

LOYOLA SUMMER SESSION IN BELGIUM JULY 07 – AUGUST 04, 2016



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American College (Residence)



Getting There...

Please purchase your plane tickets as soon as possible. The following itinerary indicates the flight plan of Dr. David Moore. Use this itinerary as a model for your own.

AIRLINE	FLIGHT#	DATE	FROM	TO	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
United / Canadaair	UA6159	7/7 Thurs	New Orleans (MSY)	Washington DC (IAD)	12:30 PM	3:59 PM
United	UA950	7/7 Thurs	Washington DC (IAD)	Brussels (BRU)	5:40 PM	7:15 AM 7/8 Friday
United	UA951	8/4 Thurs	Brussels (BRU)	Washington DC (IAD)	12:00 PM	2:20 PM
United	UA495	8/4 Thurs	Washington DC (IAD)	New Orleans (MSY)	5:06 PM	6:41 PM

IF YOU ARE NOT ARRIVING IN BRUSSELS WITH THE GROUP, take the train from the Brussels airport to Leuven (Fr: Louvain, not Louvain-la-Neuve which is another town). The airport train station is located below the terminal (basement level-1). The train to Leuven runs twice an hour from the airport. Take the train to Leuven. It is about a 15 minute train ride and costs \$11 in euro. When you arrive at the train station in Leuven, take a taxi and tell the driver you want to go to “The American College at 100 Naamsestraat.”



www.brusselsairport.be/en/passngr/to_from_brussels_airport/train/

Getting in Touch ...

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Important Note:

**Please Remember That Leuven is 7 Hours Ahead of
New Orleans (CST).**

(i.e. 7:00 p.m. in Leuven is 12:00 noon in New Orleans)

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Calling from Belgium The United States: Dial 00-1-(area code)-phone number. When calling a Belgian number within Belgium always dial (0) + city code + number.

Calling from the US to Belgium

Dial 011 + Country Code 32 + City Code for Brussels 2 +number

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INTERNET ACCESS: Ethernet Cable connection in each room.

SKYPE: Make internet calls for free with Skype or Viber.

MOBILE PHONES: Can be purchased when you arrive.

JUST IN CASE ...

Important Phone Numbers

Fr. Robert Gerlich, S.J.

1-504-722-2408

PROGRAM CELL PHONE:

- 1) Belgium
496-28-0441
- 2) Elsewhere in Europe
032-32-496-28-0441
- 3) Calling from the United States
011-32-496-28-0441



Before you Leave ...



PASSPORTS: Get one as far in advance as possible. Make two copies of the picture page – one for yourself and one for Fr. Gerlich.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ID CARDS (ISIC) – Discount card information www.isic.org. Purchase at www.statravel.com (\$25) or locally at Tulane, 7008 Zimple St, Office of International Students. (\$25 cash only), 3 weeks to process. 504-865-5208 for more information.

INSURANCE: All students on Loyola programs will have health insurance through the Lower Agency. Information is available on the CIE web site. A card and an information sheet will be distributed upon arrival Friday morning (7/8).

READ! Read as much as you can about Belgium and the surrounding European countries before you leave.

Follow the newspapers and magazines on political and social developments. Read some thumbnail histories and books or articles about art and architecture. The more you know, the more you'll appreciate this wonderful experience.

COURSE BOOKS: The following books must be purchased in the History Department Office BO 428 before you leave, with the exception of Fr. Dziak's required text. Readers are \$10.00 each (\$20 total). Cash only, please.

Dr. Moore	The American Character (reader)
Dr. Cook	The History of Belgium (reader)
Fr. Gerlich	See syllabus for book information
Fr. Dziak	See syllabus for book information

BAGGAGE REGULATIONS: United Airlines baggage and fee information as of 30 March 2016:

CARRY-ON: One carry-on item and one personal item such as a shoulder bag, backpack, laptop bag, or an item of similar size.

CHECKED LUGGAGE: One bag weighing no more than 50 lbs. (22.68 Kilos). You can check one additional bag for a service fee of \$100. Checked baggage in excess of 100 pounds will not be accepted.

