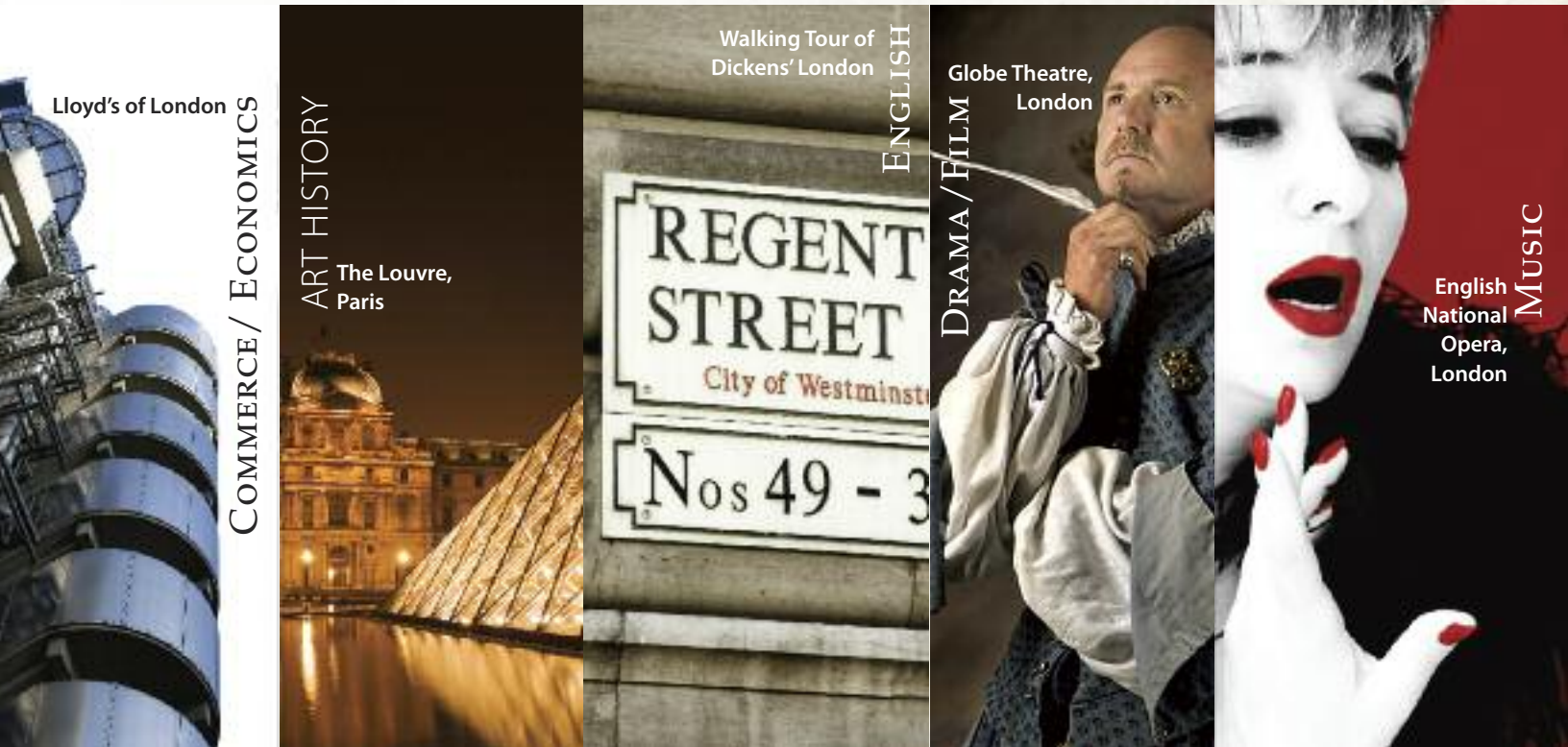
The intimate and interactive setting at the Castle allows you to focus more effectively on your studies, an advantage further enhanced by the smallest class sizes of any similar university institution.

