During the Spring 2024 London Centre program, we will study the ways that social history, linguistic variation, and literary exploration contribute to the diverse range of British national, regional, and ethnic identities. We will visit cultural sites and study them from a curator’s point of view—how does one reflect, represent, and shape the Britain of the 21st century in light of its rich and contradictory history? We will walk in the steps of London authors who steeped their work in the vast cosmopolitanism that has defined the city for centuries, exploring the living memory of such writers as Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, Virginia Woolf, and Beatrix Potter. On a daily basis, we will engage with individuals whose varieties of spoken English testify to the reality that British identity is multiform, fluid, and vibrant.

Beyond London, we will explore these ideas as they are amplified throughout the British Isles. We will contemplate the vast network of remains from early Britons as we explore Stonehenge and other neolithic sites, learn of the history of conquest as we walk through ancient Roman ruins, discuss Jane Austen’s novels in the garden of her home, examine the poetry of Wordsworth in original manuscript form in his beloved Lake District, and study the origins and varieties of the English language in the land where it first developed. Our program will include visits to Scotland and Wales as well as several of the English provinces, including Cornwall, Yorkshire, the Lake District, and Kent.

DATES
30 April–17 June 2024

HOUSING AND MEALS AT THE LONDON CENTRE
Students will live at the BYU 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. If you have dietary or allergy concerns, we recommend that you speak with the International Study Programs office before you apply.
COURSES
Students will take a total of 9 credits while on this program, consisting of the following courses:

LING 110—Introduction to Human Language (GE Social Science), taught by Wendy Baker-Smemoe. We will examine prominent varieties of British English and their history, examining how language reflects and creates identity.

UNIV 210R—Topics in Global and Cultural Awareness (GE Global and Cultural Awareness), taught by John Murphy. We will study the United Kingdom and the formation of national, regional, and ethnic identities in the British Isles.

UNIV 215R—Topics in Literature (GE Letters), taught by Leslee Thorne-Murphy. We will study representative authors from the British Isles, focusing on understanding their work through historic sites, performances, exhibits, and archival collections.

COST
$6,700–7,200
Includes full-time Latter-day Saint undergraduate tuition, housing, breakfast and dinner all days except Saturday, admission to program-related activities, transportation within London and on program excursions, and international health insurance coverage.
Does not include airfare to/from London, preparation course tuition, lunches and Saturday meals, 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 801-422-6293 | travel@byu.edu | 280 HRCB

PREPARATION
All 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
Regular 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 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 18 years of age or older. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply. A non-refundable $35 application fee is required. Applicants will be contacted for an interview by the program director(s).
Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Priority Deadline: 1 November 2023
Final Deadline: 1 December 2023

FACULTY
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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.