



Application for Admission

Summer Study Abroad in the Holy Land: June 22 – August 5, 2021

International Travel Studies Institute 6-week Summer Study Abroad offers application processing for 2021 through May 14, 2021.

Please complete and send the application materials* by mail or email to:

International Travel Studies Institute
285 East 1910 South
Orem, Utah 84058
801-636-8593

*\$200 deposit may be mailed with application or
Send by Zella (mobile number 801-636-8593)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please use the attached application to apply for admission to the International Travel Studies Institute (ITSI) Summer Study Abroad in the Holy Land. This is the first offerings of this program and is limited to a maximum of 40 students. Due to the anticipated interest and popularity of this program, it is recommended that students apply early for acceptance. The last day of application for 2021 is May 14, 2021.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Limited to Students

Admission to the Summer Study Abroad program is limited to students who are admissible to university/college studies. Students on the Summer Study Abroad program are not expected to have attended a university prior to participation on the program; however, the courses are taught at a university academic level. This means that a student must be able to handle a lower-division, full-time university academic load. The core studies program is designed for university freshmen and sophomore students; however, high standards of religious, social, physical and psychological preparations are essential for successful completion of the program. The field study trip and physical demands of the program are strenuous due to the nature of the increased frequency of these activities in a shorter period than a normal university home campus Study Abroad or semester. This is accommodated by a less rigorous in-class academic load but requires that students be physically, psychologically, and academically capable of handling the type of rigorous field trip/academic schedule offered on the International Travel Studies Institute (ITSI) Study Abroad program.

- Professional Counselor or Ecclesiastical Endorsement

A professional counselor or ecclesiastical endorsement providing a recommendation of student willingness to abide by high standards of integrity, chastity, service, and commitment is required for admission. The ideal student has previously demonstrated the qualities of honesty, commitment, service and loyalty through church service and affiliation, seminary/catechism/institute of religion participation, personal expectations and purposes for participation on the program, honesty and law-abiding behavior, and living the health practices (see Statement on Commitment to Standards and Policies).

- GPA

An applicant's **cumulative** high school or university course GPA must be at least 2.5. Also, an applicant's **current** GPA for the semester prior to applying must be at least 2.5. Students who come from homeschool and non-traditional education programs must have the equivalent graduation requirements of public high schools and graduate with an overall equivalency GPA of 2.5.

- Conduct & Appearance

Applicants must sign a non-proselytizing agreement; agree to abide by the ITSI program's 'Commitment to Standards and Policies of EquityLife in Galilee Program' and the dress and grooming standards as well as any other special rules governing conduct and appearance while enrolled in an ITSI program; meet the ITSI's application, informational and payment deadlines; and can actively participate in a rigorous field trip program.

- Interview

In general, the Admissions Committee must be able to review successful completion of full-time study prior to the interview for final acceptance.

- Married / Graduate Students

Students who are in graduate studies or are married must receive special approval for participation. Married couples should expect that both husband and wife are eligible for admission and will be expected to fully participate in all aspects of the program like any other admitted student. Special studies may be arranged for graduate students while they participate in the program. All such special arrangements must be approved and arranged prior to participation on the program by the Managing Director.

The above admission requirements are subject to change for future programs. Please review individual program information as it becomes available and prior to applying. Special circumstances may be referred to the Admissions Committee for review and consideration of eligibility.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

International Travel Studies Institute has a two-part admissions selection process:

Part 1: Application Window

Applications must be submitted by midnight on May 14, 2021 for the 2021 Study Abroad. If more students apply than the ITSI program can accommodate, students will be placed on a waiting list for Part II of the admission process. If the waiting list is filled, remaining applications will be returned.

Part 2: Interview

Each applicant given placement in Part I of the admissions process will be interviewed for final acceptance. Applicants will be admitted to the ITSI Study Abroad program based on their preparation for and ability to benefit from study at the ITSI as well as their ability to contribute to the success of the experience for others in the unique ITSI Study Abroad setting. Applicants on the waiting list will be interviewed as needed, or as space becomes available.

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER POLICY

- Cancellation after placement on an ITSI Study Abroad program means forfeiture of \$200 deposit. Students who do not qualify for the program, do not receive placement, or cannot be accommodated from a waiting list will receive a refund less the \$25 non-refundable application fee.
- Failure to meet appropriate deadlines could result in the student's cancellation.
- If an airline ticket has been finalized prior to cancelling, a ticket cancellation fee will be assessed (currently \$300). At this point, the airfare may also be non-refundable.
- Cancelling within two weeks prior to departure requires a \$100 cancellation fee. Charges for room may also be assessed, along with any other costs already encumbered.
- A student cannot transfer an application from one program to another. Consideration for a future program means cancellation of the current application, forfeiture of deposit, and submission of a new application and deposit for the future program.



