

# BYU LONDON CENTRE

## MONSTERS AND MEDICINE

STUDY ABROAD SPRING 2025



Imagine a cold British night, grey light from the full moon behind the clouds dimly illuminating the countryside. What will you see? A larger than life, stitched together figure searching for his maker? A grave robber, skulking to complete his grisly task? Or just the mist, watering and giving life to the rich earth? On this study abroad we will investigate the intersection between medicine and monsters, from the early surgeries and discoveries that gave life to Frankenstein's monster, to Dickens' Resurrection Men who secretly advanced the study of anatomy and surgery. We will explore the inhuman monsters of disease, and the human monsters found in Shakespeare's plays. We will even go look for the secretive Loch Ness Monster!

The program will include:

- Visits to historical and literary sites in London, like the **British Museum**, the **Dickens Museum**, and the **Keats House**
- Drama at the **Globe Theatre**, **Shakespeare's home**, and London's **West End**.
- A visit to Scotland including a stay in **Edinburgh** to appreciate the rich literary, historical, and medical tradition, capped off with a cruise on **Loch Ness**.
- Day trips that may include a visit to **Whitby Abbey**, a tour of a **Victorian sewer** pumping station, a night spent in **St. Briavels** a reputedly haunted castle, and a tour of **Highgate Cemetery**—site of a 20<sup>th</sup> century vampire scare.
- A historical trip through the history of medicine, from Babylon to Roman Britain to modern scientific discoveries. We will see where surgery was developed, where vaccination began, and the very lab where penicillin was discovered. We will learn how the monsters of infectious disease and rampant child death were banished.

### DATES

29 April–16 June 2025

### HOUSING AND MEALS AT THE LONDON CENTRE

Students will live at the BYU London Centre, walking distance from Kensington Palace and Hyde Park. Note that 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 6 credits while on this program, consisting of the following courses:

- UNIV 215R—Topics in Literature (GE Letters), taught by Dennis Cutchins. We will survey monster themes in English literature, from Beowulf through contemporary West End plays. The course will include discussion of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, Robert Lewis Stevenson's *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, and H.G. Wells' *War of the Worlds*.
- UNIV 216R—Topics in Biological Science (GE Biology), taught by Brian Poole. We will study the history of medicine in the locations where it developed. We will learn the history of germ theory, sanitation, surgery, vaccines, and antibiotics, and stand in the very rooms where these discoveries were made.

## COST

\$6,400–6,900

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](mailto:travel@byu.edu) | 280 HRCB

## 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 2025 semester. International study programs are physically, emotionally, and mentally taxing and you must be in good health to participate. These programs often take place in international locations that do not have the same level of safety and services in terms of transportation, living conditions, residential accommodations, food, public behavior, and policing that you may be used to on campus. If you have further questions or concerns on this, please see <https://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-travel-policy>. **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](https://kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Applications are available online at [kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply](https://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply). The first payment is due upon acceptance.

**Priority Deadline: 1 November 2024**

**Final Deadline: 1 December 2024**

## FACULTY

**Brian Poole** is Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Biology. He has been co-director for the MMBIO department study abroad, Plague, Penicillin and Pasteur. He studies viruses, autoimmune disease, and vaccination.  
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**Dennis Cutchins** is Professor in the Department of English. He is an expert on Frankenstein, popular culture, and adaptation.  
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## 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 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.