

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Brussels Internship Program

Locations: Brussels, Belgium

Dates: August 12-December 16, 2023 (tentative)

Program Description: Brussels, Belgium—the capital of the European Union—is a prime location for Furman students to experience politics, policy making, international business, and public relations through academically rigorous internships. Students will devote 20-25 hours per week to a high-quality, individualized internship and will receive credit for an internship course, as well as a travel-study course taught by the Furman instructor. Students will also take two courses from the fall term offerings at Vesalius College. Open to all majors.

Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

	Frequency		Frequency
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional	STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	Never	Foreign Language Environment	French, Dutch, Flemish
Course work in English	Always	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Flat, cobblestones
Laptop Required	Always	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Always	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Unpredictable weather; rainy during the cooler months.
Traditional Classroom	Most of the time.	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	None
Group Work	No	Is tap water safe to drink	Safe to drink
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Furman courses assessments are journals and papers. Students will also be assessed by Vesalius College for two courses.	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Pickpocketing
Interactions with local residents	Always	Cultural Dress Code	None
Field Work/Research	Never	Curfew	None
Internship/ Volunteer Work	Internship Program	Motion Sickness	Travel on planes, trains and busses
Other	Textbook assignments and required attendance on some weekend excursions	Other	
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	HEALTH & DIET	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Always	Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Always
Carrying equipment or program supplies	Never	Food Allergy Accommodations	Always
Standing 60+ minutes	Sometimes	Group Meals	Some group meals are provided
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Yes - in most housing	Cooking for oneself	Most of the time
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	Sometimes	Host family prepares meals	Never
Walking 3+ miles per day	Always	Healthcare easily accessible	Always
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Daily	Quality of Healthcare	Excellent
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	WATER ACTIVITIES	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Host Family	Never	Swimming	No
Roommate	Possibly	Snorkeling	No
Shared Apartment	Yes	SCUBA	No
Dormitory	Never	Boat, canoes or other water activities	No
Camping	Never	Sea sickness	Not applicable
Hotel	Shared rooms (double occupancy) on overnight excursions	Other	
Cell phone signal available	Always		
Internet signal available	Always		
Refrigerator Access	Most of the time.		
Air Conditioning	Possibly/unknown		

Center for Disease Control Recommendations:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/belgium>