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Summer Study Abroad Program: June 22-August 5, 2019

Please circle one of the program date

PART 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Male Female

Legal Name _____
Last First Middle

Preferred Name _____

Current Mailing Address (street, apt. #, city, state, & zip code)

Applicant's Birth date _ / _ / _ (mm/dd/yyyy)

NOTE: Placement notice & program documents will be sent to this address.

Home phone (____) _____ - _____

Cell phone (____) _____ - _____

Email Address _____ @ _____

Current Educational Institution: _____

I have included my most current official transcript of credit

PASSPORT/CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION

I have a U.S. Passport: yes no If you have one, please provide the following: Passport # _____

Passport Date of Issue _ / _ / _ (dd/mm/yyyy) Passport Date of Expiration _ / _ / _ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Place of Issue _____ If the passport will have less than six months validation, you must apply for a new one.

If you are NOT a U.S. citizen or a Permanent Resident, please complete the following information. (Additional materials may be requested of non-U.S. citizen applicants.)

Country of Citizenship _____ Country of Birth _____ Type of current visa: _____

FAMILY/PERMANENT ADDRESS

Legal Name _____ Relationship: Father Mother Guardian Other _____
Last First Middle

Complete Mailing Address (street, apt. #, city, state, & zip code)

Home phone (____) _____ - _____

Cell phone (____) _____ - _____

Email Address _____ @ _____

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: LDS Church Member Other Religion (Please specify.) _____

For LDS Church Members: Home Ward _____ Home Stake _____

Ecclesiastical Leader (Bishop, Priest, Minister, other) _____ Contact (Email) _____ @ _____

Have You served an LDS mission? Yes No Date entered MTC _ / _ / _ (mm/dd/yyyy) Date Released _ / _ / _ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Foreign Language(s) _____ Current Name of Mission _____

Pre-existing Medical and/or Counseling Needs

Please be sure to check with your personal medical insurance programs to see if you are covered in international travel to Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. If you have ongoing medical challenges that might require medical treatment in Israel or the countries visited, please understand that you must be prepared to pre-pay all expected medical expenses and make any additional payments for costs for medical treatment and medications associated with medical conditions. While you will be able to get bills for services provided, they will be denominated in Israeli shekels and be in Hebrew. Medical providers in the Middle East will not bill or collect from your, or your parent's, insurance company. You will be responsible for all medical expenses associated with pre-existing conditions on a cash basis. Are you currently under the care of a physician for any reason that would be considered a pre-existing medical condition if you were to become ill? Yes No

The International Travel Studies Institute does not provide access to counseling or psychiatric services. Similarly, International Travel Studies Institute does not provide special accommodations or services for students with learning disabilities. If counseling services are required during the program, the student must cover all costs. Do you require the help of a counselor or tutor? yes no

If yes, please explain: _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

I hereby certify all statements in this application are complete and true and acknowledge that my admission and my continuing status are conditional on such completeness and truthfulness.

Signed _____ Date _ / _ / _ (mm/dd/yyyy)

PART 2: COMMITMENT TO THE STANDARDS AND POLICIES OF THE PROGRAM

RELIGIOUS PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

All students are expected to exhibit ideals of service to their community and their religious institution. One purpose of the International Travel Studies Institute program is to teach the principles of charity and virtuous living.

“A person of equity acknowledges and appreciates the hand of ‘divine Providence’ and applies the universal wisdom of the Golden Rule – ‘do unto others as you would have others do unto you’ – the epitome of equity in relationships.”

Regardless of religious affiliation, all students are expected to participate in accepting opportunities to serve on the program, committing several hours of service each week to the management and operation of the program, and in the community, including acceptance of their church or religious organization’s assignments.

ADHERENCE TO RULES & POLICIES

Another principle taught on the program is the principle of duty.

“All citizens within a free society have a responsibility to exercise rights in a manner that preserves freedom. We owe this duty of care to each other as a commitment to honor the ‘Golden Rule.’ This commitment fulfilled, creates and preserves equity within economies and becomes the adhesive that unites society. Fulfillment of duties is the price we pay to maintain a foundation of liberty that ensures our continuing freedom to enjoy peace, prosperity and happiness.”

The following Rules of Conduct and Policies of the ITSI Study Abroad program is expected to be adhered to by all participants:

International Travel Studies Institute DRESS & GROOMING STANDARDS

Although clothing standards vary from region to region in the Middle East, some contemporary clothing styles, particularly for young women in the US and Europe, are inconsistent with standards of modesty for many residents of the region and, in particular, Jerusalem who generally belong to orthodox—and hence conservative—Christian, Muslim or Jewish faiths. Even commonly accepted clothing styles worn by students at conservative university campuses would be considered by many in Israel, the Palestinian Authority territories, and elsewhere in the Middle East to be immodest. International Travel Studies Institute students need to adopt a modest look that will both set them apart and show respect. You will be expected to dress consistent with at least minimal standards of modesty during your travels with the International Travel Studies Institute. A detailed list of these dress and grooming standards expected of all students are included in the pre-departure packet materials. We understand that dressing this way won’t make you stylish by US standards and that you may need to acquire a few new things that fit within the International Travel Studies Institute standards.

