

# PHOTO LONDON

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"Photo London" is a special section of ENGL 4482 Popular Culture for the study abroad program, Summer 2011.



## ENGL 4482: Popular Culture Photographing "London"

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This section of ENGL 4482 Popular Culture is a digital photography course, primarily. It will combine the theoretical study of popular British culture with the basics of photography in order to examine images or representations of cultural London, like politics, art, cuisine, and other aspects of London. We will address notions of visual rhetoric, photographic representations of "London" and "England," and the image as a reflection and determiner of "reality."

### Required Materials

- ▶ A packet of reading materials that will be available for download.
- ▶ A computer, or computer access.
- ▶ A digital camera.
- ▶ Books, TBA.

# ENGL 4482: Popular Culture Course Requirements

## Daily Photo Blog (40%)

Each day, you should record your experiences about London through your photography. Your blog should contain your thoughts and analysis about London culture, art, architecture, food, multi-culturalism, and life. You should include not only photos and writing, but other multimedia from your wanderings.

## Exam (20%)

A cumulative final essay exam will be given that covers readings, vocabulary, discussions, and field trips.

## Wiki Contribution (20%)

You will be contributing at least one article to the course wiki. Consider the wiki like a class newsletter about London, and you are a reporter that needs to research and write a specific article that highlights a particular aspect of our classes' study of London.

## Participation (20%)

All classroom activities that are not defined above count toward class participation, like quizzes, viewing a film, etc.

**“You find no man, at all intellectual, who is willing to leave London. No, Sir, when a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford.”**

Samuel Johnson

## Schedule

**Week 1: Intro to Popular Culture**

**Week 2: Photography Primer**

**Week 3: Visual Rhetoric**

**Week 4: Capturing Culture**

**Week 5: Narrative and Representation**

### Images of London

Left: a view from the London Eye; Right: a detail from the Tower Bridge.

