POLICY STUDIES IN EUROPE

Maymester Study Abroad Program:
May 11-29, 2016

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THE PROGRAM
Make Europe your classroom for Maymester 2016! We visit France, Germany, the Czech Republic & Great Britain to learn about the European Union and its governing institutions and policy innovations. We examine the economies of these countries, the business climate, quality of life, immigration issues, and social progress. Our visits include government institutions, typically the EU and German parliaments and more; companies such as Deutsche Bahn; and historical and cultural sites that include Westminster Abbey, the German Historical Museum, and Buckingham Palace. We also tour and explore some of the world’s most interesting cities and experience different ways of life by using transit, biking and walking. We visit some of the most dynamic areas of Europe that draw young people, create new ideas and develop new technologies, and that tackle age-old social problems in creative new ways—east vs. west and historical vs. modern.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Program participants will stay in the Château de Portalès in Strasbourg, France, and hotels and hostels throughout the remainder of the trip. Student accommodations will be double-occupancy with shared bathrooms. Single occupancy rooms are available at the Château only for an increased cost. Hotels and hostels are accessible to public transportation.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS
Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

Day 1-5: Strasbourg, France
Guest lecture by a representative of the City of Strasbourg to learn about developments and policies in local transport and ecological issues, visit to the European Parliament

Day 6-8: Heidelberg, Germany
Visit to the German-American Institute, guest lecture at the European Study Center

Day 8-10: Prague, Czech Republic
Visit Czech institutions such as EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy and Czech Senate

Day 11-15: Berlin, Germany
Visit to the German Parliament (Bundestag) and the Reichstag Building, the German Historical Museum, and the “Flohmarkt am Mauerpark”, one of Berlin’s most famous flea markets.

Day 16-19 London, England
Guest lecture about current immigration issues in the United Kingdom, Guided tour of the Houses of Parliament including the Commons and Lords Chambers, the Queen’s Robing Room, and the Royal Gallery

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2016

Tentative Itinerary

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3-6 SEMESTER HOURS
ELIGIBILITY
The Policy Studies in Europe program is open to Georgia State undergraduate and graduate students in good academic standing. All students must be registered in a Georgia State course to participate in the program. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

CREDITS AND COURSES
Undergraduate and graduate program participants will register for PMAP 3311 and PMAP 8916, respectively. Students will receive three hours of Georgia State course credit upon successful completion of the course. Students can also receive an additional 3 hours of credit by registering for the directed readings course. Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

APPLICATION INFORMATION
Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application. Transient Students: please see the Transients Student section under the Explore & Apply tab.

International students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Students and Scholar Services at (404) 413-2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

COST
Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $3,000, PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS
Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information.

Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews may be scheduled with students upon receipt of application.