

BALI: SOCIETY, DEVOTION AND THE ARTS

STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2025



For over a century, scholars from around the world have traveled to Bali to observe the unique interplay between Balinese social systems, religious ritual, and artistic performance, especially music and dance. Students in this program will gain an understanding of the relationship between artistic practices, religious traditions, and social structures, in a place where the intersection of these elements is as rich and complex as anywhere in the world. Students will also learn how these practices adapt to and address modern issues and challenges such as globalization, communication technologies, environmental degradation, etc. Students will develop a rich hands-on understanding of Balinese culture by observing, studying, and participating in community and artistic events, and by engaging in discussions with Balinese scholars of music, dance, and religion. Regardless of previous background or experience, all participants will gain extensive hands-on experience in Balinese gamelan music and traditional dance styles.

DATES

25 June–6 August 2025 (approx.)

HOUSING

Students will primarily stay in homestays in various locations in Bali, and spend some time in hotels.

COURSES

Students will register for 6–7 credit hours during the program, selected from the following:

MUS 203*—World Music Cultures (3 credit hours)

MUS 307*—World Music (2 credit hours)

MUS 336R—Balinese Gamelan (1 credit hour)

FNART 270*—Global Arts and Culture (3 credit hours)

*Fulfills a university core requirement.

We will work with students participating from other departments in customizing their course load.

Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST

\$7,600–8,100

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), airfare to and from the program, housing, sponsored excursions, transportation, most meals, and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include personal expenses, transportation and meals on optional excursions, or visa fees.

TRAVEL

Program participants will travel to and from Bali together as a group. Flights will be arranged through the BYU Travel Office by the International Study Programs office. The cost of airfare will be included in the overall program cost.

PREPARATION

All students participating in the program will gain intensive experience with Balinese arts, including music and dance, though no prior experience is required.

Accepted students are required to participate in an international cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). This course will be held during the second term of winter semester 2025. Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee.

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

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>.

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.

This may include experiential learning funds or departmental funds for students who participate in Gamelan Ensemble. 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. Please refer to the Payment Information page.

Application Deadline: 31 January 2025

FACULTY

Jeremy Grimshaw is the director of the program and is an associate professor of musicology and ethnomusicology.
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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

Students should plan to be in Bali or in transit from 25 June to 6 August. Specific arrival and departure dates may be adjusted slightly in order to secure group air bookings at a reasonable price.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

International Study Programs

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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.