

2015 IIMC Study Abroad Program – Historic New England Education Program Itinerary*

The IIMC Education Department has approved the 2015 Study Abroad Program for 11.5 CMC Education points or 11.5 MMC Advanced Education points (23 hours) with completed Learning Assessment.

You won't want to miss out on this opportunity. You'll return home with new memories, new friends, and a deep appreciation for a piece of the world you may have never experienced otherwise.

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Session: "Transparency – Open Meetings/Open Records"

Location: Boston, MA

In 2010 Massachusetts overhauled their legislation on Open Meetings, Public Records and political campaign financing. Described as the "most sweeping ethics overhaul in decades..." municipal clerks were tasked with executing many of the parameters outlined in this landmark legislation. The City Clerk of Boston will explain the latest requirements and challenges for municipalities in providing transparency in local government through the reforms of the open meeting, public records and political campaign finance laws.

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Session: "Origins of Municipal Government – Role of the Clerk"

Location: Suffolk University – Boston, MA

Participants will meet with a university professor and discuss early beginnings of municipal government in the United States and how municipalities got their start. The nature of the political society and the role the City played in the Revolution will also be a topic of discussion in addition to the early Clerks and the role they played in early local government. Valuable insight will be gained into the political society of government.

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Session: "Municipal Interaction with State Government"

Location: New State House – Boston, MA

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Participants will look in on a State Session, and meet with a Representative to discover what issues are affecting local governments and explore the interaction State Representatives have with the local municipalities. Participants will hear about any pending legislation that will affect local government and have the opportunity to meet with a Representative to address any questions they have regarding those issues and how the State works with local jurisdictions to make the best policies for all involved.

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Session: “Origins of Forming U.S. Government”

Location: Freedom Trail – Boston, MA

This session will lay the foundation for how municipal government in the US came to be. This session will be particularly insightful for international participants as attendees will study the history surrounding the town, its people, and what lead up to the American Revolution with the assistance of a certified guide. Participants will visit historic sites such as the site of the Boston Tea Party, the Boston Massacre, Old Granary Burying Ground, Paul Revere’s Home and Bunker Hill in order to fully embrace and immerse themselves in the history and lessons being presented.

Thursday, May 14, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Session: “Boston City Council – A Best Practice”

Location: Boston City Hall – Boston, MA

During this session participants will enjoy one-on-one time with the local elected officials, City Clerk, and City Archivist of Boston to learn about the inner workings of the municipality and some of the unique opportunities/challenges this city encounters. They will share best practices to deal with those events including how the city responded to the Boston Marathon bombings in 2013.

Thursday, May 14, 2015

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Session: “Records/Artifacts Preservation”

Location: John F. Kennedy Memorial Library – Boston, MA

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U.S. Presidential Libraries employ the most qualified archivists in the country. Participants will be guided through the Library/Museum by an expert archivist to explore the government documents and artifacts housed in this historical site. Discussion will be held on how precious artifacts are cleaned, preserved and displayed for the public; how the Library and Museum is funded and maintained; what involvement the City plays in their operations and the economic impact the library has on the City.

Thursday, May 14, 2015

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Session: “Legislative Process & City Council Meeting”

Location: Salem City Hall – Salem, MA

Participants will meet with the City Clerk of Salem to discuss the City’s unique legislative process and review the latest items on the agenda. Following this in depth discussion, attendees will be invited to experience a Committee Meetings and/or Council Meeting first hand.

Friday, May 15, 2015

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Session: “Elections”

Location: Plymouth Town Hall – Plymouth, MA

During this session, participants will meet with the Town Clerk of the City of Plymouth to discuss in detail the requirements of operating and holding an election in the Commonwealth. Due to the uniqueness of elections around the globe, this session is a great opportunity to compare and contrast the requirements presented in this session to the requirements in your own municipality.

Friday, May 15, 2013

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Session: “Plantation Working Relations with Local Government”

Location: Plimoth Plantation – Plymouth , MA

This session will allow participants to step back in time to the 17th century as they explore Plimoth Plantation. This 20th century city is a living 1627 English Village that conducts research, archaeological excavation, curation and educational tours. Participants will be joined by the Plantation Director to unearth how this plantation is funded and maintained. The Retired Head of

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Research will also make an appearance to discuss the inner workings of the Plantation. As a finale, the Town Clerk of Plymouth will speak and help participants understand the invaluable relationship between the Town and the Plantation.

Over dinner, the Past President of the Plymouth Municipal Office, now a local historian, will present the history of the Town of Plymouth.

Saturday, May 16, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Session: “Historic Preservation”

Location: Historic District – Providence, RI

Many communities have a historical core that they try to maintain and preserve. During this session participants will be guided through the designated Historic District of Providence by a member of the Historical Society. Information on the laws/requirements that are placed on this District to help preserve the buildings and overall distinction of the area will be presented by a member of the Society. Participants will be able to study the working relationship between the Town and the Historical Society.

Saturday, May 16, 2015

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Session: “Economic Redevelopment”

Location: Riverfront District and Newport City Hall – Newport, RI

Economic development and redevelopment is a hot topic in many communities. During this session participants will visit Rosecliff Mansion, which is owned by The Preservation Society of Newport. Participants will meet with a member of the Society as well as the Newport Retired City Clerk. The pair will provide insight as to what has been done, and continues to be done, in regards to redevelopment projects. Costs and benefits as well as return on investments will be covered. Immediately following, participants will tour Newport City Hall and meet with the current City Clerk to discuss the city’s best practices in reference to the many redevelopment areas/districts that Newport has undertaken.

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Mandatory Assessment

Participants who plan to use the points towards their CMC or MMC Application must complete a learning assessment. Participants who have already obtained the MMC designation are not required to complete the assessment.

The assignment will consist of a 250 word essay for **each** session attended outlining the knowledge/experience gained during the session and how that knowledge will be useful to your municipality. Assessments will be due within 45 days of the completion of the program.

The essays must be a Word document in 12 pt. Times New Roman font. Please make sure to include your name, title, email address, municipality and state. The assessment deadline is July 31, 2015. Submission instructions will be provided to the participants upon registration. All essays will be considered as possible articles for the News Digest.

IIMC understands that some participants have already obtained their MMC designation and do not need the points. However, if you are interested in writing an essay or keeping a blog during the trip, IIMC would love to review it for consideration as an article in the News Digest or on our Facebook page. Please send it to the Education Department at ashley@iimc.com.

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