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INTERNATIONAL
ADMISSION GUIDE 2021



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INSPIRING

LEARNING

"I hope we inspire our students to learn. And I hope that learning leads to inspiration. When both things happen, inspiring learning occurs."

PRESIDENT KEVIN J. WORTHEN

Inspiring Fieldwork

 Living in the world's coldest capital city, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, coal is often the only affordable source of heat for the traditional ger, a round tent-like construction where the entire family lives. Unfortunately, coal is one of the dirtiest air pollutants and the pollution is so bad that it has severely limited the lung capacity of the capital's children.



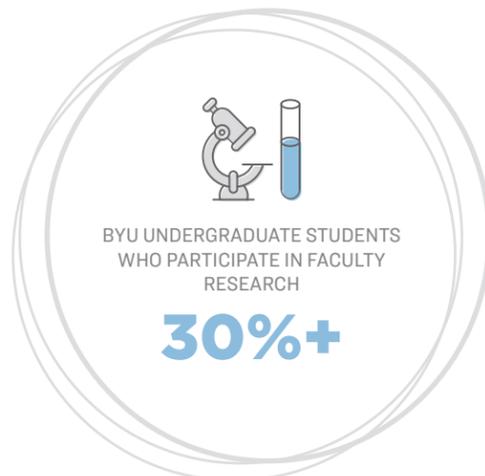
BYU engineering students and faculty went to Mongolia committed to solve what seemed like an impossible problem. Simply replacing the coal burning stove at the center of the ger with an electric stove would not be enough. They also needed to find a cost effective way to make gers more energy efficient.



The teams designed solutions at BYU and then tested them on-site in Ulaanbaatar and they worked! For a minimal cost of \$400, the team can retrofit a ger to make it warm, affordable, and above all, safe to live in. Hundreds of gers have been replaced and the hope is that the solution can be provided to thousands in the future.

"We knew the air was dry, the nights were cold, and the pollution was killing these people, but until going there, we didn't understand what the Mongolian people had to endure every day."

— Dylan Sellers, Electrical Engineering, 2019



Inspiring Service

 BYU students are using a fish to teach social skills to children with autism. These aren't just any students. One of the students on this project, Bruna Goncalves, developed a passion for behavioral research while working with her sister who suffers from cystic fibrosis. Dr. Ryan Kellems, assistant professor in counseling psychology and special education, said her unique perspective enriched his research team. And this isn't just any fish. Marla is an animated fish that is controlled by an operator in another room. Her mouth moves in alignment with whatever the operator says into a microphone, allowing her to interact with viewers in real time.

The research team uses Marla the fish because they have found that many children with autism who struggle with conversation and eye contact are riveted by animated characters. Marla could hold their attention long enough that operators could teach the children the steps to start a conversation. After some practice, the children confidently tested their new skills with real people, including other children. Their parents said that the live animation teaching method made a difference in their lives and the lives of their children. Bruna wasn't done with her research when the project was completed. Not only did she help design and conduct the research, she also co-presented the findings with Dr. Kellems at two national conferences and has been accepted to a graduate program.

"I saw kids, who initially hid under the table so they wouldn't have to talk to us, build their confidence and become willing to talk to others even though it was hard for them. Many made new friends, and even taught their peers!"

— Bruna Goncalves, Special Education, 2019

Inspiring Mentorship

 Samoa has the highest rate of rheumatic heart disease in the world. Caused by untreated strep throat which can lead to heart damage, the disease can be deadly if untreated. Through a program called Rheumatic Relief, BYU student volunteers and alumni help to screen children for RHD and, working with the Samoan government, refer them for life-saving treatment.

These BYU students are the first line of diagnosis for possible RHD among the Samoan children. They engage with the children by performing puppet shows in Samoan and teaching songs to help the children know when to seek help for a sore throat. BYU students spend the semester prior to their trip learning these Samoan songs and phrases. As of 2019, more than 30,000 children have been screened and 685 were referred for treatment.

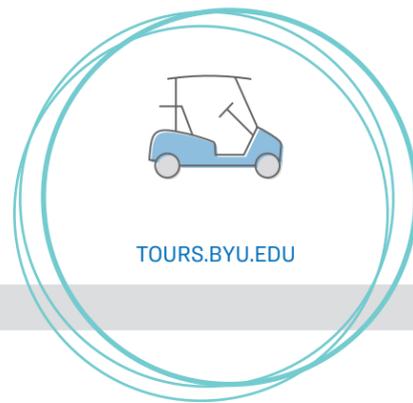
"My students get to shadow professionals in multiple health-related fields, and see first-hand how their education enables them to serve others."