FINANCES: Set up financial arrangements for travel. Credit and debit cards are widely accepted. Notify your credit card company before travel. As of March 30, \$1.00 = 0.89€ or 1€ = \$1.12

PACKING ADVICE: Veteran travelers travel light. We won't have porters, so don't take more than you yourself can comfortably carry. We'll probably have some cool weather as well as some warm weather so you might want to bring shorts and a sweater or light jacket. Jeans are universal in Europe. Europe is much less formal than 10 years ago. Washing machines are available at American College.

OTHER ITEMS YOU SHOULD BRING:

Toiletries – (if you have a preferred brand)	Ethernet Cable
Comfy walking shoes – we walk briskly and often	Soap
Small Umbrella or Rainwear	Towel
Alarm Clock (<u>battery powered</u>)	Wash Cloth
Hangars (plastic)	Bath Robe
Personal medications and prescriptions	Flash Drive

WEATHER: Temperatures vary from the 50s to the lower 80s (°F). Recently we've had cool weather averaging in the 60s (°F), but the last two years were rather warm and sometimes hot.

Temperature Conversion Examples

15°C = 59°F	20°C = 68°F	25°C = 77°F	30°C = 86°F
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ELECTRICITY: U.S. and Belgium/Europe have different systems. All U.S. plug-in devices, including computers and electric shavers (which do not require transformers) will require **U.S. to Belgium plug adapters**. Power transformers are unreliable for hair dryers and curling irons so such items are best purchased at a discount store such as HEMA in Leuven.

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES: www.visitbelgium.com
English/Dutch translation www.heardutchhere.net/index.html
American Embassy in Brussels <http://belgium.usembassy.gov>

WEEKLY MAGAZINE: *The Bulletin*, one of the most useful weekly magazines, is published every Thursday and is filled with Belgian news, articles, information on special events, restaurants reviews, and useful addresses. www.xpats.com

Loyola New Orleans: Tentative Belgium Schedule 2016

- 1) **Thursday, July 7:** Departure from the U.S. **Get to the airport on your own.** Dr. Moore will be on the flight from New Orleans to Wash., DC and DC to Brussels (the “Loyola Flight”). Dr. Cook will join us in DC for the flight to Brussels. (see pg. 3)
- 2) **Friday, July 8, arrival.** Those arriving on or at the same time as the Loyola Flight will be met by Fr. Gerlich. As you exit Customs with your luggage, look and go to the right when you enter the arrival hall. We take a bus from the airport to the American College, our residence hall in Leuven. After a brief rest we will re-gather at **10:30** for on-site orientation and introductory walk around Leuven. On alternate Friday nights in July there is a music festival in the Oude Markt.
- 3) **Saturday, July 9,** meet in courtyard at 1 pm for walk to the Begijnhof (Beguinage) and Arenberg castle.
- 4) **Sunday, July 10, Brussels tour.** Gather in designated area at 10:45 a.m. Get something to eat before we go, and/or bring a snack. We will not stop for food until around 2:30 PM. You will need around 6 euro for the train ticket. The train station accepts VISA cards. You will be on your own in Brussels after the completion of the tour. You may return to Leuven when you wish. The last train from the Central Station to Leuven leaves at approximately 11:45 pm. **CHECK the schedule! Return to Leuven not Louvain-la-Neuve. Not all trains going to Liege stop in Leuven. Make sure the train stops in Leuven.**
- 5) **Monday, July 11, class.** American Character, 09:00-10:20 AM; World War I, 10:30-11:50 AM; History of Belgium, 12:00-01:20 PM; Ignatius Loyola, 1:30-2:50 PM. The class schedule is subject to change.
- 6) **Tuesday, July 12, Bus trip to Ghent and Brugge (Bruges) and back.** Be at the bus pickup point by 8 AM.
NOTE: THE TRIPS ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE. ANY MISSED TRIP WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF A GRADE LEVEL IN ALL CLASSES.
- 7) **Wednesday, July 13, class.**
- 8) **Thursday, July 14, Bus trip to Amsterdam, Netherlands and back.** Be at the bus pickup point by 7:30 AM.
- 9) **Friday, July 15, class.**
- 10) **Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17: SHORT WEEKEND.** You travel at your own risk and you make the arrangements. You may stay at the American College if you wish. You must tell Fr. Gerlich where you will be and with whom you will travel. Students may leave after class on Friday, July 15 and **MUST** be back by midnight on Sunday. **Do not make a reservation to leave Leuven less than an hour after your last class Friday or you will miss your reservation. DO NOT ASK FOR EXCEPTIONS. And remember Fr. Gerlich is the on-site director and any exceptions to the rules (which will not be granted in this matter) or special permissions have to be approved by him.** Class takes precedence: Indeed, though we appreciate the value of travel, **THIS IS A STUDY PROGRAM WITH FIRM CLASSROOM HOURS.**

