

# BYU LONDON CENTRE

STUDY ABROAD FALL 2023



The great 18<sup>th</sup>-century British writer, Samuel Johnson, wrote, “When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford.” This is even more true of the 21<sup>st</sup>-century city. London is culturally diverse, is a global financial capital, has some of the greatest theatre in the world, boasts superb international cuisine, is full of beautiful parks and gardens, and features an amazing array of museums and other cultural institutions. There is truly something for everyone in contemporary London. The London Centre Fall 2023 program will focus on the history, culture, and social class distinctions of the British Isles. Our texts will be the city itself, as well as many other sites throughout England and Scotland. In London, we will attend West End plays and musicals, eat amazing food, and visit such iconic sites as the British Museum, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul’s Cathedral, the National Gallery, the Tate Modern, and possibly even Platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Beyond the city, we will visit the Scottish Highlands, Canterbury, Stourhead, Stonehenge, Bath, Oxford, Cornwall, Manchester, Ireland, and many other fascinating destinations. All of this happens during the most beautiful time of the year in London. By the end of the program you will be able to join Samuel Johnson in saying, “By seeing London, I have seen as much of life as the world can show.”

## **DATES**

14 September–20 December 2023 (approx.)

## **HOUSING**

Students reside and take classes in the recently refurbished 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 Kensington Gardens, Notting Hill, and hundreds of shops and restaurants. Program costs include self-serve breakfasts and chef-prepared dinners all days except Saturday, and students can generally lunch on PBJs or the previous night’s leftovers. The Centre offers free laundry facilities, a library, a lounge, and Wi-Fi access.

## **MEALS AT THE LONDON CENTRE**

Student participants 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 communal microwave, students do not have accommodations in the Centre, and may not bring their own accommodations to the Centre, to prepare food for themselves individually. If you have dietary or allergy concerns we recommend that you speak with the International Study Programs office before you apply.

## COURSES

Accepted students register as a full-time student (12 credit hours) in the following courses:

- HIST 201—World Civilizations to 1500 (3 credits) with Eric Dursteler (Fulfills GE Civ 1)
- EUROP 336R / HIST 323—British History (3 credits) with Eric Dursteler (Fulfills GE Global and Cultural Awareness)
- SOC 111—Intro to Sociology (3 credits) with Ben Gibbs (Fulfills GE Social Science credit under the Arts, Letters and Sciences requirement)
- UNIV 210R—Urban Sociology of London (3 credits) with Ben Gibbs (Fulfills GE Social Science credit under the Arts, Letters and Sciences requirement)

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

## COST

\$10,400–10,900 (final amount will depend in part on US/UK exchange rates in fall 2023)

Includes full-time Latter-day Saint undergraduate tuition; housing at the Centre; breakfast and dinner all days except Saturday; admission to program-related activities; transportation within London; travel, lodging, and meals on program excursions within UK; and international health insurance coverage. Does not include airfare to/from London, lunches and Saturday meals, preparation course tuition, 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 | 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) during the second block of the winter 2023 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 education funding through their home department and/or college and the ORCA program. 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 also 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](http://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](http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply). While the **final application deadline is 15 January 2023**, there is a rolling admissions process and the directors will begin interviewing applicants and admitting strong candidates during the late summer and early fall of 2022. Those who submit polished, academically-focused applications by the **15 November 2022 priority deadline** will improve their chances of being admitted to what will likely prove a highly selective program. While London Centre programs primarily serve undergraduates from BYU-Provo, students from other universities who are committed to a rigorous academic experience and adhering to BYU's Honor Code are also invited to apply. First-generation college students and students from other under-represented groups are especially encouraged to apply.

## FACULTY

**Eric Dursteler** (director) is a professor of early modern European history in the BYU History Department. He has directed study abroad programs in Paris and Europe, and was director of the London program in 2011 and 2018. He will be accompanied by his wife, Whitney.

**Ben Gibbs** (associate director) is an associate professor of sociology. He researches social class and was an academic visitor at Oxford University in 2018. He will be accompanied by his wife and five daughters.

## INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

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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.