— Dr. Lori B. Allen, Department of Biology



BYU GRADUATES WHO GO ON TO EARN DOCTORATES
(National Opinion Research Center)

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TAKE

A VIRTUAL TOUR



STUDENT

LIFE

33,511

TOTAL DAYTIME STUDENTS



65%

STUDENTS SPEAK A SECOND LANGUAGE

MASCOT: COSMO THE COUGAR



50/50

MALE TO FEMALE STUDENT RATIO

53

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

120+

CLUBS ON CAMPUS



AIMS

OF A BYU EDUCATION

Common Aims of BYU

BYU seeks to develop students of faith, intellect, and character who have the skills and the desire to continue learning and to serve others throughout their lives. These are the common aims of all education at BYU.

What We Look For

Whether you are applying as a freshman or a transfer student, there is no secret formula for admission to BYU. We define “freshman” as one who has not completed any college/university work following high school graduation or secondary education completion. We define “transfer” as an applicant who attended college or university after completion of high school or secondary education. A full account of your academic history will be required, regardless of transferability or desired program of study.

All applications go through a holistic review, meaning everything in the application is considered. Take the opportunity to tell us about yourself. Make sure the work is your own and be thorough. Your application, including your essays, should demonstrate your preparation in these four areas:

- SPIRITUALLY STRENGTHENING
- INTELLECTUALLY ENLARGING
- CHARACTER BUILDING
- LEADING TO LIFELONG LEARNING AND SERVICE



“Pursue your education as a priority of the highest order. Gain all the education you can. With us as Latter-day Saints, education is a religious responsibility.”

PRESIDENT RUSSELL M. NELSON

SPIRITUALLY STRENGTHENING

“The founding charge of BYU is to teach every subject with the Spirit.”

BYU provides a world-class education within a spiritual environment. To help you feel comfortable here, we recommend attending, participating in, and graduating from LDS seminary. We also recommend that you regularly participate in church meetings, programs, and activities. If you are spiritually prepared, BYU will provide you with the opportunity to strengthen your testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ while studying for your degree.

INTELLECTUALLY ENLARGING

“Members of the BYU community rigorously study academic subjects in the light of divine truth.”

To be prepared academically, we recommend you take challenging, college preparatory classes during high school. We also encourage you to pursue your passions inside and outside of the classroom. Your academic preparation will allow you to learn from BYU’s faculty and even work alongside them in their research and fieldwork.

CHARACTER BUILDING

“BYU has always cared as much about strong moral character as about great mental capability.”

A person of character should have a strong work ethic and be able to demonstrate resilience and honesty. You should be respectful of others despite differences, honor commitments, and have integrity in all you do. The BYU community will support you as you continue to strengthen your character and pursue a life consistent with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

LEADING TO LIFELONG LEARNING AND SERVICE

Students “enter to learn” at BYU and then “go forth to serve.”

Our graduates use what they learn to make the world a better place. We look for students that already have a love of learning and a sincere desire to serve others. Cultivate your love of service through sustained exposure to meaningful service opportunities. BYU offers learning and service opportunities through various clubs and organizations that will help you continue your commitment to lifelong learning and service.



BYU DEVOTIONALS AND SPEECHES

On the Web 

- Aims of a BYU Education: aims.byu.edu
- To better understand these principles: admissions.byu.edu/about-aims

TIPS

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Preparation Recommendations

- Live the standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- Attend and graduate from LDS seminary. After high school, attend LDS Institute of Religion classes if not attending a CES school.
- Participate in meaningful service opportunities.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities—develop your specific talents.
- Be genuine in your application.
- If your native language is not English, you will be required to submit an English Proficiency exam score, regardless of the amount of time spent studying in the United States. See the table to the right (page 11) for accepted tests and minimum requirements.
- Plan to provide specific examples of how you have contributed in meaningful ways as you write your application essays.

Tips for Success

Your preparation is an important component to success in higher education. The following tips can help your application go more smoothly.

- Plan early – registration for the ACT/SAT (if required), an English-proficiency exam (TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, CAE), and credential evaluation can take several weeks or longer. To avoid rush fees, plan to register for these application requirements at least 2-3 months before the application deadline.

