Jordan is a small but important country in the Eastern Mediterranean area, and it exemplifies many of the problems, as well as the promise, of all countries in the area. The population is divided fairly evenly between native Jordanians of Beduin and rural stock, and urban Palestinians who are ultimately refugees. Many thousands of Iraqi and Syrian refugees have also flooded the country. The economy is developing, but still has major problems. Water shortages are severe. Understanding Jordan is a good way to begin to understand the whole region. You will be exposed to a quasi-democratic country with some of the trappings and rhetoric of democracy but not always its substance, which is currently in a state of enormous flux, and facing critical issues of succession, inclusion and legitimacy. You will be exposed to a multifaceted Islam in a variety of settings and manifestations, and to a political and religious discourse that is fascinating and unfamiliar. Most importantly, you will have many opportunities to meet and get to know regular Jordanians, and come to understand their concerns, views and ways of living.

DATES
26 August–21 December 2016

HOUSING
Students will live in apartments provided by the Qasid Institute, relatively close to the Institute (usually within one mile and walkable).

COURSES
Prerequisites
4 credits each:
Arabic 101
Arabic 102
Arabic 201
Arabic 202
Required
2 credits each:
Arabic 211R
Arabic 311R

4 credits each:
Arabic 300
Arabic 302
Arabic 331

COST
$6,500–$7,000

Includes LDS, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for grads and non-LDS), housing, excursions in Jordan, and international health insurance.

Not included
End of program Israel/Palestine excursion (required of MESA majors, optional for others) will be in the $1700–$2200 range.

Airfare, meals, local transportation, and personal expenses.

PREPARATION
Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1.0 credit hour). This evening course will be held during the second block of winter semester 2016 on Wednesdays, 5–7 pm.

Accompanying spouses will be registered for a .5 credit hour class to be part of the Israel portion. Spouses will need to apply online and take the preparation course. Costs for an accompanying spouse will be in the $5,000 range.

FUNDING SOURCES
Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to Study Abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application, and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB), will be considered for a Study Abroad scholarship. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp/funding/scholarships/).

APPLICATION PROCESS
Complete the online application at https://kennedy.byu.edu/apply. A non-refundable $35 application fee is required. Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete and will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. Deadline: 16 February 2016

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Students on this program must travel to Jordan and arrive at the same time. All travel must be arranged through the BYU Study Abroad Travel office. Special travel restrictions apply to this program.

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
ISP reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost estimates due to conditions beyond its control.