

European Union Study Tour & Internship Program

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Introduction

The *EU Study Tour and Internship Program* provide a unique opportunity for students in a variety of disciplines: business, economics, international European politics, international relations and social issues --to immerse themselves in the European Union and other European institutions. You will have the opportunity to have “face to face” contact and dialogue with presenters and seminar leaders from the ranks of those actively involved in the day to day work of the EU, other European institutions, diplomatic representations to the EU (including Canada) and significant civil society organizations. You will experience the EU in action-- by attending a hearing at the European Court of Justice, sessions at the European Parliament and the European Commission, and media conferences, to mention only a few. We like to say this experience isn't only “*about the EU*”—it's “*in the EU*”! Each year great effort is made to include and highlight topics of growing relevance to Europe and Canada as well as continue a core program of business, economic, political and social themes.

As well, we offer substantial internship opportunities following the Tour for a selected group of students to participate in internships with European institutions from two to six months duration.

Who we are

The *EU Study Tour and Internship Program* is organized by a consortium of Canadian universities through the *Network for European Studies (Canada)*. Academics from Canada's leading EU studies programs and centres have contributed to making the activity well recognized within the EU and respected by its European and Canadian partners. Members of the *Network* have ensured that the Tour program meets high standards in content and participation.

A unique approach to the study of the European Union

With the Study Tour, you will experience the history, institutions, and current issues of the EU through study visits to the major institutions of the European Union, located in Brussels, Luxembourg, Strasbourg and Frankfurt. Building on eight years of successful tours, the *Network* has prepared a lively immersion in the life of the European Union. You can share this unique approach to the study of the European Union. .

You will join approximately 45 students from Canada for three weeks of seminars and presentations within the institutions of the European Union, as well as other significant European organizations with seminars and presentations at the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Central Bank and the European Court of Justice, to name just a few. Additionally, you will have the exceptional opportunity to receive briefings from and exchange views with representatives of other European organizations such as the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights. You

will meet with representatives of European offices of significant international organizations, such as the International Organization for Migration. You will also participate in sessions with significant state and sub-state representatives engaged with the EU: the Canadian Mission to the EU, the Québec Delegation, the Turkish Mission, the Russian Federation Mission and important non-government organizations such as PAYOKE, a significant NGO in the international fight against human trafficking. The Study Tour is an excellent educational and career opportunity: it is less a "course" than an immersion in European institutions, a program to support self-directed and independent study.

What is the duration and what will it cost?

The study tour is approximately three weeks< beginning May 6th and ending May 25 with departure on May 26. The fee for the three weeks, including transportation between and in European cities plus all accommodation is \$2,800 if you are a student from a university that is a member of the *Network* (Carleton University is a member); otherwise the cost is an additional \$300 (\$3,100). You are responsible for your own transatlantic travel arrangements. Although consumption and needs vary, you can expect to spend \$30 per day on meals and incidentals although the Study Tour provides some meals and receptions. Many universities provide financial aid to their student participants.

Academic credit

The sponsoring university must give academic credit for Study Tour participation—the *Network* does not involve itself in how the credit will be awarded or how the student is evaluated. At Carleton the credit is provided through a summer course in which all participants must register. At the end of the Tour, the Directors provide an assessment of participation to the sponsoring faculty person to use at their sole discretion.

About the Internship Program

After the completion of the European Union Study Tour, approved candidates from the tour are assigned various unpaid internships in Brussels and other European cities for a period of two to six months. Students taking the Study Tour arrange for academic credit at their home university and it is preferred that the internships receive academic recognition. There is a \$500 administration fee for successful internship candidates. In the past, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) has provided a travel grant of up to \$1000 each for successful internship applicants and it is anticipated that this may again be available.



How you apply for the EU Study Tour?

Step 1 Each institution is responsible for its own selection procedure. Please contact Carleton University's faculty sponsor, Prof. Joan DeBardleben (joan_debardeleben@carleton.ca). Approved applicant is *one selected by the local faculty sponsor*.

Step 2 Following selection by Carleton, approved applicants forward the application form (found on the web site. www.capilanou.ca) to the business office of the Tour with a deposit of \$1000. From that point on students receive regular information bulletins on the program and operational aspects of the Tour.

Step 3 Students must pay the balance of the Tour fee by approximately April 1, make their personal travel arrangements, read all the bulletins issued by the Tour, and participate in the faculty sponsor’s preparation activities.



How do you apply for an internship?

Step 1 Application for an Internship is made on condition that the student will participate in the EU Study Tour. There are a variety of internships and conditions attached to some. A list is provided on the web site.

Step 2 Students can only apply with the approval of a faculty sponsor. Students must apply for three internships indicating priority ranking—this allows an applicant to be considered for alternatives if not successful in obtaining a first choice. Application forms for the internships are supplied on the web site.

Step 3 An internship application must be supported by a faculty reference form and submitted by your faculty sponsor. A letter of committal is also required (see web site).

The final selection and assignment is the responsibility of a sub-committee of the Academic Coordinating Committee (the governing body of the Network).

Some of the host institutions of the Internship Program in Europe (for a full list visit the web site)

Canadian Embassy to Belgium	European Environmental Agency – Copenhagen
Canadian Mission to the European Union	European Parliament
Centre for European and Transition Studies- University of Latvia	European Youth Forum
Centre for European Policy Studies	Europolitics (Press Internship)
Council of Europe-Strasbourg	International Organization for Migration--Berlin, Brussels, Vienna and Nuremberg
Eurochambres	Payoke NGO contra trafficking -Antwerp
European Central Bank-Frankfurt	Quebec Delegation in Brussels
European Commission	Research Institute-European Trade Union Congress
European Economic and Social Committee	

Please go to our web site for more detailed information and resources.

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