

Belgium

UCEAP Advising Notes

IFE Brussels has been canceled for Fall 2024

Objective

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad (BSA) Adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student's decision to apply for a UCEAP program. The document is not a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA Adviser for this program.



[UCEAP Field Research & Internship Info Session](#)



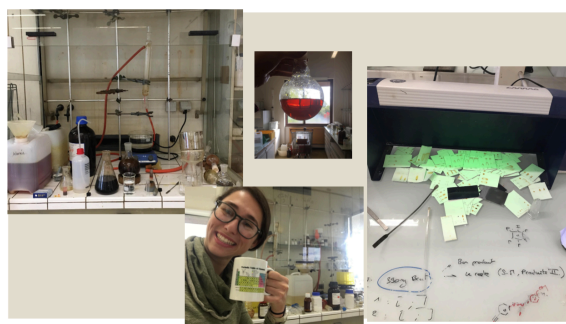
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Summary of Programs

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[Semester in Belgium Slideshow](#)

Language Requirement

[Field Research & Internship, Brussels](#) requires students to demonstrate language fluency equivalent to or exceeding 5 semesters of college-level French, or French 102 at Berkeley. UCEAP honors the [Berkeley French Department's language placement guidelines](#). Students who do not have documentation of the background coursework or tests listed in these guidelines may request to take a French language placement test by emailing dhoffmann@berkeley.edu.

Academics

The first five weeks of the program involve intensive coursework. Instruction is in French and courses are set by the program. Only students from US universities are enrolled in the courses. Courses are listed on the [Institute for Field Education \(IFE\) website](#) and cover the sociology, history and cultures of Belgium and an introduction to Dutch language. All participants write a research paper in French during the latter part of the program. The internship and research projects may or may not be related.

Internships

[Internship placements](#) vary based on student interest and skill-set and are catered to each student, so there are no lists of internships available. Internship placements occur after students are admitted to the program and students will meet with an IFE representative during this process to learn more. Please note the research and internship program is offered in three locations: Brussels, Paris, and Strasbourg. Although you will apply initially to one of these locations through UCEAP, in your application to the internship provider you will rank two locations in order of preference. You will be assigned to one of these two choices based on the best internship placement for you.

Life in Brussels

Brussels is the center of government for the European Union. According to the IFE Brussels brochure the city “teems with activists and advocates for agendas from healthcare access to urban farming.” Internships offer the opportunity to work on issues impacting modern Europe.

Professional Pathways Certificate

Internships done in Brussels as part of the Field Research and Internship program can potentially count toward the UC Berkeley French Department [French for Professions](#) certificate. For additional information, please contact the UC Berkeley French department at fredept@berkeley.edu on this exciting professional-development opportunity.