

BYU | International Study Programs

General Information

The colleges and academic departments of Brigham Young University, in conjunction with the Kennedy Center's International Study Programs office (ISP), offer significant international learning experiences that reflect the aims of a BYU Education. Participation in these programs is limited to university students who are 18 years or older on the start date of the program and who meet the requirements below.

About this Application

Students who participate in a BYU international study program are required to complete the following application, including indicating acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in this section and other parts of the application. By completing this application, you also acknowledge that ISP may access your BYU academic records to assist in acceptance decisions. If you are not a BYU student, completion of the application requires that you supply a current academic transcript. Acceptance to a BYU international study program does not constitute regular admission to a degree program at BYU. Non-BYU students who apply and are accepted to an international study program are classified as non-degree seeking, continuing education students, and may only register for the study abroad sections of the courses associated with their program. NOTE: For clarity, current students of BYU-Idaho and BYU-Hawaii are considered non-BYU students in this application and instructions.

Academic Course Requirements

Each international study program has its own course requirements. Students are required to abide by these course requirements by registering for the required courses and complying with any additional course-related instructions. If you fail to register for the minimum course requirement of your program, you will be charged an additional fee equal to the tuition cost of the required courses. Please check specific program flyers for details on course requirements. Courses not specifically listed in the requirements for an international study program cannot be used to meet the course requirements for that program.

During the semester or term of the international study program, you should only be registered for the study abroad sections of each class. If you register for any on-campus class section (including day and evening classes) or independent study classes to be taken during the semester term of your international study program, you will be charged additional tuition for each of those courses taken. Course sections required for international study programs cannot be audited.

Students are required to be in good honor code and academic standing at the start of their International Study Program. If you are not currently in good standing with either of these requirements, please contact your Program Coordinator and they will guide you through the process of getting back into good standing. Failure to take care of this prior to departure will result in the student being dropped from his or her program.

Preparation Course

All students who participate in an international study program are required to register for and perform satisfactorily in a pre-departure preparation class. Refer to the specific program information for details on this course. If you are not currently a full-time student at BYU, you must register for this course as a continuing education student, and you will be required to pay tuition for this course in addition to the cost of the program. This registration and tuition requirement applies to all non-BYU students. In some cases, arrangements may be made for students living out of Utah County to take this course through distance learning. The program participant will need to arrange this with the program director.

BYU Financial Aid/Scholarships

BYU-administered loans, scholarships, and discounts may be applied toward international study program fees. Application for these resources is made through BYU Financial Aid, A-41 ASB. Prior to payment deadlines, you must notify ISP accounting, at kennedy_accounts@byu.edu, of any financial aid you plan to use as payment toward your program.

A limited amount of financial aid is available through ISP to assist qualifying full-time BYU students with program expenses. Non-BYU students are not eligible for ISP discounts. To be considered for this financial aid, indicate your interest at the appropriate place on this application. You will also need to have a current FAFSA on file with the BYU Financial Aid Office. International students can contact ISP about how to obtain a FAFSA score. Please note that students must apply for the ISP discount prior to being accepted into a program and that ISP financial aid is only available to undergraduate students registered as full-time students at BYU the semester prior to the program start date.

Program Charges and Cancellation Fees

By applying to a BYU international study program, you agree to accept the terms of this payment and cancellation policy:

- Exceptions to this policy will not be granted in the case of life choices such as choosing to serve a mission or to get married.
- The application fee is nonrefundable (unless the program is canceled by ISP) and is not calculated as part of the program cost.
- The first, non-refundable payment of \$500 for a term program or \$1000 for a semester program is due upon acceptance.
- The second payment of either \$1,000 (term program) or \$2,000 (semester program) is due on the second payment date, and \$500 of this payment is non-refundable after this date.
- The third payment is the balance of the program cost minus the tuition charge. NOTE: If you cancel after the third payment deadline, 100 percent of the second program payment is non-refundable. If you cancel within two weeks of the beginning of the program, all program payments are non-refundable.

- The final (fourth) payment is the tuition charge. This amount will be charged after you register for your program courses and must be paid before the beginning of the program. The price of your program includes the undergraduate tuition amount for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the “Church”). If you are a graduate student or a student who is not a member of the Church, you will be charged the additional cost of tuition which corresponds to these groups.
- If your program cost includes an airline ticket purchased on your behalf and you cancel from the program, you will be assessed the cost of the airline ticket.
- If you fail to register for the full academic load required by the program, you will be assessed additional program fees.
- During the semester or term of your program, you should only register for the study abroad sections of the courses associated with your program. If you register for any other course, whether it be in the day school, evening school, online courses, or independent study, you will be charged additional fees.
- No program fees will be refunded to you if you cancel within two weeks of the beginning of the program.
- Upon acceptance, you will be emailed a payment information sheet that will give the payment deadlines. Failure to meet these payment deadlines will lead to penalties or being dropped from your program.

