

The SUNY Model European Union (SUNYMEU) is an annual simulation of the European Union organized by the Institute for European Union Studies at SUNY (IEUSS), the host campus (SUNY New Paltz), SUNY Office of International Programs, and Vesalius College.

**PURPOSE:**

The primary purpose of SUNYMEU is to provide a framework for a simulation of a European Council meeting to better educate American students about the European Union while giving them an opportunity to interact with students from EU member and candidate states.

Over 140 students, drawn from all over the SUNY system and our European partner institutions will participate in the simulation in Brussels, at our partner Vesalius College. Students will be assigned a role as a representative of a delegation (an EU country or the Commission), as heads of government, foreign ministers, European Commissioners, or even, for journalism majors, as members of the Press Corps. Students prepare for the simulation at their own universities with the help of faculty advisers. Additional preparatory materials will be posted to the SUNYMEU website, including the 2016 SUNYMEU Manual (Blue Book). Researching the issues of concern to their country and their alter-ego roles constitutes an important part of all students' preparatory work. In the months leading up to the summit, the Presidency team will collaborate with the country teams to develop and present agenda items and proposals for discussion and debate at SUNYMEU.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For information regarding registration for SUNY Model European Union, the associated preparatory materials (2016 Blue Book), and scholarship information, please check the Model EU website at:

[http://www.newpaltz.edu/polisci\\_intl\\_rela/meu.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/polisci_intl_rela/meu.html)

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**SUNY MODEL EU**

**January 6-10  
2016**

**Vesalius College  
Brussels  
Belgium**

**Simulation Topic:  
European Council  
Summit  
Dutch Presidency**



## Anticipated Costs

Activity	Cost (USD)
MEU Registration .....	\$150 (Includes conference materials, opening and closing banquets, lunches on campus, registration materials, student mixer, and bus transport to/from Vesalius)
Estimated Lodging at Conference Hotel	
Per student / per night.....	\$35
Faculty single rooms.....	\$75
Optional Sunday (1/10) trip to Bruges.....	\$10

Model EU student participants will stay at the **Hotel Meininger** Quai du Hainaut/Henegouwenkaii 33, City Center Brussels in bunked rooms of four. Breakfast is included at the hostel.

For more information about **Hotel Meininger** see their website at [www.meininger-hotels.com](http://www.meininger-hotels.com)



## To register by November 15

Please visit our website

[HTTP://WWW.NEWPALTZ.EDU/POLISCI  
INTLRELA/MEU.HTML](http://www.newpaltz.edu/polisci_intlrela/meu.html)

Country assignments and rooms at the conference hostel at the conference rate are available on a first come first serve basis, so register early!

## Tentative Program Schedule:

Students from overseas are encouraged to arrive a day early (Tuesday, January 5) and check in at the Hotel Meininger to rest before the Wed, January 6 programming begins.

### Depart JFK (US) Monday night, 1/4

#### Tuesday, January 5

Check in the Hotel Meininger-Brussels

#### Wednesday, January 6

Tour of EU Parliament and EU Council

#### Thursday, January 7

10:30 Walking Tour of Old Town Brussels  
3-5:00 MEU Registration Hotel Meininger  
5-9:30 Opening Ceremony & Keynote Address  
Residence Palace (IPC) Brussels

#### Friday, January 8

8:00-9:00 Breakfast at Hotel Meininger  
9:00 Buses Depart for Vesalius College  
9:30-11:45 Group Meetings  
Noon-1:30 Lunch at Vesalius College  
1:30-4:30 Group Meetings  
5:00-5:30 Press Briefing  
6:00-9:00 Student Mixer at Café Des Halles  
or Faculty Dinner

#### Saturday, January 9

8:00-9:00 Breakfast at Hotel Meininger  
9:00 Buses Depart for Vesalius College  
9:30-11:45 Group Meetings  
Noon-1:30 Lunch at Vesalius College  
1:45—4:30 Final Group Meetings  
5:00-8:00 Conclusions & Closing Reception

#### Sunday, January 10 Depart for Home OR:

Optional Day Trip to Medieval Bruges

#### Return on Monday, January 11



## BRUSSELS, BELGIUM:

**Brussels** is the capital of Belgium and the de facto capital of the European Union (EU). It is also the largest urban area in Belgium, having grown from a 10th-century fortress town to a sizeable city with a population of 1.1 million. Since World War II, Brussels has been a main center for international politics. Hosting principal EU institutions and the headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the city has become the polyglot home of numerous IGOs, INGOs, politicians, diplomats and civil servants. Today, the city is officially bilingual, with all street signs in French and Flemish, and English widely spoken and understood.

## VESALIUS COLLEGE:

Vesalius College was founded in 1987 by the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Boston University to offer undergraduate education in English. As an American-style college, Vesalius takes a humanistic approach to intellectual inquiry, encouraging students to not only learn skills and knowledge important to their chosen careers, but to think critically and develop themselves personally and as citizens of an increasingly multicultural and globalized world.

Situated in Brussels and home to a thriving international community, Vesalius College offers students a truly unique educational experience. The College's teaching methods are characterized by small, interactive classes, flexibility in course selection and continuous assessment. As a small college with a student body of approximately 300 and a low student-to-professor ratio, the faculty is accessible and able to take a personal interest in the success of students to help them achieve their potential. Close working relationships form the cornerstone of the Vesalius educational philosophy.

For more information on the College and how to reach us, visit our website at [www.vesalius.edu](http://www.vesalius.edu).



## For our Faculty Advisors:

There will be several faculty panels and workshops running parallel to the student sessions, to highlight research and teaching being done in collaboration with our European partner schools. If you would like to present a paper, propose a thematic panel, related to research or teaching on the EU, email the Director at [dowleyk@newpaltz.edu](mailto:dowleyk@newpaltz.edu).