

IDENTITY AND GENDER IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

MALAYSIA

MENTORED RESEARCH ABROAD SUMMER 2023



This research abroad program aims to give students first-hand experience doing field research on the subjects of ethnicity and gender in Malaysia. Students will be immersed in local culture as they visit historical and religious sites and carry out professional-level field research while interacting with local communities and governments. We will conduct original research that will build toward publishable research papers. In addition to getting hands-on experience doing high-quality research, students will also be able to explore the region with visits to religious and cultural sites, including Hindu, Muslim, and Buddhist houses of worship and festivals. Travel will also include trips to Singapore and the island of Borneo (where we will see the only indigenous orangutans in the world).

Through coursework, students will learn practical research and data skills and discipline-standard methods of field experiments. Data will be collected during the trip and interested students will be able later to analyze the data and put together important research papers. This program will be most appealing to students who are passionate about learning about difficult issues like gender, ethnicity, identity, and religion, and how different identities may interact to form communities. It will also appeal to students who enjoy an active lifestyle and exploring different cultures, as we will explore beaches, caves, historical and religious sites, as well as daily living in Malaysia. Note that you will be fine using English to get around—fluency in a foreign language is not required!

DATES

26 June–11 August 2023 (approx.)

HOUSING

Students will stay in hotels and hostels during the program.

COURSES

Students will enroll in 6 credit hours from the following courses:

POLI 306R—Field Work Methods (3 credit hours)

POLI 450—Research Project in Comparative Politics (3 credit hours), or

POLI 470—Research Project in International Relations (3 credit hours)

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

COST

\$5,400–5,900

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, most breakfasts, some other meals, group transport, some activities, and international health insurance.

Does not include airfare, most lunches and dinners, 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.

BYU Travel | 280 HRCB | (801) 422-6293 | 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 second block of the winter 2023 semester. Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee.

Another course that students might find useful for preparation is Joel Selway's POLI 346—Southeast Asian Politics course, which will be taught during winter semester 2023.

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).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at 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: 30 November 2022

FACULTY

Dr. Liz McGuire has over 10 years of experience conducting field experiments. Her research focuses on the political economy of women and female political participation.

(801) 422-1866 | emcguire@byu.edu

Dr. David Romney's research focuses on ethnic identity and conflict and tries to find ways to reduce intergroup conflict. He served his LDS Mission in Malaysia and is fluent in Malay.

(801) 422-0364 | david.romney@byu.edu

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

This program takes place during summer term. Students should plan to participate for the full duration of the program, and should refrain from scheduling early arrivals or late departures.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

International Study Programs | 101 HRCB | (801) 422-3686 | isp@byu.edu | kennedy.byu.edu/isp

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.