

KENNEDY CENTER FAST FACTS



WHO IS DAVID M. KENNEDY?

Following distinguished careers in banking, with the Federal Reserve board in Washington, D.C., and with Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company in Chicago, and government, as U.S. Secretary of the Treasury and various diplomatic assignments, David M. Kennedy served as a special representative of the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His international legacy continues as Kennedy Center students and alumni prepare to become tomorrow's leaders on the global stage.

WHERE IS THE KENNEDY CENTER?

The David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies is housed in the Herald R. Clark Building (HRCB), just south of the Harold B. Lee Library. It was named in honor of Herald R. Clark, dean of the College of Commerce (1932–51). After extensive remodeling, the building now houses the Kennedy Center, Asian Consortium, Latin American Consortium, and International Society offices.



HRCB facts:

2 Conference rooms Podcasting capabilities Video editing
14 Classrooms Wireless network RSS feed
Kennedy Center Inauguration: 17 November 1983

KENNEDY CENTER DIRECTORS



RENATA TONKS FORSTE (2017–present)
Expert on well-being of women and children in Latin America, Africa, and U.S.



JEFFREY F. RINGER (2002–16)
Expert on U.S. foreign policy and Asian studies; associate director 1992–2002



DONALD B. HOLSINGER (1997–2001)
Senior education specialist with World Bank; involved in setting up education programs in Ukraine, Brazil, Jamaica, and Indonesia; expert on international development and education



R. LANIER BRITSCH (1991–97)
Coordinator of Asian Studies, vice president for academics at BYU–Hawaii; specialist on Asian history and religions and the history of Latter-day Saints in Asia and the Pacific



RAY C. HILLAM (1985–91)
Government analyst and consultant; director of international relations program at BYU; International relations and Asian studies expert



STANLEY A. TAYLOR (1979–85)
Coordinator of international relations program; specialist in world politics, international law and organization, and diplomacy



SPENCER J. PALMER (1977–79)
Chairman of Asian Studies at BYU; director of Center for International and Area Studies, forerunner of Kennedy Center; Korean studies specialist and expert on comparative world religions

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMS (ISP)

The Kennedy Center also manages ISP. During 2016–17 academic year, 1,901 students gained a truly international education in 206 programs operating in 75 countries. Programs may be broken into four basic categories, each with a unique goal.

STUDY ABROAD

Purpose: A uniform program of study for students at an off-campus, international location with a strong curricular theme.

DIRECT ENROLLMENT

Purpose: Students are integrated into an international university, taught by faculty native to the country, and are not accompanied by BYU faculty.

INTERNSHIPS

Purpose: Short-term, on-the-job apprentice training, generally unpaid. Internships provide students with practical applications to classroom theory.

FIELD SCHOOL

Purpose: Small numbers of students undertake a research experience under the direction of a faculty member.

Location of programs changes annually and could include: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Paraguay, Romania, Russia, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Tonga, United Kingdom, Venezuela, or Wales.

AFFILIATED WITH ISP

College of Engineering and Technology
College of Fine Arts and Communications
College of Nursing
Religious Education

Marriott School of Management
School of Family Life
School of Social Work

Department of Anthropology
Department of Asian and Near Eastern Languages
Department of Business
Department of Business Management
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Department of Dance
Department of Educational Leadership and Foundations
Department of English
Department of French and Italian
Department of Geography
Department of German and Slavic Languages
Department of Health Sciences
Department of History
Department of Humanities, Classics, and Comparative Literature
Department of Linguistics and English Language—TESOL
Department of Political Science
Department of Recreation Management/Youth Leadership
Department of Scandinavian Studies
Department of Sociology
Department of Spanish and Portuguese
Department of Teacher Education
Department of Theatre and Media Arts
Department of Visual Arts



INTERNATIONAL FOCUS AT BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Figures and Statistics 2017–18 Academic Year

Number of Students Enrolled: 32,615
International Students at BYU: 1,885

Student Demographics

- 94% United States
- 6% International
- 105 Countries represented
- 50 States represented

Student Ethnicity

- 83% Caucasian
- 6% Hispanic
- 5% Unknown/Other
- 4% Multiethnicity
- 3% Asian/Pacific Islander
- <1% Black
- <1% Native American

- BYU students who speak a second language: 65 percent
- Classes offered in a foreign language: more than 58 (at least 30 more with sufficient interest)
- BYU students enrolled in a language course: approximately 32 percent each semester
- 126 languages spoken on campus
- Foreign Language Student Residences: 11 languages offered (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish)
- BYU students who have lived outside the U.S. for a year or more: 65 percent
- BYU has the 15th largest study abroad program in the country
- BYU students who participate in a study abroad program before they graduate: 17 percent
- Language certification in 10 languages

KENNEDY CENTER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



Coordinator: Ray Christensen
Education: PhD, political science, Harvard University, 1992
Expertise: Parties and elections, Japanese politics
Focus: International relations (IR) is an interdisciplinary major emphasizing the systematic study of political and economic relations between governments and people in different states, as well as comparisons across different political and economic systems.
Career Opportunities: Law, government, business, and international organization typically after advanced degrees.

ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES



Coordinator: Eric Huntsman
Education: PhD, ancient history, University of Pennsylvania, 1997
Expertise: New Testament studies, Koine and New Testament Greek, Greek and Roman history and Classical literature, early Christianity and the Roman World, women in Classical antiquity
Focus: Ancient Near Eastern studies (ANES) deals with the history, literature, religions, and cultures of the ancient Near East from about 3000 b.c. to a.d. 640, and it involves study in the humanities, social sciences, and ancient scripture.
Career Opportunities: Biblical and ancient Near Eastern studies, library science, or CES, typically after advanced degrees.

ASIAN STUDIES



Coordinator: Eric A. Hyer
Education: PhD, political science, Columbia University, 1990
Expertise: Chinese politics and foreign policy; international relations of East Asia; international relations theory and international conflict
Focus: The Asian studies major is an interdisciplinary program where students acquire working competence in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or another approved Asian language; a broad knowledge of Asian civilization; and a more specialized knowledge in an academic discipline.
Career Opportunities: Academic, private industry, or government service.

EUROPEAN STUDIES



Coordinator: Heather Belnap Jensen
Education: PhD, art history, University of Kansas, 2007
Expertise: French Revolutionary and Napoleonic art and culture; women in art, c. 1750–1950; fashion history in modern Europe; Franco-American transatlanticism, c. 1850–1950; women in Mormon culture
Focus: European studies is an interdisciplinary degree designed to combine advanced-language experience with additional study in humanities, social science, and/or business.
Career Opportunities: With a broad, general background in European languages and area knowledge, graduates are well prepared for careers in international branches of government, nonprofit organizations, international industry and commerce, domestic and foreign teaching, Peace Corps, military, and many other professions requiring an expert knowledge of European language, culture, and politics.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES



Coordinator: Christopher "Kit" C. Lund
Education: PhD, Portuguese literature, University of Texas—Austin 1974
Expertise: Renaissance and Baroque Portuguese literature, Portuguese manuscripts, works of Ciro dos Anjos
Focus: Designed to give a rich background in the languages, culture, and conditions of Latin America, the Latin American studies major provides a multidisciplinary approach to education.
Career Opportunities: Government, private industry, nonprofit organizations, some domestic and foreign teaching opportunities, the Peace Corps, the military, etc.

MIDDLE EAST STUDIES/ARABIC



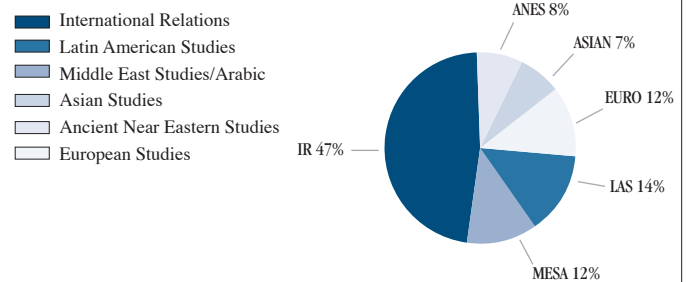
Coordinator: Quinn Mecham
Education: PhD, political science, Stanford University, 2006
Expertise: Middle East, politics, civil wars, failed states
Focus: Middle East studies examines the Arabic-, Turkish-, and Persian-speaking peoples and countries of the Middle East from a variety of perspectives, with linguistic skill in Arabic.
Career Opportunities: Government agencies, businesses, and other organizations, as well as careers in law or medicine.

FALL 2017 ENROLLMENT

PROGRAM	SENIOR	JUNIOR	SOPH	FROSH	TOTAL
Ancient Near Eastern Studies	22	6	7	5	40
Asian Studies*	21	9	6	2	38
European Studies	48	5	5	4	62
International Relations	91	51	43	61	246
Latin American Studies	48	18	7	0	73
Middle East Studies/Arabic	28	18	11	8	65
Total	258	107	79	80	524

*Separate emphases began fall 2012.

FALL 2017 ENROLLMENT BY MAJOR



UNIQUE PROGRAMS

- BYU and the University of Utah were selected by the U.S. Department of Education to partner in both an **Asian and Pacific Studies Consortium** and a **Latin American Studies Consortium**, hosted by the Kennedy Center.
- BYU has been designated as a **Center for International Business Education Research (CIBER)**, a program designed to promote the competitiveness of business in the U.S. through an integrated international curriculum, faculty and student international research, and outreach programs.
- BYU's Department of Humanities coordinates the **International Cinema**, a series of films, both famous and little-known, from all over the world screened free to students.

SERVICES

In addition to sponsoring numerous professional and academic conferences, other services include:

Student Programs—Model United Nations (IAS 351), Model European Union, Model Arab League

Student Organizations—European Studies Student Association (ESSA), Global Citizens for Study Abroad (GCSA), Foreign Service Student Association (FSSO), Middle East Studies Arabic Students (MESAS), Sigma Iota Rho (SIR), Students for International Development (SID), Student Association for Latin American Studies (SALAS), and Students of the Ancient Near East (SANE).

China Teachers—A nonprofit organization sending degree-holding professionals on a one-year service experience in China.

International Society—An association of professionals with international interests who are members or friends of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

International Society Database—A web-enabled, searchable database to provide networking for individuals with international interests, expertise, and experience

Kennedy Center Lectures—Featuring scholars, diplomats, and international professionals who share their insights and expertise on current events.

Communications—An in-house staff prepares a wide variety of print and web collaterals, including books, discussion papers, conference proceedings, and *Bridges* magazine, as well as flyers, posters, and programs for events.

Advisement—The Kennedy Center Advisement Center is designed to help students with academic needs, through faculty advisors, publications, and other resources.

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