

# MULTIMEDIA IN FRENCH POLYNESIA

FIELD PROJECT SPRING 2019



Produce multimedia content for both the *Universe* and the *Newsline* media laboratories during and after a visit to Papeete, Tahiti and Tubuai, French Polynesia. Students will produce print and video news stories, short documentary films, and radio podcasts that will report on the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the first missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in French Polynesia in 1844. Students will conduct interviews with Church members, Church leaders in French Polynesia, and public officials. Curriculum outcomes will focus on the fundamentals of ethnographic and investigative field research and reporting techniques, journalistic interviewing, visual/digital storytelling, video production and editing, audio production for podcasting, and photojournalism.

## **DATES**

29 April–17 June 2019 (approximately)

(First two weeks in Papeete, Tahiti and Tubuai, French Polynesia, for gathering multimedia, producing stories for the *Universe* and *Newsline*, and then finishing with the remaining weeks in Provo to finish major multimedia projects.)

## **HOUSING**

Students and the faculty directors will live in the Taaroa Lodge (Papeete) and in rented homes (Tubuai).

## **COURSES**

Students will register for 6 credit hours during the program from the following courses:

COMMS 328 Backpack Journalism (3 credit hours)

COMMS 490 Capstone (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**

\$2,500–2,800

Includes LDS, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduates and non-LDS students), housing, transportation, admissions, and international health insurance coverage.

Not Included: airfare to and from program, meals and personal expenses.

### **PREPARATION**

Open to Communications majors only.

Accepted students are required to participate in an international preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). This evening course will be taught during the second block of winter semester 2019.

### **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. *They must indicate on their original online application that they want to be considered for financial aid.*

Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see [kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships](http://kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships)).

Accepted students may qualify for up to \$1000 in program support from the School of Communications.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Complete the online application at [kennedy.byu.edu/apply](http://kennedy.byu.edu/apply). The application requires a \$35 fee.

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 2019 Payment Information document (see [kennedy.byu.edu/isp-forms/ISPpayments2019.pdf](http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-forms/ISPpayments2019.pdf))

**Deadline: 19 December 2018**

### **FACULTY**

Professors Steve Thomsen and Miles Romney, of the School of Communications, will serve as directors of the program. Thomsen will accompany students to French Polynesia.

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### **SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**

Due to the limited amount of time spent in French Polynesia, students should not schedule late arrivals or early departures from the program. Students are committed to the pre-departure class and the reentry portion of the class.

### **INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT**

International Study Programs

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(801) 422-3686

[isp@byu.edu](mailto:isp@byu.edu)

[kennedy.byu.edu/isp](http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp)

### **PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS**

ISP reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost estimates due to conditions beyond its control.