A visually stunning and inspiring campus, an ideal proximity to the Continent, world-class faculty, and a supportive student environment – such is the unique academic offering of the Bader International Study Centre.

THE WORLD IS YOUR CLASSROOM: LECTURES COME TO LIFE

Imagine watching a performance of 'Twelfth Night' at the reconstructed Globe Theatre. Hearing a reading of 'In Flanders Fields' in Flanders Fields. Enjoying a rare opportunity to interact with NATO officials in Brussels. Listening to a lecture on the Norman invasion while on the Battlefield at Hastings. Debating Van Gogh's artistic influences with the curator of the Musée d'Orsay, or discussing monetary policy with a director of the Bank of England.

Your year at the Castle will take you and your education experience to some remarkable places, by taking advantage of the location to allow for field study and experiential learning. Imagine how much richer your educational experience can be when the world is your classroom. Field Studies are an essential and integrated element of Bader International Study Centre programs; the combination of classroom discussion and field study reflects our emphasis on anchoring the academic experience in direct observation and participation. This provides a stimulating way to learn more about your course material, and an unmatched opportunity to absorb first hand the extraordinary cosmopolitan riches of the United Kingdom and Europe.



Day or multi-day excursions are integrated into all terms, providing colour and dimension to the curriculum. Scarcely a week in the school year goes by without an opportunity for you to travel to the very places where legends walked, art was created or history was made. It is learning come to life. Guest lecturers, private tours, and special performances – they will all take your education, appreciation, enjoyment and understanding to a new level.



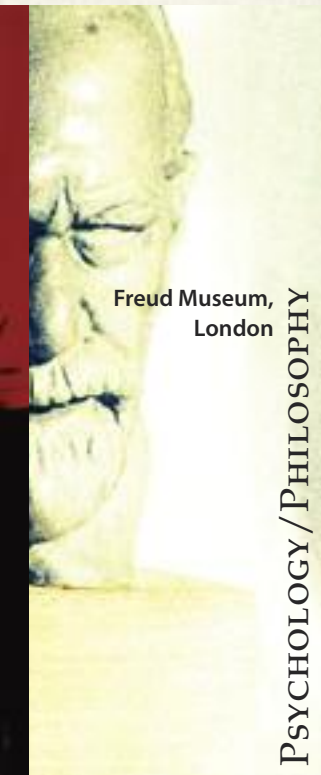
FIELD STUDIES

Course-Specific Field Study

The course-specific field studies are integrated directly into course curricula and are considered off-site lecture classes. These are arranged prior to the beginning of the term based on the instructor's course objectives and requests. These excursions are usually scheduled to take place on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Midterm Trip

Normally, a five-day field studies excursion occurs in each of the Fall and Winter Terms. A regularly scheduled component of the Castle academic experience, it combines course-related and cultural activities.



*The number of course-specific field study excursions varies by term, course and discipline, based on course needs. For more information on Field Studies, Cultural Excursions and Optional Excursions go to: www.queensu.ca/bisc

KINGS, QUEEN'S AND CASTLES

Long before there was a Queen's University, there was a Herstmonceux Castle.

Built in the 15th century, this magnificent castle is the physical and cultural home of the Bader International Study Centre. Its weathered stones are at the crossroads of history and speak of British kings, queens and nobility, of travellers and seekers, of stories, trade, science and legend.

Amidst over 500 acres of spectacular gardens and grounds, a simple walk on campus becomes a stroll back in time to the Elizabethan era and beyond. It is impossible not to be inspired by the sheer beauty and grandeur of such an environment.

The Castle is also home to an outstanding group of professors, many of whom live on the estate, further enhancing the interactive quality of the education that takes place there.

Beyond the classroom, mealtimes in the Great Hall, chance encounters on the grounds, or a shared drink in the Castle pub often become opportunities for lively debate between faculty, staff and students.