How to Cancel

If you have been officially accepted to a BYU international study program and decide to cancel, you must give formal notification to ISP by filling out and submitting the online cancellation form found with the application. *No other method of cancellation will be accepted.*

Mandatory Health Insurance

All students who participate in an international study program are enrolled in an international health insurance policy which is included in the program cost. However, participants are still required to maintain adequate domestic health coverage during their program as stipulated by BYU. More information on the required domestic insurance can be found at <http://health.byu.edu/>

Airfare and Passports

Arranging travel to and from the study abroad location is, in most cases, the responsibility of the student participant (your program director will inform you if this is not the case for your program). You are required to use BYU travel services to book this travel. BYU Travel for international study programs can be contacted at (801) 422-6293 or in 280 HRCB. Roundtrip airfare is not generally included as part of the program cost (check the specific program descriptions for details).

If you plan to do extra travel before or after your program, you should know that the overseas medical insurance BYU provides to study abroad participants (GeoBlue) starts the day before your official program start date and ends the day after your official program end date. If you

travel outside of these dates, you will need to arrange your own international medical insurance for the time before and/or after the coverage BYU provides. BYU has no responsibility for helping you in case of emergency on these extra travel dates.

You are required to have a passport that is valid for six months after the ending date of your international study program. You are responsible for obtaining your own passport and, when required, the necessary visa(s) for your program. If ISP assists in obtaining your visa, you are still responsible for verifying that the visa is correct. ISP cannot guarantee that you will receive the visa you apply for. Once you have your passport number, you must include it on the Personal Information page of this application.

Participants with Disabilities

International study programs are physically, emotionally, and mentally taxing and may be inaccessible for some individuals with disabilities. Please carefully review the requirements of the program(s) in which you are interested. Then, if you have concerns, you are invited to discuss both the program requirements and the available facilities with ISP personnel prior to applying.

Immunization Requirements

Participants accepted to an international study program agree that they will read and follow the immunization recommendations given by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) for all of the countries they will visit or travel through on their international study program unless advised otherwise by their physician. Participants acknowledge and agree that if for any reason they do not follow all of the CDC recommendations, they do so at their own risk, and they accept full responsibility for the consequences of not following the CDC recommendations, with the specific understanding that not following said recommendations may have serious and possibly life-threatening consequences.

Nondiscrimination Statement

In making admission decisions for BYU international study programs, ISP does not engage in unlawful discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. For admission, individual applicants must meet the university's academic requirements, agree to abide by the CES Honor Code and BYU's Dress and Grooming Standards, agree to abide by program-specific requirements and policies and be otherwise qualified.

Termination from a Program

The university reserves the absolute right to immediately terminate your participation on a BYU international study program if ISP finds that you have misrepresented yourself in your application, registered for the program under false pretenses, failed to comply with the CES

Honor Code, or failed to follow security or health instructions from ISP or the program directors. If this termination takes place before the starting date of the program, you will be subject to the cancellation fees described above. If the termination takes place after the starting date of the program, no program fees will be refunded, course grades will be based on the work you completed prior to your termination, and you will no longer be allowed to participate in your international study program or live in BYU-arranged housing abroad.

Assumption of Risk and Limited Release Agreement

In consideration for being permitted by BYU to participate, and as an inducement to BYU to permit you to participate in a BYU international study program, you agree to the following statement: I, the undersigned, recognizing the hazards and danger inherent in a BYU international study program and in the transportation to and from said program, having been advised of said dangers and fully acknowledging the risk of injury or death inherent therein, whether by my own actions, the action of others, or events beyond my control, do hereby agree to assume, and do knowingly and voluntarily assume, full responsibility for all the risks surrounding my participation in said program and any other activity(s) undertaken as an adjunct thereto, and all risks associated with my own health problems and physical or emotional limitations; and, furthermore, for myself, my heirs, and personal representative(s), I hereby fully release Brigham Young University and all its officers, employees and agents, without any limitation or qualification, as to any and all liabilities, claims, demands and actions which might be made by me or my estate on account of any losses, expenses, or damages of any kind concerning property or personal injuries (emotional or physical) or death which may result, directly or indirectly, from my participation in the aforesaid activity(s), unless any such damage or injury is primarily the direct result of a negligent act or omission by Brigham Young University or any of its officers, employees, or lawful agents and not caused in part by my own negligence.

Disclosure and Declaration of Agreement

I have carefully read all the information concerning the BYU international study program to which I am applying, as furnished by BYU. I hereby represent that I am qualified in all respects to apply for an international study program and agree to all the terms and conditions provided herein. I authorize the disclosure of my personal and education records, including transcripts and financial information, to the university for the purpose of evaluating my eligibility for acceptance into the program to which I am applying. I agree to abide by BYU's Honor Code and Dress and Grooming standards and if for any reason my honor code or academic standing changes prior to departure on the program, I will notify my Program Coordinator at the ISP office, 204 HRCB.

Additionally, I hereby agree to read and abide by the university's travel policies and procedures and refrain from traveling to countries on BYU's Travel Restriction List before, during, and after my international study program.

By signing below, I affirm that I have carefully read this document, understand its contents, and voluntarily agree to all the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Signature

Date