



## Open Enrolment Summer Programme

# Summer Programme in European Studies

Get ready for the best summer ever! The six-week *Summer Programme in European Studies (SES)* is designed for adventurous students looking for an authentic European study experience while earning credits towards their major. Choose from a variety of courses or study tours taught in English at Maastricht University, one of the highest-ranking universities in the Netherlands. Course topics fit most majors and have a distinct European or international theme. Maastricht, birthplace of the European Union and situated on the border of the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany, is a picture perfect European town, with layers of history waiting to be discovered in its medieval city centre. Students fall in love with Maastricht's vibrant local culture and enjoy the many art and music festivals that take place throughout the summer. Centrally located in the heart of Europe, the *Summer Programme in European Studies* at Maastricht University is an ideal way for students to experience Europe inside and outside the classroom.

## Inspiring Courses

Courses in the SES programme focus on the economic, political and socio-cultural aspects of Europe or approach topics from a wider international perspective. All classes include exciting hands-on experiences such as field trips, museum visits and seminars on location. Visit the site of the famous Maastricht Treaty, discuss sustainable business challenges with local entrepreneurs or attend a lecture about the Dutch Golden Age while examining the actual artwork in the museum. Learn how modern Europe emerged from the crucible of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, discover the common foundations of European law or compare European public health systems.

Maastricht University (UM), the most international university in the Netherlands, stands out for its innovative approach to learning and international outlook. Classes are typically interactive, with a limited number of students to give you easy, personal contact with the professor and fellow students. You will have classes four days per week and engage with European and other international students in a range of stimulating and challenging topics.

## Programme Structure

The *Summer Programme in European Studies* is divided into two 'block periods' of three weeks each. Students select one course or study tour per block period. Courses are worth 6 ECTS, study tours are 4 ECTS. In most cases, 2 ECTS are equal to 1 American credit.

### Block period 1\*

- Entrepreneurship: it's all about creating value
- European Public Health in a Globalising World
- Financial Market Reform in the European Union
- Going Dutch: Literary Reflections of the Low Countries in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century
- Intercultural Communication
- Medical Ethics
- The European Union: Peace, Conflict and Human Rights
- Study Tour Central and Eastern Europe
- Study Tour Western Europe

### Block period 2\*

- Comparative Analysis of Global News Coverage
- Doing Business in the Emerging Markets of Eastern and Central Europe
- Dutch Art History
- Economics of European Integration
- Europe since the Renaissance: The Making of a Continent and its Identity
- Leadership and Management in a Global World
- Law and Politics: current topics in the EU
- Positive Psychology

\* Please check our website for up-to-date course offerings.

## Unique European study tours

The SES programme also offers two exceptional multiple-day study tours where students discover the European Union at first-hand. The study tours take students to significant organisations, companies and cultural sites that are often unavailable to the casual tourist. They form an extensive and engaging preparation for many of the courses that follow in Maastricht. The Western Europe study tour takes students to some of the most important institutions in the European Union and some of Northern Europe's most beloved cultural locales. During the Central and Eastern Europe study tour students gain in-depth knowledge of Eastern Europe's transitioning economies and budding democracies.

*"CES gave me the opportunity to meet people from all around the world, travel, and learn about the EU; helping me break intercultural barriers and discover Europe on my own."* Francisco Andrade, The Pennsylvania State University

## Practical Information

### Programme Dates

**Summer 2015: 26 June - 7 August 2015**

### Introduction

The programme starts with an introduction period to get to know the university and includes a BBQ, CES services (such as airport pick up and phone rental), a tour of Maastricht and the surrounding area and integration into Dutch student life.

### Amsterdam Day Trip

During the introduction we take you on a day trip to Amsterdam, our beautiful capital. See where Anne Frank lived with her family, savour Dutch pancakes and take a boat tour through the Amsterdam canals. Marvel at Rembrandt's Nightwatch and Van Gogh's famous paintings with your own eyes. CES will show you the true Amsterdam: a safe city with old world charm, intimate squares, 17<sup>th</sup> century mansions, canals, and bikes everywhere!

### Study Tours

The *Western Europe* study tour takes you on a journey to Brussels, Reims, Paris, Strasbourg and Luxembourg. Deepen your understanding of the EU by visiting the Parliamentarium and European Commission in Brussels and participating in a lobbying and advocacy training at a leading consultancy in Public Affairs and Relations. Marvel at the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Reims, a UNESCO World Heritage site and soak up the multitude of culture in Paris, the City of Light. Explore the majestic Palace of Versailles and wonder at its splendour. Visit the Plenary Chamber of the European Parliament and the Council of Europe in picturesque Strasbourg and Court of Auditors in Luxembourg, and gain in-depth knowledge of the process of European integration at first hand.

The *Central and Eastern Europe* study tour takes you on a voyage to explore this exciting part of Europe, including Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria and the Czech Republic. Explore Europe's conflicted past in eclectic Berlin and visit Checkpoint Charlie and a former Stasi Prison. Pay tribute at Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland. Visit the impressive Wieliczka Salt Mines and discover the magical architecture of Budapest, both UNESCO World Heritage sites. Take a tour of the United Nations offices in Vienna. Wander around the beautiful Hradčany Castle district in Prague and the site of Nazi rally grounds in Nuremberg. Discuss business opportunities during company visits to the Skoda Factory and US Steel Kosice. Attend inspiring lectures on transition and democracy in Eastern Europe and learn about the history, economies and culture of several vibrant and diverse nations.

*\*For detailed and up-to-date course offerings, tuition and housing fees please check our website. Although this brochure was made with the utmost care, no rights can be derived from it.*

### Travel Opportunities

Experiencing Europe is a big part of the programme. With classes four days a week, there are plenty of three-day weekends to explore Europe on your own. Take a short train ride to Brussels, Amsterdam, London or Paris. Catch a low-cost flight from one of seven airports around Maastricht to just about any place in Europe, including Berlin, Prague, Rome or Barcelona!

### Tuition

The tuition fee includes 2 courses and registration at Maastricht University, all course materials, field trips, the Amsterdam day trip, extensive introduction and all CES services. For Summer 2015 the tuition fee is € 2200\*.

For study tour and single block period prices, please refer to the CES website.

### Housing

Most CES students stay in single or double rooms at the International Student Guesthouse of Maastricht University. Rooms in the P-building have a private kitchen and rooms in the C-building have communal cooking facilities; in both buildings the bathroom facilities are shared. Housing costs for Summer 2015 range from € 649 to € 965\*.

### Visa & Residence Permit

Students do not need a temporary residence permit (VVR) for stays shorter than 90 days, although they might need a visa (VKV). Citizens of Visa Waiver Program countries (including the US) do not need a visa to enter the Netherlands. Visa costs are not included in the tuition fee. Please refer to the CES website for more information.

### Insurance

Students need sufficient health care, liability and travel insurance for the duration of their stay. Most students are covered through their home university, but CES can assist students who need to purchase their own.

## Application Requirements

CES Open Enrolment programmes are competitive. Early application is recommended. Applicants must be in good academic standing, have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and must be proficient in English. Please refer to the CES website for more information and an online application form. Don't hesitate to contact CES with questions. We are happy to help!

### Application Deadline

**Summer 2015: 15 April 2015**

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