There are over 500 years of history and magic associated with the Castle, like the ghost of the headless drummer, who is rumoured to walk the ramparts, or the festivals once held here, the echoes of which you can almost hear today. Monarchs, ladies in-waiting, court jesters, smugglers, noblemen and scholars have all called this place home. Perhaps one day you will too.



500 years



One of the most memorable parts of your time at the Castle will be the time you spend on and around our spectacular grounds. You are free to explore our beautiful Elizabethan walled gardens and the many woodland trails leading to delightful discoveries such as the ornamental folly (a mock manor house), Rhododendron Gardens, Rose Garden, Butterfly Garden, Shakespearean Garden and our sundial collection. Adjacent to Herstmonceux Castle is the Castle Shop. The outer courtyard has a Visitor Centre outlining the history of the site, complete with artifacts and photographs.



FACILITIES AND SERVICES: NEW WORLD EDUCATION IN AN OLD WORLD LOCATION



Classrooms, Conference and Seminar Rooms

Herstmonceux Castle features modern, fully equipped classrooms with complete presentation facilities. There is also a boardroom and a separate conference suite with video-conferencing capability.

Library and Reading Room

The Castle library is open to students and faculty for extended hours each day. In addition to core library material based on required and recommended texts, you may also choose from selected daily newspapers and weekly magazines, CD-ROMs, videos or music CDs. Our librarian can also provide additional research material through borrowing agreements with the University of Sussex. Electronic access to library resources at [Queen's University](#) is also available.

Computing Facilities

All faculty and students are provided with individual e-mail accounts on arrival at the Castle. Students have access to three fully equipped computer sites: two in Bader Hall Residence and one in Herstmonceux Castle.

Sports and Athletic Facilities

A sports hall adjacent to Bader Hall Residence is accessible to both students and faculty for extended hours every day. The Castle also has an outdoor tennis court, boules pitch, and playing fields for soccer.

The Music Studio

Students registered in music courses at the BISC can make use of the Music Studio, which offers space in which to practice, an electronic keyboard and amplifying equipment. The studio is open daily from 9 am to 11 pm. Students may register as users at the beginning of term. A small deposit is required.





Students can bring their own musical instruments or can rent from Bonner's, a nearby supplier in Eastbourne.

For more information about instrument rentals, or use of the Music Studio, contact Student Services studentservices@bisc.queensu.ac.uk

The Observatory

Herstmonceux Castle's prestigious former owners, the British Admiralty, bought the estate for the Royal Greenwich Observatory. The site served as an important scientific institution for over 40 years. The Castle grounds now are still proudly home to the Newton and the Equatorial Telescope Buildings, which have been converted to an interactive science centre. Students studying at the Castle have access to the telescopes through specific coursework depending on the program.

Residence

Bader Hall is a quaint five-minute walk from the Castle, and is a modern coeducational residence. It is very similar to university residences in North America. All residence bedrooms are equipped with wireless connections for laptop computers and high-speed Internet access. Students normally live two to a room (same sex), and share bathroom facilities. Bader Hall features two computer sites for students, study rooms, a television lounge and laundry facilities. Each floor also has kitchenettes with refrigerators and microwave ovens.

Dining Hall and Meals

The Dining Hall is located within the Castle. Your program fee includes a full meal plan, with three meals per day served during the academic terms. There is a wide selection of fresh foods, including vegetarian main-course choices available at every meal.

The Headless Drummer Pub

No proper English community would be complete without its local pub, and Herstmonceux Castle is no exception. The Headless Drummer Pub, named after one of several ghosts traditionally associated with the estate, has been the site of countless memorable gatherings of students, faculty and their guests.

Mini-Bus Service

Leaving the Castle several times a day, this service will take you and your fellow students anywhere you need to go for additional shopping in neighbouring towns, volunteering or just to explore.





