



SUMMER 2025
**FACULTY-LED
STUDY ABROAD**

Tolkien and Lewis in Oxford

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EXPLORE OXFORD, CITY OF DREAMING SPIRES, WHERE TOLKIEN AND LEWIS WROTE THEIR CLASSIC FANTASY NOVELS. LEARN ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES THAT SHAPED THEIR LOVE OF NATURE AND FEAR OF "THE MACHINE," AND SAVOR THE FRIENDSHIP THAT FED THEIR IMAGINATIONS.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

ENGL347 (GEP AH): In this course we will explore the intellectual and experiential roots of the biophilia and technophobia in Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* and Lewis' *Space Trilogy*. Reading these texts from an ecocritical perspective, discover how these works anticipate contemporary debate about the costs and benefits of technology.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Guided tours of Oxford and Birmingham, birthplace of the Industrial Revolution
- Visit Sarehole Mill, Tolkien's childhood village and inspiration for *The Shire*, and *The Kilns*, Lewis' home outside Oxford
- Tickets to Oxford's Science Museum, Botanical Garden, Museum of Natural History, Pitt Rivers Museum, and Bodleian Library
- Live and study in University of Oxford residence halls and classrooms



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