Course Description: The course covers the main themes of London’s contested geography and history: London as a trading city, as an Imperial center and as the seat of both traditional authority and Parliament; looking at the peopling of London, the course explores the transformation of British society through inward migration, and the way that the social contract was made and remade again with each generation that populated the City; we look too at the social changes and political debates that have shaped London, and the country’s idea of who we are; London’s social problems from slum clearance to gentrification and ‘social cleansing’.

Course Objectives:
- A broad knowledge of modern British history and politics.
- An understanding of the sociology of urbanization and race relations as it relates to British Society.
- An understanding of the contemporary debates about gentrification and social control.
- An understanding of the history of London.
- An insight into some of the cultural life and literary landmarks of London and the UK.

Academic excursions: Students participate in mandatory excursions in and around the city of London. Excursions include: City of London tour, Docklands Museum Visit, Shoreditch, and Soho.

Attendance Policy: Attendance policies are strictly enforced on this program. Instructors maintain attendance records, and absences from class are strongly discouraged. Attendance at all components of a class (lecture, seminar, field visits, etc.) is expected. Violation of the attendance policy results in sanctions including a lower grade, loss of course credit, or dismissal from the program. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the grade reduction policies for unauthorized absence at the beginning of the term. If you experience an emergency that prevents you from attending class, contact your instructor and your programs coordinator jennifer.taylor@accentintl.com.

Every missed class with no prior approval will result in a penalty of 5% reduction in the student grade for the course.