Students will study and learn about public health systems focusing primarily on environmental and occupational health (EH/OH) in a variety of settings including the World Health Organization, International Labor Organization, private industrial companies, academic institutions and governmental and non-governmental organizations. Students will learn from BYU faculty but also from EH/OH professionals in Switzerland and see how the local systems function in this developed country. Students will apply the skills and knowledge attained and immerse themselves in the manufacturing culture of the country as they observe and conduct EH/OH assessments. Students will experience the difference of culture, laws, and health between the U.S. and Switzerland. Switzerland is a bastion of EH/OH systems including the making of international laws and guidelines, utilizing industry best practices for EH/OH and for overall community and worker health. By being at the proposed location, students will observe and practice firsthand the standard practices of EH/OH along with the best practices learned at the settings mentioned. This study abroad program will appeal to students who are passionate about international health and how it functions, want to experience the Swiss culture and desire to explore the stunning natural beauty of Switzerland.

DATES
11 July–27 July 2022 (official dates TBA)

HOUSING
Students will stay in hotels, hostels and university dorms. The program will arrange all housing.

COURSES
3 credits from the following:

HLTH 496R – Public Health Academic Internship (3-6 credit hours)
HLTH 492R – Directed Public Health Readings (3 credit hours)
COST
$3500-4000
Includes: LDS, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for grads and non-LDS students), housing, some meals, group transport, some activities, and international health insurance.
Not included: Airfare, most meals, and personal expenses

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
280 HRCB

PREPARATION
Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). This evening course will be held on Wednesdays from 4:00–6:00 pm beginning the first day of second block of winter semester.

Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee of approximately $300 for this course.

All participants are required to show proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination by the time the preparation course begins.

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. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS
Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply.
The application requires a $35 fee.
Applicants will be interviewed throughout the fall semester and may be admitted previous to the deadline.
Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program.
Deadline: 15 December 2021

FACULTY
Steve Thygerson has extensive experience working abroad in various environmental and occupational settings. His international projects include curriculum development in Nepal, Mozambique and South Africa, air monitoring in the brick kilns of Nepal and Pakistan and environmental/occupational health projects in the mines and other manufacturing sites of Ethiopia and Pakistan.
steven.thygerson@byu.edu 801-422-1891

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Students must arrive in Bern, Switzerland by July 11th.

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.