NETHERLANDS: NAVIGATING NEW WORLDS

GENERAL EDUCATION

STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2027

How did the discovery of new worlds reshape Europe? This GE study abroad program explores how encounters with new peoples, ideas, and environments transformed European culture, science, and society from the age of exploration through the modern era. Through literature, art, history, and postcolonial theory, students will examine the cultural legacies of empire, race, migration, and national identity, while considering how Europe was shaped not only by its colonies, but also by the peoples and cultures it encountered around the globe.

At the same time, students will investigate the history of science in the Netherlands, Belgium, and France through museums, monuments, historic sites, and hands-on field experiences. Using these places as a living classroom, we will explore how developments in navigation, astronomy, chemistry, engineering, and environmental science influenced the rise of modern Europe and were themselves shaped by broader cultural, political, and ethical debates. Based primarily in Amsterdam, the program also includes extended travel throughout Belgium and France.

DATES
22 June–2 August 2027

HOUSING
The program will coordinate all accommodations. Students will live in a dorm environment with other BYU students with communal kitchens, laundry facilities, and free wireless internet.

COURSES
Students will enroll in the following courses while on this program:
UNIV215R—Paris and the Tropics (3 credit hours, counts for GE Letters)
UNIV 217R—Taking the Measure of the World (3 credit hours, counts for GE Physical Science)

COST
$7,900–8,600

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, museum passes, group transportation on field trips, and international health insurance.
Does not include airfare, metro passes, prep course tuition, meals, or personal expenses.

TRAVEL
Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent: BYU Travel | 280 HRCB | (801) 422-6293 | travel@byu.edu

PREPARATION
No prerequisite courses required. Dutch or French language ability is also not required. Accepted students are required to participate in our study abroad preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). This course will be held Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:40 PM during the second block of winter semester. 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.

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 and may be considered for other scholarships. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. College of Humanities majors may qualify for a program discount of $500–$3,000 based on financial need. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS
BYU welcomes students from any university to apply to participate on our study abroad programs. However, internships and direct enrollment programs are limited to BYU Provo students.
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: 8 December 2026

FACULTY
Rex Nielson is director of the BYU Humanities Center and a professor of Spanish and Portuguese.
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Rex Nielson and Gus Hart have previously directed multiple study abroad programs and have traveled widely throughout Europe.

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Students may choose to travel on their own or with parents once the program is over, however, there will not be any opportunities for personal travel during the program.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT
International Study Programs
101 HRCB
(801) 422-3686
isp@byu.edu
kennedy.byu.edu/isp

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.