Student/Faculty Collaborative Research Experience

EPIC ADVANTAGE: Shetland Knitting Traditions Research

Dates: May 15-June 4, 2018

Leaders: Callie Maidhof

Application Deadline: November 6, 2017

Description of Experience, Location and Research:
This research will be on the rich knitting traditions coming from the Shetland Islands. Over approximately three weeks, we will learn knitting techniques including Fair Isle, lace, haps, and color blending, as well as the unique history of knitting in this region. We will have workshops with Shetland’s top knitters, including Hazel Tindall, current title holder of “world’s fastest knitter.” These programs will be complemented by daily group work sessions, in which we will hone these new techniques and work on individual designs.

Expectations for Students:
In addition to participation in group activities such as workshops and excursions, each student will be expected to design one project such as a garment, blanket, or art piece, which they will finish knitting over the course of the following academic year.

Orientation:
Students will be required to take a one-credit Epic Advantage orientation seminar during the Spring Semester. The class meeting dates/times will be determined in the future.

Faculty:
Callie Maidhof is a Visiting Assistant Professor in Sociology and Anthropology, as well as an experienced knitter and knitwear designer. Her designs have been featured in magazines and online.
Dates of Experience:
May 15-June 4, 2018

Travel To and From Site:
Students and faculty will travel together to the site from Indianapolis. Students may return to the United States without faculty.

Application:
Applications can be received from students starting on Oct. 15, 2017. Application window closes on Nov 6, 2017.

Link to Application: Apply in Handshake

Student Eligibility: Rising sophomores, rising juniors, or rising seniors may apply. Students of any level may apply to the program, but they are expected to have basic knitting skills prior to May. If they have not knit before, they must complete one full scarf (including knit and purl stitches) prior to the program.

Cost to Student: This experience is funded as an EPIC Advantage opportunity. Funding covers passport, visa, travel, room and board, and other expenses required by the program. Additional personal expenses will be covered by the student.

Program plans subject to change.