

# APPLY NOW for CAUSE 2025

## “Decolonizing the Academic Museum: Cascading Impacts of Colonization on Science Museums”

The 2025 Center for Advanced Undergraduate Studies and Experience (CAUSE) is a 3-semester course that will examine how current decolonization efforts in Europe, including the UK, are breaking new ground by looking at how original collecting practices have impacted the cultures and landscapes.

### COURSES:

1. **Spring 2025: EMSC 470W** (3 credits – writing intensive) Students will look at decolonization efforts around the world with a focus on science collections including how original collecting practices impacted the cultures and landscapes.
2. **Summer 2025 Travel: EMSC 497** (.25 credits - \$200 summer tuition) May 11- 24 travel to England to explore decolonizing science collection efforts at University College London, Oxford, Cambridge, and Manchester University.
3. **Fall 2025: EMSC 470W** (3 credits) Each student will produce a poster for the EMS Communication of Undergraduate Experiences and a paper/presentation for a conference, based on information learned during the spring and summer courses. Students will also collaboratively develop a whitepaper suggesting guidelines for decolonizing the EMS Museum’s earth materials collections.

### ELIGIBILITY: All EMS students are eligible, regardless of campus

- Preference will be given to students who will be third year students during the spring 2025 semester and fourth year students during the fall 2025 semester.
- **COST:** Program fee after EMS grant is applied is \$1,000 + airfare
- Note: there are additional University grants through Penn State Global and SEN to help cover costs.

### QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

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