

# BYU LONDON CENTRE

## IMAGINING THE BRITISH EMPIRE THROUGH ART AND HISTORY

STUDY ABROAD SPRING 2026



With BYU's historic London Centre as its home base, this immersive seven-week program will explore the intersections of art, memory, war, empire, fashion, and religion in modern Britain. These themes will lead us to castles, museums, military monuments, botanical gardens, manor houses, and cathedrals in London and in other storied cities such as Oxford, Salisbury, Dover, and Canterbury. A highlight of the program will be a week in France to explore the battlefields of Normandy and the museums of Paris, including the Louvre and Napoleon's tomb. We will also journey to Ireland and Northern Ireland to contemplate the complex imperial legacies that resulted in the partition of neighborhoods, cities, and the island itself along political and religious lines. Students in this program 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 lifelong appreciation for how art and history are interwoven in the fabric of the British Empire and how their legacies continue to reverberate today. London is one of the world's great cities and we can't wait to explore it with you!

### **DATES**

28 April–15 June 2026 (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 every day 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:

HIST 202—World Civilization from 1500

UNIV 214R—Topics in the Arts: The Art of War & the Empire of Fashion in Modern Britain

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

## **COST**

\$7,700–8,200

Includes Latter-day Saint full undergraduate tuition (costs higher for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students); housing at the Centre; breakfast and dinner every day 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 and 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.

## **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: BYU Travel | 801-422-6293 | [travel@byu.edu](mailto:travel@byu.edu) | 280 HRCB. The UK now requires that all travelers get pre-approval to enter the country. For more details, please refer to the information under “Do I Need a Visa?” <https://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-travel-policy>

## **PREPARATION**

During the second block of the winter 2026 semester, all accepted students must take a preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). Part-time and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee for enrolling in this prep class. International study programs are physically, emotionally, and mentally demanding, so you must be in good health to participate. These programs often take place in 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**

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. Students who complete the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form at BYU's Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a study abroad scholarship. Academic departments and colleges may also assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see [kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships](https://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](https://kennedy.byu.edu/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.

**Priority Application Deadline: 1 November 2025**

**Final Application Deadline: 1 December 2025**

## **FACULTY DIRECTORS**

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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.