

STUDY MISSION OVERVIEW

The SUNY Model EU Study Mission in Brussels, Belgium is a 12 day, 3-credit Study Abroad experience that includes participation in the transatlantic Model EU simulation, as well as an extended and intensive week of scholarly inquiry into the policymaking process of the European Union.

The primary purpose of SUNYMEU is 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 at Vesalius College in Brussels, Belgium in January 2016. 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. About 25 of these will then stay on and continue with the Study Mission in Brussels.

Students participating in the Study Mission will prepare for the simulation at their own universities with the help of faculty at New Paltz and Albany (remotely). Preparatory materials, a syllabus, and advance readings will be posted to the study mission Blackboard page, accessible by password to students on any SUNY campus. In addition to preparing their country and alter ego's position on the simulation's agenda items, Study Mission participants will do some additional readings prior to departure on the EU policy process, in the two "case study" areas selected for investigation:

Immigration Policy and External Action

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information regarding registration for the 3 credit SUNY EU Study mission, please go to the Center for International Programs website at SUNY New Paltz:

<https://studioabroad.newpaltz.edu/>

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SUNY MODEL EU

**January 4-16,
2016**

**Earn 3 credits
Winter Session
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**EU Study Mission
in Brussels,
BELGIUM
"Capital of Europe"**



**SUNY Model EU Simulation
Dutch Council Presidency**

Study Mission Program Costs:

Activity	Cost (USD)
MEU Registration	\$150
(Includes conference materials, opening and closing banquets, 2 lunches on campus, registration materials, entry to a student mixer, bus transport to and from hotel to conference location)	

Study Mission participants need to register and pay separately for the SUNY Model EU (but indicate on form you are participating in Study Mission). Our online registration portal is located at the SUNY MEU website:

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

Administrative Fee	\$200
Program Fee (lodging, excursions)	\$500
Tuition (in state, 3 credits)	\$810
(out of state \$2040)	
Medical/Travel insurance (one month)	\$40
Total Mission Cost	\$1550

Study Mission students (and regular Model EU participants) will stay at the **Hotel Meininger** Quai du Hainaut/Henegouwenkai 33, City Center Brussels in bunked rooms of four.

For more information about **Hotel Meininger** see their website at www.meininger-hotels.com

Students should additionally anticipate the costs of roundtrip airfare out of JFK, acquiring a passport, and an additional \$300 (\$30 a day for meals and incidentals on non-Model EU days).

Breakfasts every day are included in program costs, as are two group dinners, two weekly metro cards, admission to museum and sites, and r/t transport to Bruges, NATO HQ and Luxembourg.

TO REGISTER FOR THE STUDY MISSION:
[HTTPS://STUDIOABROAD.NEWPALTZ.EDU/?GO=
MEUSTUDYMISSION](https://studioabroad.newpaltz.edu/?go=MEUSTUDYMISSION)

TENTATIVE MISSION SCHEDULE: Departing JFK 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

10:00 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

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

Day Trip to Medieval Bruges

Monday, January 11

Policy Making in the EU:
Supra National Actors
Briefing at the EU Commission

Tuesday, January 12

Policy Making in the EU: National
Actors: The Belgian Federal Parliament

Wednesday, January 13

Polycymaking in the EU:
The EU Court of Justice tour/session
Day Trip/group dinner in Luxembourg

Thursday, January 14

Polycymaking in the EU: External Action
NATO and EEAS briefings

Friday, January 15

Tour and Lecture at a Belgian Brewery
Final Group Dinner

Saturday, January 16 Depart Belgium.



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.

