

CULTURAL COMMUNICATION COMPETENCE: INTERACTING IN A GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM – MID MAY – MID JUNE 2016

Open to ALL Majors

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ESTIMATED COST: The estimated total program fee is \$4,900 (assuming a minimum of 16 students). This includes airfare, housing, travel passes, field trips, insurance, and fees. *The cost does not include tuition, most meals, or incidentals.* Tuition is paid to the Business Office and the program fee is paid to the Study Abroad Office (SAO). The SAO will contact each student with exact costs and payment deadlines once the student is accepted to the program. The first payment is a \$1,000 deposit, due two weeks after conditional acceptance to the program or by 30 October (whichever is earlier).

TRAVEL: Students will travel as a group from the U.S. to Brussels and will return as a group. Exact travel dates will be available in late December/early January. Additionally, the class will travel in the country for a variety of fieldtrips and excursions.

LODGING: Students will reside at an extended-stay hotel in rooms and/or apartments with other students. Each room/apartment will house 3-4 students and provides an equipped kitchenette.

WHY BRUSSELS?: Brussels is the capital of Belgium and headquarters of the European Union (EU), North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and numerous international organizations and corporations. Given the city's stature as an international hub for commerce and politics, it is an ideal location to study various aspects of cross-cultural communication.

COURSE INFORMATION

COMM 321WI: Communication and Film (3 credits)

This course focuses on film, culture and communication. Specifically, it will explore the role film plays in our understanding of the history and culture of Belgium and the Benelux region. Students will evaluate a variety of films representing numerous elements of culture through multiple written analyses. *Partially fulfills the university writing intensive requirement. Prerequisite: ENGL 223.*

COMM 340: Intercultural Communication (3 credits)

This course examines the role that communication plays in an international setting. Specifically, it will examine the challenges of intercultural communication with a focus on political, organizational, and relational implications of communicating on the world stage. *Fulfills the AIGM requirement.*

*Note: Students **must** take both courses. COMM majors may use these courses to satisfy major requirements.*

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 9 October (earlier if program fills)

DEPOSIT DEADLINE: 2 weeks after receipt of conditional acceptance or **30 October** (whichever is earlier)

QUESTIONS?: Contact the Study Abroad Office in McMurran Hall (<http://cnu.edu/studyabroad/>) or the Program Director, Todd Lee Goen (todd.goen@cnu.edu).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ADMISSION PROCESS: Admission to the program is competitive. Below is an overview of the process. If you have additional questions, please contact the Program Director or the SAO.

Application: Each application requires submission of an application form located on the study abroad website, a recommendation form from a faculty member, and an unofficial transcript. Students should submit their applications early and give careful consideration to their responses on the application.

Application Review: Following the submission of a completed application the Program Director will review each application. An interview with the Program Director and/or program staff may be required if the director or staff have questions or concerns.

Conditional Admission: Students who meet university and program requirements will receive conditional admission to the program. Once a student receives conditional admission, s/he has two weeks to pay the program deposit of \$1,000.

Admission: Students who meet all required deadlines, attend the mandatory meetings, and provide all additional documentation will be fully admitted to the program and allowed to travel.

Note: Students on any form of academic probation are NOT eligible to participate in this program. Students with disciplinary/conduct sanctions will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The decision of the Program Director is final with regard to disciplinary cases.

PROGRAM DEADLINES: Deadlines for applications and payments are below. Applications and payments are due to the study abroad office. *Tuition payments (estimate of around \$2,000) are handled separately and will follow the university's summer tuition payment schedule.*

9 Oct. 2015: Application (submit early as program may fill)

30 Oct. 2015: Deposit (or two weeks after acceptance) - \$1,000

4 Dec. 2015: Payment #1 - \$1,500

29 Jan. 2016: Payment #2 - \$2,400

Itinerary, accommodations, & travel subject to changes based on group size, security concerns, availability, etc.

FINANCIAL AID: Students enrolled in six hours of credit during a summer term are typically eligible for financial aid. Please see the financial aid office for details. Travel stipends are available for PLP and some Honors students to study abroad. Additional scholarship opportunities may also exist (consult the financial aid office as well as the SAO).

FREE TRAVEL: The design of this program affords students three, three-day weekends to travel within Europe in groups of no fewer than three students. Exploring various aspects of cultures is a central component to developing cultural communication competence as well as study abroad. Students who wish to free travel **must** file their plans with the program director prior **April 15**. FYI, Paris is an hour and a half by train, London is just under two hours by train, and Amsterdam is three hours by train from Brussels.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION: Mandatory pre-departure orientation sessions are required of all students (i.e., part of course grades). The purpose of these sessions is to prepare you for the trip and the courses as well as to complete paperwork, etc. Detailed information will be provided about each meeting. Meetings are tentatively scheduled from 16:00 to 19:00 on the following dates:
13 Nov. 2015: Introductions, Overview, and Paperwork
22 Jan. 2016: Living in Brussels
19 Feb. 2016: Traveling Abroad
25 Mar. 2015: Course Introductions/Planning.

WHY STUDY ABROAD?: As technological advances continue to shrink the modern world and more and more businesses enter the global marketplace, study abroad often provides a competitive edge to college graduates in their employment hunt. Even employers located solely within the U.S. typically desire employees with cultural communication competence as the U.S. is one of the most diverse countries in the world.

Eligibility to participate in this program is contingent upon BOTH academic performance and Honor Code compliance during the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters. Deposits and payments are nonrefundable. Additionally, admitted students must adhere to the Honor Code while studying abroad.