- You should list your name on the application as it appears on your passport. Additionally, to ensure scores submitted electronically are received, the name on the application and on any exams must be exactly the same. Any variation may cause delay.
- An endorsement must be submitted from your ecclesiastical leader on your behalf. If you are not a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) you must be interviewed by either your own ecclesiastical leader or an LDS Bishop as well as the University Chaplain.
- If you have attended any U.S. high schools you will need to self-report this work on the application. An official transcript will be required only if you are admitted. Failure to provide accurate information on any portion of the application may result in rescinded admission.
- Only apply for the semester or term you wish to start. Unless deferring for a mission, you must attend the term/semester you are admitted.
- Admission to one semester or term is not easier than another.
- If you have completed a bachelor's degree you are not eligible for a second bachelor's degree from BYU, but are welcome to apply to BYU graduate programs.
- It is unlikely that BYU will admit transfer applicants that have 90 credits or more—even if that credit will not transfer.

Evaluating International Work

All secondary education and college work (not U.S. accredited) done outside the United States must be evaluated by an international credential evaluations agency at the applicant's expense. Please visit inteval.byu.edu to see from which agencies we accept evaluations.

On the Web



- International Evaluations: inteval.byu.edu
- Graduate Programs: gradstudies.byu.edu

TEST SCORES

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

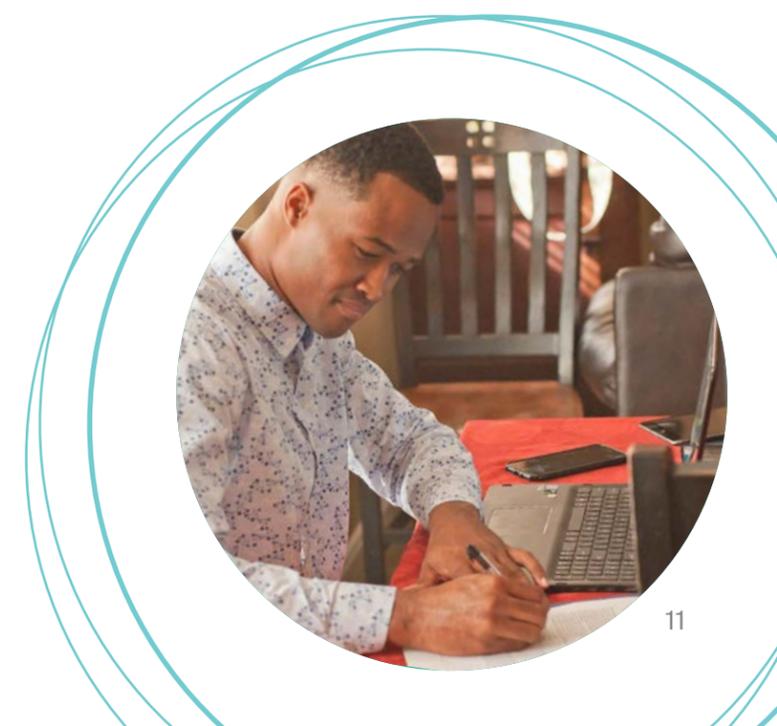
English Proficiency Requirements

Exam	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Listening	Use of English	Overall
TOEFL iBT	20	20	20	20	—	80
IELTS (Academic)	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.0	—	6.5
PTE	49	49	49	49	—	53
Cambridge English: Advanced or Proficient	172	172	180	172	180	172

On the Web



- English Proficiency: englishprof.byu.edu



ADMISSION

STATISTICS

Freshmen: Spring/Summer/Fall 2020

OVERALL ACADEMICS	
Middle 50% unweighted HS GPA	3.82 – 3.99
Middle 50% ACT score	26 – 32
Middle 50% SAT score	1230 – 1420
Average TOEFL score for admitted	101

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS	
Freshman applications	179
Freshman applicants accepted	80
Acceptance rate	45%

Transfer: Spring/Summer/Fall 2020

OVERALL ACADEMICS	
Middle 50% transfer GPA	3.60 – 3.93
Average TOEFL score for admitted	94

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS	
Transfer applications	242
Transfer applicants accepted	150
Acceptance rate	62%

On the Web

• AP/IB Credit:
apib.byu.edu

• Facebook:
facebook.com/byuadmissions

• Instagram:
instagram.com/byuadmissions



APPLICATION

DEADLINES

Application deadlines are final. In order to submit your application, we must receive ALL application materials—including those submitted by others on your behalf. Any application not submitted by the deadline will not be considered.