- 11) **Monday, July 18**, class.
- 12) **Tuesday, July 19**, class.
- 13) **Wednesday, July 20**, Bus trip to Breendonk and Ypres (Ieper) and back. Be at the bus pickup point by 8:30 AM.
- 14) **Thursday, July 21**, class.
- 15) **Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 22, 23, and 24** - LONG WEEKEND. You travel at your own risk and you make the arrangements. You may stay at the American College if you wish. You must tell Fr. Gerlich where you will be and with whom you will travel. Students may leave after class on Thursday, July 21 and **MUST** be back by midnight on Sunday. **Do not make a reservation to leave Leuven less than an hour after your last class Thursday or you will miss your reservation.**
- 16) **Monday, July 25**, class.
- 17) **Tuesday, July 26**, Bus trip to Aachen and Cologne, Germany and back. Bus leaves at 7:30 AM.
- 18) **Wednesday, July 27**, class.
- 19) **Thursday, July 28**, Bus trip to Verdun, France (the city, the Ossuary, Ft. Douaumont about 3 hours from Leuven); a stop on the return at Bouillon; then back to Leuven. Be at the bus pickup point by 7:30 AM.
- 20) **Friday, July 29**, class.
- 21) **Saturday, July 30**, Free. Take a day-trip if you desire, but you must return to the American College by evening.
- 22) **Sunday, July 31**, Beer and Food Festival in Leuven. You may take a day-trip if you desire, but you must return to the American College by evening.
- 23) **Monday, August 1**, class.
- 24) **Tuesday, August 2**, class.
- 25) **Wednesday, August 3**, class or Final Exam.
- 26) **Thursday, August 4**, Departure from Leuven; trip to airport. Be at the bus pickup point (with your luggage) promptly at the time announced by Fr. Gerlich. Whether you are not yet returning to the USA, or are simply taking a later flight, you still must empty your room and leave the American College with the group. Rooms will be locked at this time. Remember you will be financially responsible for any missing keys or tableware, etc. Rooms and kitchens cannot be left unfit for human occupation, as has happened in the past, but must be picked up in accordance with instructions (you will be billed for any extra cleaning costs for your room or the kitchen to which you were assigned).



While in Belgium ...

Study and Reflect ... The Courses

HIST Q260, World War I Through History and Literature

A study of World War I utilizing literature and images to explore the nature and impact of the war.

HIST G364, History of Belgium

An exploration of Belgian history, society, and institutions enhanced by visits to important historical and cultural sites.

HIST A270, The American Character

We will read and reflect on the observations of both Americans and Europeans made from the colonial period to the present as they and we grapple with the concept of an American Character.

RELS V358, Ignatius Loyola

Covers the life of Ignatius Loyola and his spirituality as expressed in his "Spiritual Exercises" and other texts. Students will explore the centers of European learning and spirituality that shaped the founder of the Society of Jesus.

