

Discover Yourself in the Heart of Europe

Study – Intern – Explore



Vesalius College
Brussels

In affiliation with



Vesalius College of Global Affairs

Vesalius College is the oldest higher education institution in Brussels that offers Bachelors, Masters, and Executive programmes taught exclusively in English. Vesalius represents the best of both American and European educational systems, adopting strengths from its two founders: the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Boston University.

4 fields of study

Vesalius offers interactive education in 4 fields:

- Global Affairs
- Human Rights and Global Justice
- International Business and Entrepreneurship
- Communication and Journalism


Passionate Faculty of Outstanding Scholars & Senior Policy-Makers

Vesalius College has an outstanding faculty of passionate professors and researchers, educated at the world's leading universities. Seasoned policy-makers join the ranks to provide a 'real world' perspective in the classroom.

All are united by their expertise and their passion for unlocking your potential by teaching in an engaging, approachable manner.

‘Worldly.
Passionate.
Intelligent.’

Julia, Study Abroad alumna.



UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

European Peace and Security Studies

The European Peace and Security Studies (EPSS) certificate explores the fundamental challenges of contemporary security issues and crisis management from a uniquely Brussels perspective.

EPSS consists of 4 courses (6 ECTS credits each) and a seminar series featuring prominent guest speakers.

Courses

- Understanding contemporary Conflicts in the Euro-Mediterranean Region
- Security, Migration and Cultural Diversity in Europe
- NATO and Transatlantic Approaches to Security
- Military Approaches to Promoting Security

PAST SEMINARS INCLUDE

- The Art of Peace, a three-day intensive workshop with Prof. Johan Galtung, the Founder of Peace Studies
- The IMF in the World Economy, Jeffrey Franks, Director and Senior Resident Representative to the EU, IMF Europe Office
- The Future of Transatlantic Relations & Global Governance, H.E. Anthony L. Gardener, US Ambassador to the EU and Fernando Andresen Guimarães, European External Action Service (EEAS)

The certificate is offered at no additional cost in the fall semester.

Innovative Learn by Doing Approach

Vesalius designed a unique method of instruction called Theory-Guided, Practice Embedded & Experiential Learning (TPEL). TPEL encourages self-discovery and develops professional skills by combining theoretical knowledge with hands-on experience. Vesalius prepares students for both employment and graduate school.

THE VESALIUS INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME (VIP)

You'll probably never use the Pythagorean theorem in real life like your high school math teacher said you would. What you learn at Vesalius – business, communications, diplomacy – is relevant and needs to be practiced.

The Vesalius Internship Programme allows you to apply those classroom theories to real work. You can practice what you've learned in a supervised internship at one of our prestigious internship partners. By completing an internship during your study abroad experience you can prove to future employers that you are motivated, able to balance commitments, and have experience in an international and multicultural setting.

BRINGING BRUSSELS INTO THE CLASSROOM

TPEL brings Brussels into the classroom by incorporating guest lectures, conferences, and workshops into the curriculum. This gives you the chance to interact with key decision makers in the political and business scenes.

‘My colleagues warmly welcomed me into the team and taught me about tools and methods with which I was unfamiliar. The internship has given me a better outlook into what I would want to pursue in the future.’

Marie, Study Abroad alumna.

Internship Partners Include



2014 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Kailash Satyarthi speaks about his path to becoming an activist.



Launch of the Global Peace Index, organized with Institute for Economics and Peace, the Royal Military Academy, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Europe, Search for Common Ground and the Global Governance Institute. The GPI is the world's leading tool to measure peace.

In Brussels anything is possible

OUR CAMPUS

At Vesalius you will experience the best of both worlds: the individualized support of a liberal arts college and the resources of a major university.

Vesalius, in combination with our affiliate, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel offer a full suite of services:

- 3 research libraries
- Health (medical) services
- Dining halls
- Athletic Facilities (swimming pool, climbing wall, squash courts)
- Free psychological counselling
- Homestay and housing placements

HOW TO APPLY

We will be there to support you every step of the way from answering application questions and giving you pre-departure advice to welcoming you at orientation and helping you navigate life in Belgium.

Application Steps

- 1 Decide to break out of your comfort zone and experience life in the Capital of Europe.
- 2 Talk with your study abroad advisor. They will probably have a specific set of instructions for you to follow.
- 3 Get excited; you're about to embark on a transformational experience!

If you found Vesalius outside your university's study abroad offerings, get in touch with us and we'll explain what you need to do!

BRUSSELS

7 Reasons Why

1 THE CAPITAL OF EUROPE

Brussels is the heart of European business and politics. It is home to the EU and over 1,700 corporations have their European headquarters here.

2 CUISINE

Chocolate, waffles, beer, fries, and mussels. What more do you need?

3 DIVERSITY

Foreign nationals make up 30% of Brussels' population. 183 nationalities and 108 languages are represented in the city.

4 CULTURE

With a variety of museums, galleries, and a vibrant scene, there is always something to do.

A photograph of two young women smiling and looking upwards. The woman on the left is Black, wearing a black beanie and a maroon jacket over a grey patterned top. The woman on the right is white with long red hair, wearing a white jacket and a grey and black patterned scarf. They are standing in front of a classical building with columns and statues.

“I like everything about Brussels and Belgium. The gastronomy, the cosmopolitan atmosphere, the student lifestyle and the ease of travelling.”

Christian, Study Abroad alumnus.

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5 ARCHITECTURE

On your way to class, walk past everything from 1600s Baroque to modern EU buildings with art deco and nouveau in between.

6 CONNECTIONS

Paris and London are only 90 minutes away by high speed train for weekend explorations. Plus, most major European cities are less than two hours away by plane from Brussels Airport.

7 SUSTAINABLE

Brussels was Europe's first sustainable city for its environmental policy.