Freshman Application Deadlines

	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Fall 2021
Application Available	August 26, 2020	August 26, 2020	August 26, 2020
Priority Deadline*	November 2, 2020	November 2, 2020	November 2, 2020
Deadline	December 15, 2020	December 15, 2020	December 15, 2020
ACT/SAT Deadline**	January 8, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 8, 2021
Admission & Scholarship Notification	February 15, 2021	February 15, 2021	February 15, 2021
Final Verification Deadline	March 15, 2021	May 1, 2021	July 15, 2021

Transfer Application Deadlines

	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Fall 2021
Application Available	August 26, 2020	August 26, 2020	August 26, 2020
Deadline	December 15, 2020	December 15, 2020	December 15, 2020*** June 1, 2021
ACT/SAT Deadline**	January 8, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 8, 2021
Decision Notification	February 15, 2021	February 15, 2021	February 15, 2021**** June 28, 2021
Final Verification Deadline	March 15, 2021	May 1, 2021	July 15, 2021

NOTES:

- All deadlines are 11:59 PM (Mountain Time). Although our offices will close at 6:00 PM, the application will still be available online through 11:59 PM (Mountain Time).
- Because of the level of intellectual, social, and emotional maturity required of university students, BYU does not admit applicants who will be less than 17 years of age by the first day of class.

***FOR FRESHMEN:** Applicants who submit the application by the priority deadline will receive extra consideration in the admission process.

****APPLIES TO FRESHMEN AND TRANSFER APPLICANTS WITH FEWER THAN 24 UNIVERSITY CREDITS:** Due to the limited availability of ACT and SAT exam options during the COVID-19 global pandemic, most applicants are not required to submit a standardized test score to be considered for admission to BYU for spring, summer, fall 2021 and winter 2022. Applicants may choose to submit a test score if they feel

it would strengthen their application; however, applicants who do not submit a test score will not be at a disadvantage. Applicants will be able to submit their application without an ACT or SAT test score by either the priority or final deadline. However, applicants will need to submit an official score by the date listed in the ACT/SAT deadline column if they would like it considered in their evaluation. If you submit your application with an ACT or SAT test score and are retaking a test, you can also submit your new official test score by January 8, 2021 for consideration in your application. For more details see: testoptional.byu.edu.

*****FOR TRANSFER:** In order to be considered for eligible scholarships, transfer applicants must apply and complete the BYU scholarship application by this deadline.

******FOR TRANSFER:** Transfer applicants who apply by the December 15, 2020 deadline will receive their admission decision by this date.

On the Web

• Application Deadlines:
deadlines.byu.edu

• Test Optional:
testoptional.byu.edu

• Admission Application:
apply.byu.edu



MISSIONARY

SERVICE DEFERMENT

“Young men and women, your education is ever important—to us, to you, and to God. Where feasible, if you wish to attend a college or university after your mission, we encourage you to apply to your institution of choice before beginning your mission. Many institutions of higher learning will grant an 18- to 30-month deferral to prospective missionaries. This will enable you elders and sisters to serve without worrying about where you will begin your advanced education.”

—President Russell M. Nelson

You may defer your BYU enrollment (and scholarship, if applicable) for a Latter-day Saint mission by completing a mission deferment form online.

SISTER / ELDER
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

66% STUDENTS HAVE
SERVED MISSIONS



On the Web



- Mission Deferment:
deferment.byu.edu

HOUSING

SELECTION

You may live in either on- or BYU-contracted off-campus housing. Most freshmen choose to live on campus their first year, but it is not a requirement. Both dormitory-style (meals provided) and apartment-style (cook your own meals) housing options are available on campus. Additionally, a Foreign Language Student Residence option is available for students who want a unique language immersion experience.

If you wish to live on campus you do not need to complete a separate application for housing. Admitted students are offered on-campus

housing in the order they submit their admission application. A place in on-campus housing is not guaranteed, but the earlier you submit your admission application, the more likely you are to receive your housing preference.