Ordinary Class Schedule

09:00-10:20 AM – *American Character*

10:30-11:50 AM – *World War I*

12:00-01:20 PM – *History of Belgium*

01:30 – 2:50 PM – *Ignatius Loyola*

WHAT'S GOING ON IN BELGIUM:

BRUSSELS

Royal Museum of the Armed Forces & of Military History

Located in Brussels, the Brussels Military Museum is a great day trip for any military history enthusiast. Free admission. *Metro: Merode or Schuman Train Station (Line 1)/Train: Merode or Schuman Train Station/Bus: 20, 28, 36, 67, 80/Tram: 81*

Royal Museums of the Fine Arts of Belgium

There are four museums located in Brussels dedicated to the Fine Arts. The Museum of Ancient Art and the Museum of Modern Art are located in the main building in the downtown area on the Coudenberg. The other two museums are located a small distance away from the center of Brussels. Visitors can expect to enjoy over 20,000 pieces of art.

Atomium

This iconic structure was built for the World Exposition of 1958. One cannot help but see its magnificence from multiple points in Brussels. The top sphere offers a spectacular view of the city. It is open daily from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. Please note that one must have purchased an entrance ticket by 5:30 P.M. *Take Metro line 6 direction Roi Baudouin-Koning Boudewijn and get off at Heysel-Heizel - approximately 5 mins easy walk from the station*

Mini-Europe

This attraction in Brussels offers visitors a taste of many different iconic structures from across Europe. (scaled models) Tickets are approximately 13 Euro.

European Parliament

Brussels is the seat of the European Union; therefore, there are many iconic structures of the EU to explore. The European Parliament offers free guided tours, but be sure to bring your student identification.

Musical Instruments Museum

Unique museum in the heart of Brussels with an extensive instrument collection and fantastic views of the city from the top floor restaurant.

LEUVEN

Music Festivals

Every Friday night in July there is a music festival or some other event in Leuven in the major squares.

Leuven Town Hall (Stadhuis)

The Leuven town hall is the iconic structure that appears on all of the posters that advertise our Study Abroad in Belgium program. It is a building of great historic significance that is but a few minutes away from the American College. There are guided tours on every work day at 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. and on weekends at 3:00 P.M.

St. Peter's Church

St. Peter's Church is the oldest Church in Leuven and is located directly across from the Town Hall. It is a monumental structure that contains beautiful pieces of art and an underground crypt. It is a must see attraction for your first days in Leuven.

Botanical Garden (Kruidtuin)

The Botanical Garden is a wonderful place to study, walk, or experience nature in an urban environment. It is free and open to the public.

Great Beguinage (Groot Begijnhof)

The Great Beguinage was recognized as a World Heritage Site at the turn of the century. It was originally built to house a female religious order. Today, it exists as housing for university staff and students. It is a free attraction that allows the visitor to explore a "small city" from an earlier time.

M Museum - Leopold Vanderkelenstraat 28, 3000 Leuven

M - Museum Leuven, opened its doors in September 2009. The impressive, streamlined museum building was designed by renowned Belgian architect Stéphanie Beel.

The varied permanent collection is built up around two major groups of objects. One is a unique collection of late-gothic paintings and sculptures. The second consists of 19th-century paintings and sculptures by various Flemish masters including Constantin Meunier, Jef Lambeaux, and Georges Minne.

Park Abbey

The abbey church was built in Romanesque style in the thirteenth century, but was redone in Baroque in 1729. The abbey buildings date from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the restored gate dates to 1722, and the farm buildings from the late seventeenth century.

OTHER BELGIUM CITIES

Follow this link below to learn more about the Belgium train system in order to easily access the other wondrous sites throughout Belgium.

<http://www.b-rail.be/nat/E/timetables/>

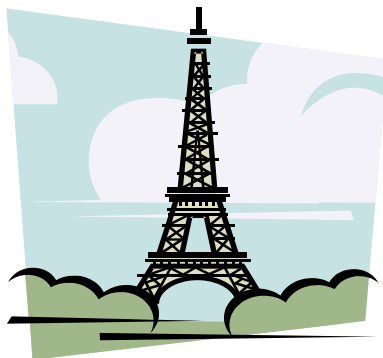
-Antwerp

-Ostend

-Mons

-Or go back to Ghent or Brugge

Beyond Belgium ...