ACTIVITIES AND THE COMMUNITY: INTIMATE AND INTERACTIVE

One of the first things to strike new students at Herstmonceux Castle is its intimacy. Around every corner is a welcoming, distinctive and comfortable spot for study, waiting to be yours.

One of our ducks may waddle up to greet you when you arrive, as might one of the many peacocks that call our campus home. Your first week will introduce you to our moat, ballroom, dungeon and wishing tree. Even mealtime is magic, with our chef often wandering outside to cut fresh herbs from our Shakespearean garden.

As a student at the Castle, you will share a remarkable sense of community that comes from being on a journey together with your classmates in a truly unique environment. The Castle and grounds are a daily reminder that you are a part of a special group, in a very special place, surrounded by supportive faculty and Castle staff.

The sense of community at the Castle extends far beyond the classroom. Wide ranges of student activities are available all year-round, both at the Castle and beyond. A dedicated student support staff coordinates both on-campus and off-campus Castle activities. Past activities have ranged from soccer, yoga and kickboxing to karaoke, talent shows and dancing clubs. Off-campus activities may include theatre trips, international sporting events and challenges with other area universities, concerts and shows.

Many students also become involved in the local community, towns and villages through volunteerism, sports and cultural organizations.

All of Europe is at your fingertips, so the possibilities are endless.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS: AN OVERVIEW

When you arrive at the Bader International Study Centre, you will find yourself among some of the best and brightest from around the world who share Herstmonceux Castle. Along with your fellow students, the supportive environment at the Castle will encourage and inspire you to academic success. Smaller classes mean closer involvement and interaction between students and professors. In such a context, a lecture becomes a dialogue. Classmates form tighter bonds and learn from each other. It all adds up to a more personal and complete education. The high standards for academic excellence and quality that have long been the hallmark of a Queen's University education are fully shared at the Castle and with additional depth.



The First-Year Program

The First-Year Program provides students with an international perspective, a strong grounding in communication skills, core degree courses, and a sense of social and global awareness from the very beginning of their undergraduate studies. The First-Year Program at the Castle is the only program of its kind in Canada where students spend a full year studying abroad. Data available at Queen's University shows that students who spend their first year at the Castle achieve higher grades (on average) than their classmates in Kingston in subsequent years of their undergraduate education.

Students in the First-Year Program are admitted to a full university degree program at Queen's University (Canada), or a Canadian University Study Abroad Program (CUSAP) partner university, and spend their first year of academic study at the BISC, before moving to North America for their remaining years of undergraduate study. Every course is a degree-level course accredited by Queen's University.

The Upper-Year Program

The Upper-Year Program emphasizes international and inter-disciplinary learning in a wide range of course options in Arts, International Business, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Nursing. Students who attend the Upper-Year Program come from an ever-expanding list of some of the finest universities around the world. Students from Japan, China, Korea, Russia, Australia, Norway, the United States and Mexico to name a few, come together to share a truly international experience living, traveling and studying together. Upper-year students must have already completed at least a year of university study.



Global Law Program

The Global Law Program at the Castle is easily one of the most popular programs offered at the Castle. It attracts students from across Canada and beyond and has significantly increased in enrolment over the last few years.

In the Fall and Winter Terms students usually take five courses. In the six-week Spring Session three courses comprise the typical load. In the four-week Summer Session students can complete two courses.

All courses are 3 credit units per course, fully accredited by Queen's University, and are normally transferable to all other universities.

More information on term dates and course offerings can be found in the back of this brochure. For full details and the most up-to-date course offerings, please visit the Bader International Study Centre website at www.queensu.ca/bisc.

THE VALUE OF YOUR CASTLE EDUCATION: AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

An international experience enriches your education in countless ways. Learn a new language, experience different cultures and, along the way, gain a new perspective and appreciation of your own country. High quality academic programs, combined with field trips and the opportunity for other excursions, ensure that students who study at the Bader International Study Centre have an understanding and appreciation for the global community. You'll find that your Castle connection will be readily recognized and desired by employers after you graduate.

