

BYU Office of Belonging

Religious and Civil Freedom Study Experience Application

Dates:

Spring semester 2025 (Classes from April 29-Jun 1 with travel from the evening of May 11 to May 24th)

Courses:

REL C 321- Church History Field Studies (2 credits)- Professor Scott Esplin

ST DEV 214R- Fostering Belonging (2 Credits) - Office of Belonging

Overview: The Prophet Joseph Smith said, “It is a love of liberty which inspires my soul—civil and religious liberty to the whole of the human race”. Students will learn the principles of Belonging and how they apply to religious and civil freedom. Classes will begin the start of spring term April 29th as we lay the foundation for travel to the birthplaces of religious freedom in the United States as well as the birthplace of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (approximately May 11-24th). Classes will run the entire spring term with no in-class time and only reflective assignments due after the conclusion of the study experience May 24th

Travel outline (15 days, we will catch the red eye **May 11 and return on the 24th**):

Program participants would fly into Boston, then travel to Plymouth, we would then visit Boston (The Freedom trail, Paul Revere home, etc.), Palmyra and several other sites to discuss early church history, New York (Ellis Island, Federal Hall, etc.), Philadelphia (Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, etc.), Gettysburg, and Washington DC (monuments, and some Smithsonian museums).

Application Process:

By application to the Office of Belonging (applications due Dec. 1, 2024), followed by interview. Special consideration will be given to students that are not able to participate in traditional study abroad. Approximately 18 students will be selected.

Finances: Students will be responsible for course tuition. Non-tuition costs are estimated at \$2000 per student and will be subsidized by the sponsoring organizations. Subsidized costs include airfare, hotel, transportation, and attraction admittance fees as well as two meals/day.

Sponsors:

Office of Belonging, Religious Education, and International Student Services

Name: _____

Email: _____

When do you plan to graduate from BYU? _____

Please list any other study abroad experiences you have been on or plan to go on :

Briefly explain your desire to participate including your thoughts on building a covenant community: _____

Explain what limitations you face in doing a traditional study abroad:

Are there any special circumstances we should consider?