London and Paris are easily accessible from Brussels via a high speed train. It is a great idea to speak with a helpful travel agent in Leuven about these destinations. The travel agency, *Universitas*, is adjacent to Delhaize, the supermarket that most students use to purchase groceries.

TRAVEL AGENCY:

Follow this link to learn more about *Universitas*:

http://www.universitas-travel.be/Holidays/travelagents/universitas/index_d.cfm
(You may need to use an internet browser translator.)

TRAIN:

The Eurostar (to London) and the Thalys (to Paris) are the easiest and fastest methods of transportation to these two cities.

<http://www.eurostar.com/dynamic/index.jsp>
<http://www.raileurope.com>

AIR TRAVEL:

Ryan Air offers cheap flights to students traveling throughout Europe. Ryan Air leaves from the Charleroi airport (over an hour bus ride from the Brussels airport). If you are flying Ryan Air (or other budget airlines) make sure that you know from which airport they depart.

<http://www.ryanair.com/en>

HOSTELS:

The link for the St. Christopher Inns in London, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Bruges, and Prague is

www.st-christophers.co.uk
www.bookbeds.com

The link for Dublin is

www.famoushostels.com



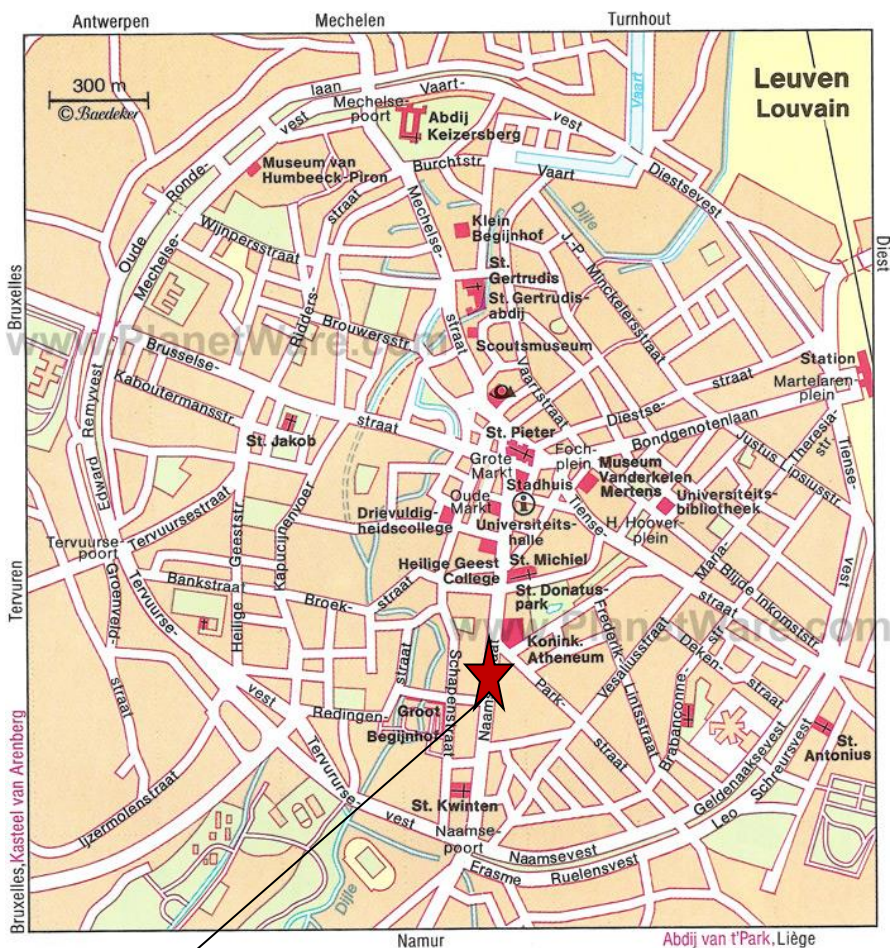
Words to the Wise ...

