What explains conflict and cooperation both within and between states? This program uses Europe as its laboratory to address these questions. We examine cases in international politics by traveling from London to Istanbul. Students will compare diverse political systems as well as international relationships as they have evolved across Europe. We contemplate the origins of the Cold War at the site where Stalin and Truman first met, as well as its collapse at the Berlin Wall. We study civil conflict on location in Northern Ireland and Bosnia. We visit legislative assemblies, international organizations, and the sites of great turning points in history. These visits will help us examine diverse forms of democracy, the rise and fall of fascism and communism, and the origins of the modern international system.

**DATES**
23 June–14 August 2024 (approximate)

**HOUSING**
Students stay in hotels or hostels. All housing and travel will be arranged by the program.

**COURSES**
Students are required to enroll in 6 credit hours. Students will take one class from each of the following two categories:

**Category 1** (3 credit hours each):
- POLI 150—Introduction to Comparative Politics (fulfills the BYU general education requirement for Global and Cultural Awareness and Social Science)
- POLI 250—Principles of Comparative Politics
- POLI 359R—Topics in Comparative Politics

**Category 2** (3 credit hours each):
Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

**COST**
$7,400-7,900*

*Note that all students accepted to the program prior to 1 December 2023 will be eligible to receive an experiential learning grant to offset program costs.

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, group transportation, admission fees to sites, some meals, and international health insurance.

Does not include prep course tuition, airfare to and from Europe, some meals, or 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

**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 2024 semester, on Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:50 PM. 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.

**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.

**FACULTY**
Chad Nelson’s teaching and research is on war and peace between states. He is from California and has a wife and four kids.
Contact information: chad_nelson@byu.edu, 752 SWKT, 801-422-3505.

Quinn Mecham’s teaching and research is on comparative politics, democratic development, and civil conflict. He is the academic director at the Kennedy Center. Contact information: qmecham@byu.edu, 238 HRCB, 801-422-5317

**SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**
Students should refrain from arriving late or departing early.

**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.