Experience Europe and explore its history and culture

Earn six hours of academic credit while living in the charming university town of Leuven (Louvain) in Belgium. Centrally located, Leuven is only 25 minutes by train from Brussels (the capital of Belgium and one of Europe's principal cities), one hour and 20 minutes from Paris, and two hours from London.

Loyola's Summer Study Program in Belgium is open to all students in good standing at Loyola or at other universities. Students take two courses from those listed. All courses focus directly or indirectly on Europe and the region we visit. Guided bus trips supplement the classroom experience. Trips to cultural and historical sites include a medieval castle in Ghent; the picturesque canal city of Bruges; Charlemagne's cathedral and treasury in Aachen and the cathedral and the old town in Cologne, Germany; the Rembrandt and Vermeer exhibits in the Rijksmuseum, and the Van Gogh Museum and Anne Frank house in Amsterdam in the Netherlands; World War I memorials and fortifications in Verdun, and Fort Breendonk, a nearby Nazi prisoner camp. There are guided walking tours of Leuven and Brussels. Independent international and regional travel are also encouraged. There will be one two-day weekend and one three-day weekend to facilitate such travel. Those wishing to stay at Loyola House on the weekends may do so and take day excursions from Leuven.

We stay at a student housing complex operated by the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. Only a 15-minute walk from the center of old Leuven, the location offers ready access to museums, restaurants, stores, and gardens. Facilities are shared with students of many nationalities, and our students find it an excellent situation for meeting and exchanging views with Europeans. The rooms are generally single occupancy. There are fully equipped kitchens, Internet access, washing machines, and a TV room all in the housing complex.

The program is co-directed by Dr. David Moore and the Rev. Robert Gerlich, S.J., of the Loyola Department of History. Fr. Gerlich is the on-site coordinator.

MEDICAL CONCERNS

The Center for International Education (CIE) will be happy to discuss health care concerns you may have related to study abroad. Because of the particular challenges, both mental and physical, that integration into a new culture and learning environment place on an individual, if you are currently receiving treatment for any chronic illness it is strongly recommended that you talk with CIE or your doctor about plans to manage your health condition abroad.

This program includes activities that may involve using public transportation, negotiating stairs, taking long walks, and attending scheduled classes. If you have any concerns about your ability to perform any of these activities or have other special needs or disability-related concerns, contact CIE at cie@loyno.edu or (504) 864-7550.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND THE ONLINE APPLICATION

Visit http://studyabroad.loyno.edu/?go=LoyolaBelgium

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COURSES ORDINARILY OFFERED

HIST X260, 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. The course will include visits to the In Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres, trenches on the Ypres battlefield, and the battlefield at Verdun.

HIST G364, History of Belgium
An exploration of Belgian history, society, and institutions enhanced by visits to important historical and cultural sites in Belgium.

HIST X270, The American Character
An examination of European influence on the American character and vice versa.

RELS V252, Catholicism
A study of Catholicism with special emphasis on the Belgian and other European sites we visit.

ORDINARY CLASS SCHEDULE

9 – 10:30 a.m.: American Character
10:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.: World War I
12:20 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.: History of Belgium (and additional field trips – to be scheduled)
2 – 3:30 p.m.: Catholicism

FACULTY

Bernard Cook, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus; author of *Belgium: A History.*

The Rev. Robert Gerlich, S.J., Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of History

David Moore, Ph.D., Rev. James J. Pillar, OMI, Distinguished Professor of History and Chair

PROGRAM COSTS

The program costs $3,975. A non-refundable deposit of $500 is due with the application. The remaining amount of $3,475 is due by March 1 or when the student applies if after that date. Students can continue to apply as long as space is available and the payment schedule will be adjusted accordingly. After April 1, refunds (less the deposit) are made only if the student is able to find a replacement. After May 1, there is no refund.

The $3,975 covers room, two Loyola courses, five daylong bus trips, medical insurance, entrance fees, and a weekly allowance (a total of 200 Euros) to help defray food costs. Students will need money for food, entertainment, and optional travel. A “Loyola flight” will be identified for the New Orleans/Brussels round trip flight and a bus from Leuven will pick up and drop off students arriving and departing on that flight. All study abroad students must also pay the university study abroad fee of $300, billed separately through Student Finance.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Any student currently enrolled and in good standing at an accredited institution may register for the Belgium Program. Loyola’s general academic policies apply to study abroad programs. Because of the timeframe, students must attend all classes and trips in order to fulfill the requirements for the courses. Students must check with their academic department or university to determine that the credits and/or grades will be accepted toward graduation requirements.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

In order to attend the program, students must have valid up-to-date passports and any necessary visas. U.S. citizens do not need visas for Belgium, but citizens of other countries may need one. It is up to all students not holding U.S. passports to check with the Belgian Embassy in Washington, D.C., about the necessary visas.

PROGRAM HISTORY

In 1993 Fr. David Boileau and Dr. Bernard Cook launched Loyola’s Summer Program in Belgium, now the oldest continuously operating study abroad program at Loyola. Over the years, hundreds of Loyola students have participated in the program. Many have formed long-term friendships with Europeans, and all have won new international perspectives and experienced the challenges of living and managing in a foreign culture. It is for this reason that we are grateful to the many professors, Belgium contacts, and students who continue to make this program possible.