SPECIAL HEALTH STANDARDS

Due to the unique nature and demands of the program, each applicant is screened thoroughly, particularly with regard to emotional and medical health issues. The student will be placed in a foreign living situation that is physically, emotionally, and academically rigorous without the usual support services available in the United States or which they may normally be accustomed to in familiar home environments. The concerns are both for the student and his/her fellow students.

Students who require special medical or emotional attention may cause a disruption to the program and even endanger the well-being of others. Rather than benefit from the experience, the student may, in fact, be harmed. The International Travel Studies Institute must ensure that this student can independently manage physical and emotional challenges in a demanding environment. Therefore, a special Health Evaluation form is to be completed by all students when applying for the program. Also, maintaining a healthy body, mind, and spirit is an essential part of the experience. Students are expected to maintain the following health practices while part of the program:

- Use of tobacco products, any form of alcohol, or illegal drugs are prohibited.
- Avoidance of dangerous activities that put the student’s body or others at risk of serious injury.
- Care for one’s body, eating nutritious food (the program provides excellent foods for breakfast and dinner), exercising regularly, and getting enough sleep.
- Practicing balance and moderation in all aspects of one’s physical health.
- Avoidance of extremes in diet that could lead to eating disorders.
- Not intentionally harming one’s body.

BEHAVIOR & DATING

Activities and behavior must be consistent with high standards of taste and decency. Be aware that any public displays of affection (arms around person of the opposite sex, etc.) is considered inappropriate among certain peoples in the Near East. Dating or pairing off between members of the program is strongly discouraged, and dating or pairing off with anyone outside of the program is not allowed.

Friendships develop and intensify on this study program because of the amount of time spent living, studying and traveling together; but time, the setting, and the environment make dating unwise.

Due to the nature of the living facilities, it is inappropriate for male and female single students to be in each other’s cabins or hotel rooms. Students may meet in any of the public areas that are very available wherever the program is located. If students of opposite gender need to enter a cabin, permission of attending faculty is required.

As a matter of personal commitment, students, faculty, and staff of International Travel Studies Institute seek to demonstrate in their daily living adherence to standards of morality and virtues as exemplified by Jesus Christ. These principles of equity include:

Be honest	Respect others	Encourage others in their commitment to
Use clean language	Obey the law and all campus policies	comply with the standards and policies of
Live a chaste and virtuous life	Participate regularly in church services	EquityLife Institute

(Part2: Commitment to the Standards and Policies of the Program is continued on next page, please initial here _____ if you have read the forgoing and agree to abide by each policy while participating on the International Travel Studies Institute Summer Study Abroad Program as part of your application.)

PART 2: COMMITMENT TO THE STANDARDS AND POLICIES OF THE PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

NON-PROSELYTIZING COMMITMENT

EquityLife Institute has made a firm commitment that no one associated with the International Travel Studies Institute programs will engage in religious proselytizing activities while in the countries visited as part of the program. Participants may not proselytize, directly or indirectly. Proselytizing is defined as any activity that could be construed as aimed at including, encouraging or leading people in these countries visited to investigate any religion for possible conversion and is strictly contrary to the desires of the government and people of the lands. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Brigham Young University have signed formal agreements and ask that their members abide by these policies. International Travel Studies Institute has adopted this policy to include proselytizing by any member of its groups, regardless of their personal religious discipleship. Non-LDS people who visit or reside in the countries generally understand the high tensions caused by proselytizing and generally abide by this policy as well. International Travel Studies Institute participants, faculty and staff must agree to not distribute, either directly, by mail or by internet, any materials pertaining to their religious practices, church organization or its doctrines within Israel or its administered territories with the intent to bring about conversion to their faith. It is not permitted to discuss with intent of proselytizing or conversion to one's church or its doctrines or answer any questions with this intent regarding one's church or its doctrines with individuals who reside in the Holy Land or who may be visiting there. If asked questions about one's religion, participants must state that they are in the Holy Land as a student and are not permitted to discuss their church or its doctrines. The students enrolled on the International Travel Studies Institute program, who may not be LDS, must understand that much of the instruction and field experiences are from the perspective of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and that their religious study courses and lectures include instruction and research into the beliefs and doctrines, histories and origins of many religions. Therefore, the rules of discussion of one's religious beliefs and doctrines is not for the purposes of proselytizing but to further transcultural understanding and, therefore, does not apply to the students and faculty participating on the program, but does apply to all others that they encounter while enrolled in and traveling on the International Travel Studies Institute programs.

