

BYU LONDON CENTRE

STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2023



LAYERS OF EMPIRE: CULTURAL MEMORY AND THE GLOBAL PRESENT IN LONDON AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

During the summer term 2023 at the BYU London Centre, we will study the ways that social history, cultural memory, and the diverse cosmopolitanism of contemporary London contribute to British identity. Together we will survey the political, social, literary, and religious layers that combine to form British identity, from antiquity to the present, focusing on how historical commemoration and ongoing demographic change continue to shape what it means to be British. We will think critically together about the ways in which a nation reckons with its imperial past. We will consider past and present tensions on the British Isles, with focus on conflicts between England and Ireland, and England and Scotland. We will also treat the city of London as a uniquely cosmopolitan space that, observed closely, reveals a broader history of social change and continuing globalization. In addition to encountering London through iconic spaces for which the city is well known, students will also encounter the new London as they serve in wards and branches throughout the city, visit markets and restaurants, religious and government buildings, and other cultural sites. Our studies will include outside trips to Liverpool, Preston, the Lake District, York, Oxford, Dover, and Canterbury—in addition to visits to Dublin, and Belfast, Ireland. A visit to Edinburgh, Scotland during the world-renowned Fringe Festival will conclude our program!

DATES

27 June–14 August 2023 (approx.)

HOUSING AND FOOD

Students reside and take classes in the BYU London Centre in the vibrant, conveniently located West End neighborhood of Bayswater. The Centre is a short Tube ride from most central London attractions and just minutes by foot from Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, and Notting Hill. Program costs include breakfast and dinner all days except Saturday, and students who wish to can generally lunch on sandwiches or the previous night's leftovers. The Centre offers free laundry facilities, a library, a lounge, and Wi-Fi access. All dinners and breakfasts at the London Centre are prepared and served communally. Students are required to help in food preparation and clean-up. Because of the communal nature of the meals, the BYU London Centre cannot meet all special dietary needs, nor can it ensure a safe environment for those with food allergies. Please also note that other than a microwave, students do not have individual cooking access in the Centre and may not bring their own small appliances to the Centre to prepare food for themselves individually. If you have dietary concerns, speak with the International Study Programs office, or program directors, before you apply.

COURSES

Students enroll in 6 credits, which can fulfill various GE and major/minor requirements or count as general hours toward graduation. Courses are taught in a classroom in the Centre. All students enroll in the same two courses:

- **ENG 300R—Literature of the British Isles: Identity and Diversity.** This course satisfies the GE Letters Requirement.
- **UNIV 218R—Sociology of London: Race, Religion, and Immigration.** Social sciences core course. This course satisfies the GE Social Sciences Requirement.

Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval from the program director and ISP.

COST

\$5,700–6,200 (final amount will depend in part on US/UK exchange rates for 2023)

Includes full-time Latter-day Saint undergraduate tuition (costs higher for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students); housing at the Centre; breakfast and dinner all days except Saturday; admission to program-related plays, museums, and historical sites; transportation within London; travel, lodging, and meals on program excursions; and international health insurance coverage. Part-time BYU and non-BYU students must pay an additional \$300 for the preparation course winter semester. Does not include airfare to/from London, preparation course tuition, meals on Saturdays, passport fees, or personal expenses.

TRAVEL

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent at BYU Travel | 801-422-6293 | travel@byu.edu | 280 HRCB

PREPARATION

All accepted students **must** register for IAS 201R (1 credit), a required pre-departure preparation course to be taught by Professors Cutler and Rugh during the second block of winter semester.

Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.

FUNDING SOURCES

BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. BYU students are strongly encouraged to request experiential or inspired learning funding through their major/minor department and/or college. Those who complete the financial aid section of the ISP application and file a current FAFSA form at BYU's Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a need-based study abroad scholarship. Students may also pursue private grants and scholarships, including those listed online at kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must be adults 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply. A nonrefundable \$35 fee is required; applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail for their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance. Student applicants who meet the priority deadline will be interviewed in early January. While London Centre programs primarily serve undergraduates from BYU, students from other universities who are committed to a rigorous academic experience and to BYU's Honor Code can also apply. Applicants will be considered up to the final deadline if space is available. Those submitting polished, academically focused applications by the priority deadline will improve their chances of being admitted to what will likely prove a highly selective program.

Priority Deadline: 16 December 2022

Final Deadline: 13 January 2023

FACULTY DIRECTORS

Edward S. Cutler, Associate Professor of English in the College of Humanities. Professor Cutler specializes in transatlantic literary history and has published on the origin and development of urban modernism. He has previously served as associate director of the London Centre program.

Jacob Rugh, Associate Professor of Sociology in the College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences. Professor Rugh's research includes racial residential segregation, immigration, and home ownership. His course, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, introduces students to cross-regional comparisons of race and racism in the United States, Latin America, South Africa, and elsewhere.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.