

Edinburgh Summer School STUDENTS!

Don't miss this course!

It is designed for just for you: students going to Edinburgh.

You may take it for credit *or audit it (entirely or by topic)*.

Dr. Alex Jordan (a Lichtenberg Fellow this year) will be teaching:

An Introduction to the Scottish Enlightenment (4506880)

Di 18-20H in VG 4.107

Edinburgh Summer School students: This course will be open to students who wish to audit, including on an individual topic basis. Auditors: Please be sure to register in StudIP so that you have access to all the pertinent information and readings.

This course will introduce students to the leading thinkers and key themes of the eighteenth-century Scottish Enlightenment. It is intended for absolute beginners, and no prior knowledge is required. It is likely to be of especial interest to participants in the Edinburgh Summer School (Aug. 2019), although all other interested students are welcome to attend. Each seminar will focus on a particular theme or debate within the Scottish Enlightenment, including the discovery of "civil society" (as distinct from political institutions), attitudes towards modern commerce, the development of political economy (economic science), republicanism and the militia question, religion and natural theology, scepticism and materialism, approaches to historical writing, and stadial theories of civilizational progress and non-European societies. The final sessions of the course will also consider the reactions of Scottish Enlightenment thinkers to the American and French Revolutions, as well as continuations and repudiations of the Scottish Enlightenment in Britain during the early nineteenth century. Required readings will be short excerpts from primary sources, i.e. the writings of thinkers such as Francis Hutcheson (1694-1746), David Hume (1711-96), Adam Smith (1723-90), Adam Ferguson (1723-1816), and Thomas Reid (1710-96). By the end of the course, students will have a solid understanding of the key themes and debates of the era, many of which continue to resonate today. Readings will be available in StudIP.

Modules offered: B.EP. 203, B.EP.50a & b, M.EP. 04a, M.EP. 10d.

Registration in StudIP: from March 1