

ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN BRITISH ISLES

STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2026



The English Language in British Isles program is a hands-on, experiential investigation into the origins and diversity of the English language. On this trip, we will take you to England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and Northern Ireland in the only Study Abroad program to visit all of the British Isles. In our travels, we will experience the diverse dialects of the British Isles from the received pronunciation in London, to the brogue in Scotland, to the Celtic lilt in Ireland and Wales. Along the way, we'll teach you the rudiments of how English works and the important features that distinguish English dialects. Churches, fortresses, homes, and burial sites will reveal changes in the English language over the last 1,600 years.

Additionally, we will be investigating how books were developed and published in the British Isles, from the illuminated manuscripts of the Book of Kells, to early English editions of the Bible and through the early development of printing, to the modern publishing powerhouses in London and Edinburgh. During the experience, we will visit major sites in London, such as the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, the Globe Theater, and St. Paul's Cathedral. As we travel outside of London, we will see castles and cathedrals, publishing houses, world heritage and church history sites, along with the stunning countryside of the British Isles.

More information can be found at ling.byu.edu/english-language-in-britain.

DATES

23 June – 31 July 2026 (approx.)

HOUSING

While in London, you will live in flats in the neighborhood of Kensington, a beautiful area near museums and the Latter-day Saint Hyde Park Chapel. While traveling, you will stay in youth hostels and hotels.

COURSES

Students must register for 6 credit hours during summer term. Possible courses include (others are also possible based on student interest and consultation with the directors):

- LING 110—Introduction to Human Languages (3 credit hours)
- ELING 324—History of the English Language (3 credit hours)
- ELING 468—Introduction to Varieties of English (3 credit hours)

ELING 524—History of the Book (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

\$9,200-9,700

Includes Latter-day Saint, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, group transportation and lodging on field trips, and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include airfare, most meals (grocery stores are located near housing), personal expenses, and self-directed activities.

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.

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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 2026 semester. 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.

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. 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. **The College of Humanities offers funding for qualified students.** Other 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.

Application Deadline: 30 November 2025

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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.