

NORTHERN IRELAND: VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY

FIELD SCHOOL SPRING-SUMMER 2023



Northern Ireland is a deeply divided society with a rich—but also troubled—history of religious, political and ethno-national conflict. This ethnographic field school will involve two elements: 1) training students in the research methods of visual anthropology, including film, photography, and sound; and 2) studying contemporary religious and political life in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The research component will involve students receiving intensive training in visual anthropology and ethnographic research methods. Students will use this training and become embedded in religious communities in Belfast, where they will apply their training in visual anthropology by collecting data (interviews and participant observation) in these communities. In order to supplement this ethnographic study of religious life in Northern Ireland, students will also receive formal instruction on the historical, political, and cultural contexts of Northern Ireland. This portion of the program will involve learning about the history of the “Troubles” in Northern Ireland, as well as its ‘post-conflict’ present. This program includes a series of guest lectures ranging from academic experts on the conflict to members from key social and political institutions on both sides of the sectarian divide. Students will visit key historical and cultural sights, both around Belfast and in other parts of Northern Ireland as part of their research and instruction. This program will integrate this training in conflict transformation with the day-to-day ethnographic research that students are conducting with religious communities around Belfast. Students will have the opportunity to work closely with faculty in this research process, and will collaborate to produce visual anthropology scholarship (film, photographic essays, soundscapes, etc.) based on this research.

Students who participate in this program and complete the suggested prerequisite course (ANTHR 101, which also fulfills 2 GE requirements) will have fulfilled all of the requirements for an Anthropology minor.

DATES

4 June–12 August 2023

HOUSING

Students will stay in housing at Queen’s University Belfast or with host families.

COURSES

Undergraduate students will typically enroll in 12 credit hours from the following courses:

ANTHR 390R—Culture & History of Northern Ireland (3 credit hours)
ANTHR 430—Moral and Ritual Institutions (3 credit hours)
ANTHR 495R—Ethnographic Field Project (6 credit hours)
Graduate courses can also be offered for participating graduate students.

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

COST

\$7,000–7,500

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), lodging, costs associated with in-country excursions, and international health insurance.

Does not include airfare (typically \$800–1,200 from U.S. to Ireland/Northern Ireland), most 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.

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PREPARATION

Students are required to take the following prerequisite courses during winter semester 2023, prior to departure:

ANTHR 390R—Field School Preparation (1 credit hour)

ANTHR 490R—Visual Anthropology with Dr. Jacob Hickman

It is also recommended that students take ANTHR 101—Social/Cultural Anthropology before participating in the program.

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour).

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. 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).

The Department of Anthropology offers financial aid directly to students who attend this program as a major or minor requirement. Other financial aid may be available through this program for students who qualify. See the program director for more information.

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: 15 November 2022

FACULTY

Jacob Hickman, Associate Professor of Anthropology, is the program director.

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

In order to receive full internship credit, students will be required to be in Northern Ireland for the duration of 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.