

# BYU Office of Belonging

## Covenant Belonging Study Experience

### “Building Zion”

### Application

#### Dates:

Spring semester 2025 (Classes from April 29-Jun 1 with travel from the morning of April 26 to May 10th)

#### Courses:

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

**ST DEV 214R-** Fostering Belonging (2 Credits)- Professor Julianne Grose

**Overview:** The Prophet Joseph Smith taught that [w]e ought to have the building of Zion as our greatest object.” Students participating in this study experience will learn the principles of covenant belonging and how they apply to building Zion. We will travel to Nauvoo (approximately. April 26- May 10th), the headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1839-1846. Classes will run the entire spring term with no in-class time and only reflective assignments due after the conclusion of the study experience on May 10th.

**Travel outline:** (15 days, we will leave the early morning of April 26th and return late on May 10th):

Program participants will travel by van/bus to Nauvoo and back, stopping at Church and US historical sites and National Parks. As conditions permit, this may include going to Arches National Park, Denver, CO, Kansas City, Farr West, Adam Ondi Ahman, Hauns Mill, Carthage, Nauvoo, Council Bluff, Badlands National Park, Mount Rushmore, Martin’s Cove, Wind Rivers Reservation, Yellowstone National Park, and Grand Teton National Park.

#### Application Process:

By application to the Office of Belonging (applications due Dec. 1, 2024). Special consideration will be given to students who cannot participate in traditional study abroad. Approximately 30 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 & Scholar 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:**

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**Briefly explain your desire to participate, including your thoughts on building a covenant community.:**

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

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**Are there any special circumstances we should consider?**

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