A decision to study at the Castle is the choice to make a solid investment in your future. The Castle experience broadens personal, academic, and professional horizons in an increasingly interdependent world. The comprehensive program fee is broadly inclusive, fully transparent and less expensive than the total cost of many study abroad or international exchange programs.

Financing your Castle Education

For many students, the financing of a term or year of study at the Castle may involve a variety of funding sources. In addition to their own savings and parental/family contribution, many find it necessary to access loan funding from either the government or a financial institution. Scholarships and bursaries (non-repayable grants) are further financial resources students may consider.

Government Student Financial Assistance for Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents

Canadian citizens and permanent residents may apply for government student financial assistance (loans and grants) to study at the Bader International Study Centre. This assistance is available to students who demonstrate financial need and is intended to supplement student and family resources.

Students from Ontario may access government student financial assistance through the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP). Students who are considered a resident of a Canadian province or territory outside Ontario must apply for government student financial assistance through their home province.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Scholarships, awards and bursaries are available to students studying in either the First-Year Program or the Upper-Year Program.

For entering students, Queen's scholarships and bursaries are available to eligible Queen's students who pursue an undergraduate degree program at Queen's University, and who also undertake their first year of study at the Bader International Study Centre. Students who have applied for the First-Year Program through a Canadian University Study Abroad Program (CUSAP) partner should contact their home university's financial aid office for scholarship and bursary assistance options. Scholarships and bursaries, regardless of home institution or citizenship are available to students studying in the Upper-Year Program. For eligibility criteria and further information about Queen's Scholarships and Bursaries, please visit the Office of the University Registrar – Student Awards web site.

International Student Awards

Non-repayable grants are available to Upper-Year students not of Canadian or US citizenship applying from institutions outside North America.

Further Information

The Queen's Student Awards Office is a resource for all BISC students seeking information or advice on student financial assistance matters related to attending the BISC.

www.queensu.ca/studentawards/financialassistance/abroad.html

Castle program fees represent excellent value, as they include:

- Tuition
- Field study trips: transportation, entrance fees and lunches, as well as accommodation and breakfast on overnight excursions
- Room and board: shared accommodation (2 students per room) and full meal plan
- Access to all BISC facilities and services including computing rooms, library and fully equipped sports room (see full list on page 10)
- Regular trips to the libraries (and borrowing privileges) at the University of Sussex
- Regular banking/shopping trips to nearby towns
- Transfers: transportation from and to Heathrow airport on designated days

Program Fees do not include: Return airfare to and from London, supplemental health insurance, textbooks and course supplies, personal expenses and laundry, lunches and dinners on overnight trips.

Note: Queen's University provides assistance in the organization of travel arrangements.

Please refer to specific program inserts or the web site (www.queensu.ca/bisc) for current all-inclusive program fees.

AN ENRICHING EXPERIENCE: A TIMELESS EDUCATION

It is difficult, if not impossible, to compare the experience at Herstmonceux Castle to traditional universities. There is simply no substitute for the Castle's ability to pack more education and memories into every day.

As any student who has been to Herstmonceux will happily attest, you will profit from your experience here for years to come. The true value of the experience lies in the broader perspective with which you will learn to view the world, and yourself.

While there may be other times in your life when you will have the opportunity to travel abroad, you may never again have the chance to dedicate yourself so purely to intellectual and life enrichment.

Study abroad gives you greater appreciation for diversity and nurtures your sense of independence. At the Castle, you will see and experience some of the most amazing things the world has to offer, at a time in your life when they will have their most profound effect.

In choosing the Bader International Study Centre, you join a select group of individuals from a wide range of backgrounds and origins who wish to take their education to a higher level of personal and academic achievement.

Let your Castle connection begin now, a journey of discovery and self-discovery that will last your entire life. Contact us to learn more and we will put you in touch with a past student or alumnus who will share their experience with you. We look forward to welcoming you on the Castle grounds soon.



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