On the Web



- Housing:
housing.byu.edu

PAYING

FOR BYU

Cost of Attendance 2020-21*

Latter-day Saint Tuition	\$5,970
Non-Latter-day Saint Tuition	\$11,940
Room & Board	\$7,808
Books & Supplies	\$896
Personal Expenses	\$2,408
Transportation	\$2,512
Loan Fees	\$60
Latter-day Saint Total	\$19,654
Non-Latter-day Saint Total	\$25,624

*Based on two semesters. All costs, except for tuition, are estimates.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Federal financial aid is not available to international students. Students must submit the BYU scholarship application (see URL below) by the scholarship deadline.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

International students who are admitted to BYU will need to complete the following requirements before receiving the Form I-20 and having registration holds removed:

- **Financial Verification**
International students must provide verification that they are able to meet the Cost of Attendance for one year. You must complete an Affidavit of Support accompanied with the most recent copy of the bank statement for each sponsor.
- **International Student Deposit**
An International Student Deposit of \$4,000 USD will be required. The deposit will be held in an interest-earning escrow account with the

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UNIVERSITIES WORTH THE COST
(Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education)

intent to be released to the student during their final semester before graduation. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

- **I-20 Transfer Request Form (if applicable)**
International students who are currently studying in the United States will be required to transfer their SEVIS record to BYU.

NOTE

Once admitted, International Student and Scholar Services will oversee that these requirements are met and remove the registration holds. The deadline for these three requirements is the same as the financial verification deadline (See page 15).

WORK

Students studying on an F-1 Visa are generally permitted to work on campus. Their work is limited to 20 hours per week while school is in session (can be up to 40 during official school breaks). Subject to availability and department policy.

On the Web



- Scholarships:
scholarships.byu.edu
- International Deposit:
intdeposit.byu.edu
- Visa Policy & Financial Verification:
visapolicy.byu.edu

MAJORS

OFFERED



BUSINESS

marriottschool.byu.edu

- Accounting*
- Business Management*
- Entrepreneurial Management*
- Experience Design & Management*
- Finance*
- Global Supply Chain Management*
- Human Resource Management*
- Information Systems*
- Marketing*
- Strategic Management*

EDUCATION

education.byu.edu

- Communication Disorders*
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Physical Education Teaching/ Coaching (K-12)
- Special Education*
 - Mild/Moderate Disabilities*
 - Severe Disabilities*

ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

et.byu.edu

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Construction & Facilities Mgmt
 - Construction Management
 - Facility & Property Management
- Cybersecurity
- Electrical Engineering
- Industrial Design*
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing Engineering

- Mechanical Engineering*
- Technology & Engineering Studies
 - Teaching
 - Technical

FAMILY, HOME, & SOCIAL SCIENCES

fhss.byu.edu

- Anthropology
 - Archaeology
 - Sociocultural
- Economics
- Family & Consumer Sci Education
- Family History–Genealogy
- Family Life
 - Family Studies
 - Human Development
- Geography
 - Environmental Studies
 - Geospatial Intelligence
 - Geospatial Science & Technology
 - Global Studies
 - Tourism Studies
 - Urban & Regional Planning
- History
- History Teaching
- Neuroscience
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Science Teaching
- Sociology

FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATIONS

cfac.byu.edu

- Acting*
- Animation*
- Art*
- Art Education K-12*
- Commercial Music*
- Communications*
 - Advertising*
 - Communications Studies*
 - Journalism*
 - Public Relations*

- Dance*
- Dance Education K-12*
- Design*
- Graphic Design*
- Illustration*
- Media Arts Studies*
- Music*
 - Music Composition*
 - Music Dance Theatre*
 - Music Education*
 - K-12 Choral*
 - K-12 General Music*
 - K-12 Instrumental*
 - Music Performance*
 - Brass*
 - Combined Piano & Organ*
 - Organ*
 - Percussion*
 - Piano*
 - String*
 - Vocal*
 - Woodwind*
- Photography*
- Theatre Arts Education K-12
- Theatre Arts Studies

HUMANITIES

humanities.byu.edu

- American Studies
- Arabic Language
- Art History & Curatorial Studies
- Chinese
- Classical Studies
 - Classical Civilization
 - Classics
 - Greek
 - Latin
- Comparative Literature
- Editing & Publishing
- English
- English Language
- English Teaching
- French
- French Studies
- French Teaching
- German
 - Linguistics
 - Literature/Film/Culture
- German Studies

- German Teaching
- Interdisciplinary Humanities
- Italian
- Italian Studies
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latin Teaching
- Linguistics
- Philosophy
- Portuguese
- Portuguese Studies
- Russian
- Spanish
- Spanish Studies
- Spanish Teaching*
- Spanish Translation*

