Students will explore issues of belonging and diversity within the contexts of world religions, gender, race, and class, against the backdrop of the beauty and history of France, Italy, and the United Kingdom. Students will also learn of the media’s role in cultivating perceptions, creating identities, and communicating information about these diverse groups. The experience will include case studies, interactive discussions, expert lecturers, and site visits. Tentative anchor cities for the program include Paris, London, Florence, and Rome. This program is sponsored by the BYU School of Communications.

DATES
25 June–3 August 2024 (approx.)

HOUSING
Students will stay in a variety of housing accommodations that may include hotels, hostels, and university dorms.

COURSES
Students will enroll in 6 credit hours from the following courses while on this program:
COMMS 481—Race, Gender, Class, and Media (3 credit hours)
COMMS 482—World Religions and Media (3 credit hours)
COMMS 498R—Projects in Communications (for students who have already taken either COMMS 481 or 482; 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
$6,500–6,900

Includes Latter-day Saint, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, sponsored excursions, admission to cultural sites and events, in-country transportation, and international health insurance.
Does not include airfare, personal expenses, or most meals.

TRAVEL
Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airline 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
While the program is designed for Communications Studies emphasis students in the School of Communications, students from all majors are welcome. Non-communication majors should meet with the program directors prior to ensure that they have completed equivalent courses that would give them the appropriate skill proficiencies for the program.

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201, 1 credit hour). This course will be held during the second block of winter semester 2024. Part-time and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee for enrolling in the prep class.

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

FUNDING SOURCES
Accepted majors or minors in the School of Communications may qualify to receive a scholarship of up to $1000. 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/apply. A nonrefundable $35 application fee is required; applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. 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. Please refer to the 2024 Payment Information page.

Application Deadline: 1 February 2024

FACULTY
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Joel Campbell has been an associate teaching professor in Brigham Young University's School of Communications since 2002. He holds a master's degree from Ohio State University. He teaches communications studies, media ethics and media and world religions courses. He has wide experience working in interfaith matters including hosting a Latter-day Saints and Muslims conference in Nauvoo, Illinois; observing faiths in Myanmar; a Religious Freedom Certificate from the Newseum; and working with the Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable. He and his wife, Jolene, have four children. (801) 422-2125 | joel.campbell@byu.edu

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Students should plan to be in Paris on 25 June. The program will end on 3 August in Rome. Students should refrain from scheduling late arrivals or early departures.

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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.