ATTENDANCE AT CLASSES, FORUMS, FIELD STUDY TRIPS AND TRAVEL POLICIES

International Travel Studies Institute Summer Study Abroad programs are 6-week intensive travel study programs offering university-level credit courses through classroom and on-site field experiences. A typical academic Study Abroad with the required orientation course offers students nine university credits taught by university-level instructors, faculty, and knowledgeable guest lecturers who are from local and international communities. A correlated curriculum of survey courses provides students with an introduction to religious studies and Near Eastern history, geography, culture, and current events. Classroom study is built around field trips that cover the length and breadth of the Holy Land (Israel and the Palestinian Authority) including travel throughout Jordan. Upon admission to the International Travel Studies Institute program students are automatically enrolled in the courses.

The curriculum is designed to achieve a balance of spiritual, academic, and cultural development consistent with the unique mission and goals of International Travel Studies Institute. The International Travel Studies Institute experience begins before you reach the Holy Land. The Orientation Course (Near Eastern Studies 100) is required of all students. We wish to emphasize that each of the courses, field study trips, forums, special historic dinners, and numerous other educational and academic activities are an integral part of each International Travel Studies Institute program, and you will be expected to participate in all these activities.

Class and field trip *attendance is required*. Students who wish to transfer these certificated courses to their university or college must meet with and obtain approval for these transfers from the appropriate officials at their home institution before departing on the program. For assistance pertaining to transfers of ITSI course work, please visit with the Academic Advisor for the International Travel Studies Institute. As most text materials are digital and available on the Internet, *students are expected to bring their own durable laptop computer*. Printing services are provided on the program and included in the tuition costs.

Most of the field trips are a full day in length. No field trip has a rest-break, so you will need to be able to participate fully for 10 to 12 hours without difficulty. Students travel on field trips in groups of 40 and it is not possible to make accommodations for individual challenges. Each student must be able to participate fully, without special assistance, with the other students in their travel group, and without imposing on other students. Students are expected to not be late or cause the group to be delayed. Field trips require extensive walking, generally over rough and rocky terrain, climbing stairs and the ability to easily negotiate getting on and off buses. Some of the field trips involve several hours of hiking in mountainous terrain. Temperatures during most of the year are warm or hot. There is no access to reliable refrigeration for preserving special foods or medications during extended trips.

There are generally four students in each accommodation. You must be able to share housing accommodations with others without imposing on them and without expecting special accommodations from your roommates. Students are not permitted to travel outside of the program facilities in groups of fewer than three students. You must be able to travel with others without imposing on them and without expecting special accommodations from them. An exception to this policy are married couples who are admitted to the program.

Classes are offered in the early morning hours. Field trips always begin in the early morning as well, often with breakfast between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. Students with sleep disorders or similar challenges should expect to be able to function effectively each day by 6 a.m. or earlier.

Please consider the following questions: Do you tire easily? Will you have a hard time keeping up with a field trip group for 12 hours? Do you have a hard time functioning in the heat, or do you require any special foods or medications that need constant refrigeration? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Can you live and travel with other students independently? Yes No If no, please explain: _____

INFRACTIONS

A single violation of International Travel Studies Institute standards and policies will result in consequences related to missed privileges and could also result in dismissal from the program. Students must understand that if they are dismissed from the program, they will be responsible for additional costs incurred to return them to their homes and that there will be no refunds for services not rendered. Furthermore, in the event a student is dismissed from the program, academic certification may be withheld, and his/her standing at their university or institutions of higher learning may likewise be affected.

Student Commitment:

I agree to complete the Ecclesiastical/Professional Counselor Endorsement process. I have read the foregoing "Part 2: Commitment to the Standards and Policies of the Program", as well as the above stated Non-Proselytizing Commitment, and any other special rules governing conduct and appearance while enrolled in an International Travel Studies Institute Program and agree to abide by all requirements as outlined. I certify all statements in this application to be complete and true and acknowledge that my admission to an International Travel Studies Institute Program is conditional on such completeness and truthfulness.

Signature of Applicant

_____/_____/_____
Date

PART 3: APPLICANT ESSAYS

Applicant Name: _

Type or print legibly in black ink your responses to the following questions. (You may use a separate sheet if necessary.)

1. What additional information regarding your qualifications would you like the International Travel Studies Institute Admissions Committee to consider? (200 words or less)

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2. Describe a significant experience in your life that has strengthened your character. (200 words or less)

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3. Explain why you desire to go to the Holy Land and the spiritual and educational benefits you hope to gain from this opportunity. (200 words or less)

PART 4: SIGNATURES

I verify that the above information is truthful and complete and that I have read and agree to the policies and standards outlined above.

Applicant's Printed Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Name and Signature (if applicant is a minor): _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Printed Name: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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