

# BYU LONDON CENTRE

## BRITAIN'S SACRED SPACES & INSPIRED TEXTS STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2025



With BYU's historic London Centre as its home base, this immersive seven-week program will be structured around a series of pilgrimages to hallowed literary, religious, and historical sites across England, Scotland, and Wales. Some of our destinations will be places of ancient worship, whether Druid (Stonehenge and lesser-known stone circles in the English countryside), Roman (archaeological digs in London and Bath), or Catholic (ruins of deserted abbeys). Other will be sacred spaces associated with living faiths, such as majestic Anglican cathedrals, modern temples and mosques, and hallowed sites from our own church's history in Britain. A final set of pilgrimages will take us to landscapes, towns, museums, and theatres that inspired classic works by such iconic British writers as Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare, Jane Austen, John Keats, the Wordsworth and Brontë siblings, and Virginia Woolf.

Students will receive six credits that can fulfill General Education requirements or be counted toward certain majors or minors. More importantly, they will emerge with a life-long appreciation for British literature and history, close relationships with their faculty directors and peers, a deep familiarity with one of the world's great cities, and a storehouse of spiritual insights gleaned from many of Britain's most sacred places and inspired texts.

### **DATES**

1 July—18 August 2025 (approx.)

### **HOUSING AND MEALS AT THE LONDON CENTRE**

Students reside and take classes in BYU's London Centre, which is located in the vibrant Bayswater neighborhood. The Centre is a short Tube ride from most central London attractions and a short walk from Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, and Notting Hill. Program costs include breakfast and dinner all days except Saturday. The Centre offers free laundry facilities, a library, a lounge, and Wi-Fi access.

As dinners and breakfasts at the London Centre are prepared and served communally, students are required to help with preparation and clean-up. Because of the communal nature of the meals, the program cannot meet all special dietary needs, nor can it ensure a safe environment for those with food allergies. Other than a shared microwave, students will not have individual cooking access, and they may not bring appliances to cook their own meals. Those with serious food allergies or other dietary concerns should speak with the International Study Programs office or the faculty directors before applying.

## COURSES

All participants will be required to take the following 3-credit courses:

**ENGL 300R**—British Literature in a Cultural Setting (Dr. Mason). Students will read an array of classic works of British literature in conjunction with visits to sites that inspired them. Fulfills GE Letters requirement.

**UNIV 210R**—British Sacred Space (Dr. Fluhman). Students explore sacred sites from multiple angles: history, theology, ritual, music, architecture, and pilgrimage. Fulfills GE Global and Cultural Awareness requirement.

Participants may not take any other classes while on this program (including BYU Online courses) without approval by the program director and ISP. During the second block of Winter 2025 semester, all accepted students must take IAS 201R, a one-credit preparation course taught by Professors Mason and Fluhman.

## COST

\$6,800—7,300

Includes full-time Latter-day Saint undergraduate tuition (costs higher for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students); housing at the Centre; breakfast and dinner all days except Saturday; admission to program-related plays, museums, and historical sites; Tube travel within London; travel, lodging, and meals on program excursions; and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include airfare to/from London, lunches and Saturday meals, passport fees, or personal expenses. Part-time BYU and non-BYU students must pay an additional tuition for the one-credit preparation course taught during the second block of Winter 2025.

## TRAVEL

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program. Airfare tickets must be purchased through BYU Travel. **Students must meet all country- and program- specific COVID and health requirements for travel.**

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## FUNDING SOURCES

BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs, and BYU students are strongly encouraged to apply for experiential/inspired learning funding through their home college or department. Those who complete the financial aid section of the ISP application and file a current FAFSA form at BYU's Financial Aid Office will 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 have completed high school and be 18 years of age or older to participate. Applications are available online at [kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply](http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply). The first payment is due upon acceptance.

**Priority Application Deadline: 1 November 2024**

**Final Application Deadline: 1 February 2025**

## FACULTY DIRECTORS

**Dr. Nick Mason** is a Professor of English and specialist in 19th-century British literature who has taught at BYU since 1999. He has directed four previous programs at BYU's London Centre.

**Dr. Spencer Fluhman** is an Associate Professor of History and former director of BYU's Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship. He specializes in religious history and spent 2023–24 in Oxford as a senior associate at Pembroke College.

## INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

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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 the program is cancelled, all program payments made to ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.