INTERNATIONAL & AREA STUDIES

kennedy.byu.edu

- Ancient Near Eastern Studies
 - Greek New Testament
 - Hebrew Bible
- Asian Studies
 - China Studies
 - Japan Studies
 - Korea Studies
- European Studies
- International Relations
- Latin American Studies
- Middle East Studies/Arabic

LIFE SCIENCES

lifesciences.byu.edu

- Athletic Training
- Biodiversity & Conservation
- Bioinformatics
- Biological Science Education
- Biology
- Biophysics
- Dietetics*
- Environmental Science
- Exercise & Wellness
- Exercise Science
- Food Science
- Genetics, Genomics, & Biotechnology
- Landscape Management
- Medical Laboratory Science*
- Microbiology

- Molecular Biology
- Nutritional Science
- Physiology & Devt Biology
- Public Health
 - Envi/Occupational Health
 - Epidemiology
 - Health Promotion
 - Health Science
- Wildlife & Wildlands Conservation

NURSING

nursing.byu.edu

- Nursing*

PHYSICAL & MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

cpms.byu.edu

- Actuarial Science
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Chemistry Education
- Computer Science
 - Animation*
 - Bioinformatics
 - Data Science
 - Software Engineering
- Earth & Space Science Education
- Geology
- Mathematics
 - Applied & Computational Math
- Mathematics Education
- Physical Science Education
- Physics
- Physics, Applied
- Physics & Astronomy
- Physics Education
- Statistics
 - Applied Statistics & Analytics
 - Biostatistics
 - Data Science
 - Statistical Science

NOTES:

- These majors are correct at time of printing
- *Limited-enrollment programs (department approval required)

On the Web



- Majors Details: majors.byu.edu
- Majors Videos: majorsnippets.byu.edu

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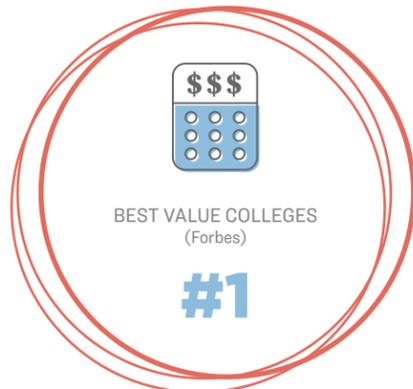
UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

88

MASTERS

32

DOCTORATE



MORE FUN FACTS

AND RANKINGS

62 LANGUAGES TAUGHT REGULARLY ON CAMPUS

APPROXIMATELY **20,000** ON-CAMPUS STUDENT JOBS

131 LANGUAGES SPOKEN ON CAMPUS

STUDENTS WHO WORK ON CAMPUS **50%**

229 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS IN **80** COUNTRIES

STUDENTS REPRESENTING ALL 50 STATES **95%**

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103 FOREIGN COUNTRIES ACCOUNT FOR 5% OF STUDENT POPULATION

RISE AND SHOUT

#1 STONE COLD SOBER SCHOOLS (Princeton Review)

GO COUGS!

380' HEIGHT OF THE Y ON Y MOUNTAIN

FOR MORE BYU FUN FACTS

DIRECTORY

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Financial Aid	(801) 422-4104	ymessage.byu.edu	financialaid.byu.edu
Int'l Student & Scholar Services	(801) 422-2695	intloff@byu.edu	iss.byu.edu
Multicultural Student Services	(801) 422-3065	BYUmulticultural@byu.edu	multicultural.byu.edu
Transfer Advisement	(801) 422-8522	transfer@byu.edu	transfer.byu.edu

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In compliance with applicable state and federal nondiscrimination laws (e.g., Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504), BYU does not unlawfully discriminate against applicants for admission based upon race, color, national origin, religion,

sex, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. Applicants who meet the requirements for admission and agree to abide by the Church Educational System Honor Code are accepted for enrollment based upon their qualifications and available space. To maintain an educational atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a lawful admission preference is given to members of the Church in good standing.

Questions or complaints about unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex (including sexual harassment

and other forms of sexual misconduct) may be referred to the Title IX coordinator at 1085 WSC, 801-422-8692, or t9coordinator@byu.edu. Questions or complaints about unlawful discrimination on any other basis listed above may be referred to the equal opportunity manager at D-282 ASB, 801-422-5895, eo_manager@byu.edu. Individuals with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations by contacting the University Accessibility Center at 2170 WSC, 801-422-2767, uacfrontdesk@byu.edu.



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