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## INTRODUCTION

The European Union (EU) Studies Program is housed in the University of Strasbourg, located in Strasbourg, France.<sup>a</sup> Offered as a one-semester program, the classrooms and dormitory are situated in an ancient castle. Classes are conducted in English; however, the ability to speak French is a plus. The EU program is designed to be interdisciplinary in nature, so students can take a broad range of courses, which includes management and business, economics, political science, history, art, languages, literature, and culture. Both the graduate and upper division undergraduate students comes from accredited institutions around the world.

This program provides Many wonderful opportunities for a student to learn more about Europe and the European Union beyond what they can learn from books and in the classrooms. This is an extensive cultural program, which includes visits and excursions to many important historical, cultural, and political sites, as well as day and overnight trips in and around Strasbourg, France. There is an opening and closing event, as well as many evening events and day-time activities that will be organized throughout the semester.

## ABOUT STRASBOURG

The city of Strasbourg is located in Eastern France, near the border with Germany. Being that it is the most important city of the Alsace region. Strasbourg occupies a central position in the Western Europe. This is the reason Strasbourg was selected to shelter numerous international and EU institutions, such as the Council of Europe, European Court of Human Rights, European Parliament, Ombudsman, Europol, and European Science Foundation. For the people from Alsace, Strasbourg becomes an emblem of the bellicose history of France and Germany. For the rest of Europeans, the city represents the central point of the United Europe.

Located on one of the largest fresh water reserves in Europe, Strasbourg was built on the left bank of the Rhine and Ill rivers. There are many tributaries crossing different neighborhoods of the city). Because of this, Strasbourg has an increased risk of flooding some neighborhoods, such as the Montagne Verte or Robertsau.

Being marked by the city's history, which has both the French and German influences, the architecture of Strasbourg is primarily medieval. The historic center is dominated by houses with colombages (German influence), especially in La Petite France and Finkwiller districts or around the Notre-Dame de Strasbourg cathedral. Most of these houses were built between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries. During Louis XIV's reign, around the period of 1638 -1715, the city changed its architectural codes and adopted the French architecture, and built private hotels such as the Cour de Honau, Episcopal Palace, Hôtel de Deux-Ponts, and l'Hôtel the Klinglin. Today, the city's appearance is more of an aristocratic appeal, with its architecture displaying the richness of the old free Imperial city.

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<sup>a</sup> EU Studies Program in Strasbourg, France. <http://www.eustudiesprogram.eu/resources/eustudies-web.pdf>.

## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Strasbourg is a relatively young university. Nevertheless, it was founded on age-old tradition and has a world-wide reputation as one of Europe's foremost research universities. Hence, it is European by nature but international by design. Students can enroll in courses offered from any of the schools at the university: (1) Institut d'Études Politiques (IEP) IEP Strasbourg or (2) Sciences Po Strasbourg, which was the second IEP, founded in 1945, after the IEP Paris (Sciences Po). Courses available to students include a wide range of disciplines, such as Economics, History, Law, Political Science, and Sociology. The École de Management Strasbourg (EM) EM Strasbourg is the business school at the University of Strasbourg. As one of the elite grandes écoles in France, it ranks in the top 20 business schools in the country. Further, the EM has earned the internationally recognized AACSB accreditation.

## INCLUDED IN THE TUITION

The program fees include a standard tuition and additional comprehensive fees that students pay to their own university. The program fees include all of the following items:

- Full-time tuition fee for 12 t-15 credits
- Registration fees for the EU program
- Official transcripts from the University of Strasbourg
- Information packet and airport pick-up
- Accommodations at a castle
- Welcome meal and many group meals
- French breakfast daily
- Use of campus facilities at the castle
- Free use of computer lab and internet access
- 6 hours of basic French language
- Extensive cultural program and activities in and around Strasbourg
- Tours to Belgium and Germany
- Participation in an international symposium
- Personal support before, during, and after the program
- Public transportation pass for the semester
- All ground transfers for the included activities
- International health insurance

## THREE DAYS IN STRASBOURG<sup>b</sup>

Strasbourg is the place where you can follow the legendary Alsace Wine Route, do some holiday shopping at the city's hugely popular Christmas Market, or cruise along the Rhine River. Below are highlights of a few places that I would like to visit while in Strasbourg.

<sup>b</sup> Source: Viator. <http://www.viator.com/Strasbourg/d5502-ttd?pref=02&aid=g7299&clid=CPS107i5q8MCFzj7Aod12IAFw>

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## Day 1 Take a Walking Tour of the Grande Île

In the heart of the historic city, Strasbourg's water-ringed Grande Île is the best activity to participate on a good sunny day. I can start my day with a walking tour of the city's top attractions. First, I will walk around La Petite France, which is a historic district full of medieval half-timbered houses and winding canal ways. From there, I will make a beeline for the imposing Cathedral of Notre Dame, which is the best views in the city. I will then spend my afternoon exploring the museums of the neighboring Palais Rohan, and then enjoy an atmospheric dinner at the medieval Maison Kammerzell.

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## Day 2 Explore the Canals and Parks

For my second day of fun, I would like to see the sights from the water with a boat ride along the River Ill. I could cruise around the Grand Île, explore the city's scenic canal ways, and see landmarks such as the Covered Bridges and the Vauban Dam. Once I am back on dry land, I will eat some traditional Alsace food such as the Tarte flambée (local-style pizza) or Choucroute (sauerkraut) for lunch, then go to the tranquil Orangerie Park in the afternoon. I think I might see a network of walking trails, a boating lake, and perhaps even a small zoo.

## Day 3 Escape to the Country

On my third day of fun, I would like to visit Alsace wine region, Germany's Black Forest, and the Rhine valley. They are all very nearby, so I could do that all in one day. I could also choose a half-day or full-day tour of the Alsace Wine Route, stop to taste the region's celebrated white wines and visit highlights such as the medieval town of Colmar and the mountaintop High Koenigsbourg Castle. If time permits, I could consider hopping over the German border to explore the spa town of Baden Baden in the Black Forest.

There are many interesting places around Strasbourg that I could explore and visit. I might consider extending my stay after the program is over to visit several other exciting destinations in Europe.

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