

UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR / WESTERN UNIVERSITY

EUROPEAN UNION STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

MAY 2-15, 2021

APPLICATION FORM

Name (exactly as it appears on your passport):

Date of birth (day/month/year):

Citizenship:

Mailing address:

Telephone number:

Your university email address:

Your university and major:

Year of study:

Your GPA or overall average*:

Have you taken a university course on comparative politics or international relations or some other course relating to Europe? Yes _____ No _____

If the answer to the preceding question was yes, was the name and level of this course?

In no more than 200 words, please explain why you wish to do this program.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM

***A minimum average of 70% or a GPA of 2.7 is required.**

This program is physically demanding. Members of the group walk a minimum of 3 miles (5 kilometers) each day and sometimes more. Students using Fitbits have logged an average of 28,000 steps per day during the program and much more on a couple of days. Walking cannot be at a leisurely pace, otherwise we are certain to be late for meetings. We are also in the Brussels metro system most days. As is true of many European metro systems, the one in Brussels is not friendly to people who have difficulty climbing stairs or walking at a brisk pace and at most stations there are no elevators. This is also true of the Paris metro system.

If you are accepted into this program you will need to have a valid passport. We will require your passport information at the first group meeting in the winter of 2021. Please make sure that the expiry date on your passport does not fall within 4-5 months of our stay in Belgium. Airline and border authorities can be difficult about this. If your citizenship is not Canadian or American, you may require a visa in order to enter the EU. Please contact me about this as soon as you are accepted to the program so that we can start what has always been a pretty straightforward process.

Everyone requires medical insurance that will cover you while in Belgium. In the case of Canadian students, you should know that your provincial health insurance may not cover all procedures and treatments abroad. Green Shield and other private insurance plans often cover expenses that are not reimbursed by provincial health plans. It is every student's responsibility to make sure that he or she has adequate coverage.

Remember that you are responsible for arranging your own roundtrip airfare to Belgium. The program does not cover this cost. All students are expected to meet at the Irish College in Leuven by 2:00pm on Sunday, May 2, 2021. If you wish to arrive a day or two early and/or stay a day later than the normal check-out on Sunday, May 16, this may be arranged.

Offers of acceptance may begin as the end of December, 2020. We endeavor to have roughly equal numbers of students from Windsor and Western, the two partner institutions in this program. Once the program is full at 25 students, students accepted subsequently are placed on a waiting list.

A deposit of \$300 will be required in order to reserve your accommodations in Leuven. The date for this payment will be announced and is likely to be toward the end of January. For planning reasons and in order to treat wait-listed students fairly, **deposits are non-refundable.** If, however, it happens that we do not have enough students to run the program in 2021, those who have paid deposits will be reimbursed. In the twelve years of the program we've never had too few students, so you should think very seriously about your ability to commit to the program before you pay the \$300 deposit.

We are required to provide passport and other information for all participants several weeks in advance for some of the institutions that we visit. This is another reason why we need to know, three months before arriving in Belgium, who is committed to the program.

The deadline for applications from Windsor students is December 22, 2020. In the case of Western students, your deadline is indicated at the website for Western International.

If you have questions that you'd like answered before applying, please feel free to contact Professor Stephen Brooks at brooks3@uwindsor.ca