

# EXPLORING BRITISH FAMILY, CHURCH, & LOCAL HISTORY

STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2023



Get out of the classroom and come experience England! Students will experience the intimate connection between the lives of early British converts to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the history and geography of the places in which they lived, and the Church communities they joined and built. Each student will have the opportunity to guide the group through the life of a British convert, with a firsthand experience of the historical and modern landscape of his or her community. For those students with British ancestry (not required), this study will forge an especially strong connection to their own religious heritage. Ideally, students will take an applicable family history research course during winter semester 2023 to prepare for the study abroad experience, but this is optional.

Students will place these personal experiences in the broader context of heritage tourism (including religious and genealogical tourism) as an aspect of economic development in modern British communities (including the modern Church). Students will also have opportunities for mentored research in these areas using British scholarly resources such as archives and libraries.

## **DATES**

17 July–12 August 2023

## **HOUSING**

Students will stay in hotels. The program will arrange all housing.

## **COURSES**

Students will be required to register for 6 credit hours:

GEOG 353—Heritage and Cultural Tourism (3.0 credit hours)

HIST 481R—Directed Family History Research (3.0 credit hours)

Neither course has prerequisites, and both are open to all majors.

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

## **COST**

\$5,000–5,500

Includes Latter-day Saint, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), lodging, travel expenses within the UK, and international health insurance.

Does not include airfare, food, passport, and all other personal expenses.

## **TRAVEL**

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent.

BYU Travel

280 HRCB | (801) 422-6293 | [travel@byu.edu](mailto:travel@byu.edu)

## **PREPARATION**

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). This class will be held during the first block of the Winter 2023 semester. Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee. Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program. Spouses will also need to apply online and take the preparation course.

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

## **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 [kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships](http://kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships)).

The Departments of History and Geography offer experiential learning scholarships, to which majors and minors in those programs may apply. Other majors and minors might be able to apply experiential learning funds from their home departments. They should check with the home department as soon as possible after applying.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at [kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply](http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply). A nonrefundable \$35 application fee is required; applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

**Application Deadline: 1 November 2022**

## **FACULTY**

Amy Harris, Associate Professor of History, researches eighteenth-century British families, serves as Family History Program coordinator, and teaches genealogical methodology courses.

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Brandon Plewe, Associate Professor of Geography, specializes in historical GIS, cartography, and Latter-day Saint historical geography.

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## **SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**

This program will begin with 2 weeks of classes on BYU campus, followed by four weeks of travel in Britain.

## **INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT**

International Study Programs

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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.