Daily Itinerary (tentative) UF in the UK: Coastal Biology, Natural History & Culture May 30 – June 19, 2023

B,L,D = breakfast, lunch, or dinner included that day

May 30 (Tuesday)

Evening US students and faculty depart Orlando International Airport (or other)

May 31 (Wednesday) – D

Morning US students and faculty arrive in the UK (airport TBD)

- Take the underground to hotel in London
- Meet at hotel at 12:00pm to check in (or drop bags if early check-in not possible)
- Introductions among US and UK faculty and students

Afternoon Lunch on your own

- Optional trip to London Eye to learn geographic perspective on city relative to the Thames
- Free time to explore London (and recover from jetlag)

Evening Group dinner at Lamb & Flag Pub

- Students meet with professors to discuss the course syllabus, course requirements, journal requirements, safety, and other expectations

Night London - Premier Inn Hub Covent Garden

June 1 (Thursday) – B

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

- Take underground to the Natural History Museum for behind the scenes tour with Ollie Crimmen and Dr. David Bass

Afternoon Lunch on your own

- Visit cultural sites in London on your own

Evening Dinner and evening on your own

Night London – Premier Inn Hub Covent Garden

June 2 (Friday) – B, D

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

- Travel to Dorchester on train out of Waterloo station (2.5h)
- Pick up minibuses and explore Roman villa and Maiden Castle (Iron Age hillfort)

Afternoon Lunch on own in Dorchester

- Travel to Weymouth (20min)
- Afternoon free to explore Weymouth
- 1st paper discussion at hotel or other venue

Evening Group dinner at hotel

Night Weymouth - Crown Inn

June 3 (Saturday) – B, L, D

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

 Visit Portland Bill Lighthouse, tour of Portland, Chesil Beach, Abbotsbury, etc. to learn about Portland stone history, shingle beach formation, and chalk formation with Professor Grant Stentiford

Afternoon Box lunch

- Continue tour

Evening Group dinner at hotel

Night Weymouth - Crown Inn

June 4 (Sunday) -B, L, D

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

- Visit and get tour of Etches Fossil Museum with Dr. Steve Etches (2h)

Afternoon Box lunch

- Tour of Kimmeridge Bay with Dr. Etches (**must do at low tide**)

- Snorkeling trail in Kimmeridge Bay

Evening Group dinner at hotel

- 1st paper discussion on Jurassic Coast

Night Weymouth - Crown Inn

June 5 (Monday) – B, L, D

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

- Travel to Lulworth Cove for a traditional British coastal walk

Afternoon Box lunch

- Leisure afternoon to explore the Durdle Door geological site

- Snorkel around Durdle Door

Evening Group dinner at hotel

Night Weymouth - Crown Inn

June 6 (Tuesday) – B, D

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel (early)

- Tour of Centre for Environmental, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science (Cefas)
- Scientific presentations from Cefas scientists
- Travel to Port Eynon on Gower Peninsula (4h)

Afternoon Box lunch from Crown Inn

- Purchase food at grocery store in Swansea
- Settle into hostel and explore Port Eynon

Evening Group dinner at Ship Inn

- 2nd paper discussion at hostel

Night Port Eynon YHA

June 7 (Wednesday)- B, L, D

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hostel

- Explore Swansea Bay and Bristol Channel from Swansea U. research vessel, The Mary Anning

Afternoon Lunch packed at hostel

- Trip to Mumbles, Swansea, an old fishing village
- Talk from experts about the historical oyster and cockle beds
- Trip to Oystermouth Castle with Swansea history Professor Matthew Stevens

Evening Group dinner at hostel

Night Port Eynon YHA

June 8 (Thursday) – B, L, D

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

- Optional trip to Llanelli Wetland Centre, a habitat restoration project, with Professor Geoff Proffitt

Afternoon Packed lunch

- Afternoon free

Evening Group dinner at hostel with local harpist with stories from local historians

Night Port Eynon YHA

June 9 (Friday) -B, L, D

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

- Travel to Rhosilli Bay for a hike to Worms Head, learn about the shipwrecks there, the caves, the seals, and the intertidal rockpools.

Afternoon Packed lunch

- Travel to Broadhaven on Pembrokeshire peninsula

Evening Group dinner at YHA

Night Pembrokeshire – Broadhaven YHA

June 10 (Saturday) – B, L, D

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hostel

- Trip to Skomer Island to see the Puffins and learn about the Marine Protected Areas there

Afternoon Box lunch from YHA

- Relax in Broadhaven

Evening Group dinner at YHA

- Optional evening of live music at Galleon Inn

Night Pembrokeshire – Broadhaven YHA

June 11 (Sunday) – B, L

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

- Travel to York (5.5h)

Afternoon Box lunch from YHA

Free afternoon in York

Evening Dinner on own

Night York – Premier Inn Blossom Street South

June 12 (Monday) - B

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

 Visit Jorvik Viking Center to learn about the influence of Vikings on coastal communities and culture Afternoon Lunch on your own

- Afternoon free to explore York

Evening Dinner on your own

Night York - Premier Inn Blossom Street South

June 13 (Tuesday) – B

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

- Travel to Durham

Afternoon Lunch on your own

- Afternoon free to explore Durham

Evening Dinner on your own

- 3rd Paper discussion on Romans

Night Durham – Premier Inn City Centre (Walkergate)

June 14 (Wednesday) – B

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel (early)

- Travel to Vindolanda, Roman Army Museum, and Hadrians Wall with archeologists

Afternoon Lunch on own at Vindolanda cafe

- Continue exploration of Roman sights

Evening Dinner on your own

Night Durham – Premier Inn City Centre (Walkergate)

June 15 (Thursday) – B, D

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

- Travel to Saltburn for intertidal ecology exploration (compare to SW English and Welsh coasts)

Afternoon Lunch on own at Fish & Chip shop (or other) in Saltburn

- Travel to Whitby
- Relax and prepare for final exam

Evening Dinner on your own in Whitby

Night White Horse & Griffin Hotel (coaching inn built in 1681)

June 16 (Friday) – B, D

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

- Final written exam at 10am

Afternoon Lunch on your own

- Visit Robinhood Bay seal colonies, hear talk from National Trust on unique coastal geology and ecology, and fossiling
- Optional trip to Scarborough Castle

Evening Group dinner at hotel

4th (final) paper discussion on seals

Night White Horse & Griffin Hotel (Coaching inn built in 1681)

June 17 (Saturday) – B

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

- Travel to London (park vans and take underground to hotel)

- Students finalize journals and submit by arrival time in London

Afternoon Lunch on own at road stop

- Instructors assess journals (students have free time)

- Instructors return journals

Evening Dinner on own

Night London – Premier Inn Blackfriars

June 18 (Sunday) – B, D

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

- Free day to explore London

Evening Farewell group dinner (location and time TBD)

Night London – Premier Inn Blackfriars

June 19 (Monday) - B

Morning Students meet professors for breakfast at hotel

Course ends - all depart for airport or post-course travel