- 1) Be sure to bring your passport. Have a xeroxed copy of your passport with you. Do not keep it in the same place as your passport. Leave a xeroxed copy of your passport with someone at home. Make sure that your parents have your credit card numbers in case the cards are stolen or lost.
- 2) Have a prescription for any necessary medicines. Bring medicines in a prescription bottle. **BRING ANY MEDICATIONS THAT YOU NEED REGULARLY OR OCCASIONALLY** (in sufficient quantity for our stay). Carry them with you, don't pack in checked luggage.
- 3) For our walks: **Bring** comfortable walking shoes, e.g. tennis shoes or running shoes, not flip-flops. **Bring** a sweater (sweatshirt), a couple of long sleeve shirts, and jeans. It is sometimes chilly in Belgium in the summer. **Bring** rain gear (an umbrella or raincoat). We walk rain or shine.
- 4) Download and know how to use the "Find iPhone" app. Save your pictures and information to the (i)cloud.
- 5) Be aware that U.S. electrical appliances will not work on European current. See page 7 about electricity.
- 6) The cheapest, most effective way to exchange money (get euros) is from an ATM. If you withdraw money with a credit or debit card, a pin number is necessary. Let your bank know you will be using your credit or debit card to withdraw money.
- 7) Get appropriate syllabi and books, **and do required work in advance**. That will make your trip more pleasurable and your class performance more successful. This is a STUDY program.
- 8) You may travel on the second and third weekends but you **CANNOT** miss a single class or come back later than midnight on Sunday. Paris and London are interesting cities with short travel times.
- 9) Do not over pack! You have to carry your own luggage through airports and on trains. Check your airline's web site for its current checked and carry-on luggage policy. There is an extra charge for over-weight luggage. Make sure that you can lift each bag. There are token-operated washing machines at the American College, so you can wash clothes in Leuven. There are also commercial washaterias.

- 10) As a representative of the United States, remember that your personal demeanor reflects upon your fellow Americans, school, and families. Enjoy yourselves but notice that most Europeans do not walk down the street shouting. Pay attention to the level of voices when you are eating and/or drinking. Have fun but respect local customs.
- 11) Realize that the behavior and tastes of Europeans differ from those of Americans. Do not expect people to act like Americans or for everything to be like America. If that is what one wants, one need not travel. Be open and broad-minded. It would be rude and small minded to criticize or make fun of the way other people live, behave, appear, or dress in their own country.
- 12) Be aware of your surroundings. Leuven is a safe city and one can be lulled into a sense of complacency. As in every city, theft and petty crime is a possibility. Do not carry excessive amounts of cash. Do not flaunt purses or carry a wallet in your back pocket. This invites possible theft. When traveling, do not leave your electronic equipment unattended and, when not in use, have them stowed out of sight. Opportunistic thievery can be avoided if one takes the proper precautions. This is especially true in train stations, crowded bars, metro stops, and tourist sites.
- 13) You will undoubtedly meet some very nice and interesting people at the American College and in Leuven. For over 20 years, our students have enjoyed socializing with Belgian and other European students. However, especially when traveling and when you are in a strange place, never go off alone with a person you have just met, no matter how “neat” he/she might seem. Bad things sometimes happen to good people who do stupid things.
- 14) Be considerate about noise in the American College, especially after 11 pm. As you return to the building in the evening make every effort not to disturb others. Do not slam doors or yell. Do not play music with your doors open in the evening and keep the volume down. Earphone use is a good option. A list of house rules will be on your desk when you arrive in your room.

Checking Out.....

- Rooms and kitchens are to be left in presentable order. Bottles, plastic bags, etc. are to be disposed of properly.
- Before you leave your room, return all plates, glasses and dinnerware to the kitchen. Leave your keys on the desktop in your room. Rooms are secured and an inventory is taken upon our departure. The program is charged for anything missing, which in turn means **YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR ANYTHING MISSING. MESSY ROOMS WILL BE CHARGED A CLEANING FEE.**



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