Belgium, Brussels, Institute for Field Education
UCEAP Advising Notes

Objective of the Advising Notes Document
This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student’s decision to apply for an EAP 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, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the UCEAP Program Guide from the prior academic cycle. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

Advisor Contact Information
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Field Research & Internship, Brussels is a relatively new program for UCEAP but has been in existence for many years on its own. You can find more information about the program on the Institute for Field Education (IFE) website. The program will provide five weeks of intensive coursework followed by a 12 week long internship that provides hands-on experience in the field.

Instruction is in French and courses are set by the program. Applicants must have taken 5 semesters of college-level French or the equivalent. Only U.S. students are enrolled in the courses. Courses are listed on the website and cover the sociology, history and cultures of Belgium and an introduction to Dutch language.

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.

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.