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
Study Mission Program Costs:

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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

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/Henegouwenkaii 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

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
- 5:30-9:30 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**

**Wednesday, January 13**
- Policy making in the EU: The EU Court of Justice tour/session
- Day Trip/group dinner in Luxembourg

**Thursday, January 14**
- Policy making 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.

For more information on the College and how to reach us, visit our website at www.vesalius.edu.