



European Semester



*Understanding Europe
and the European Union*



Study Abroad:

14 weeks in Europe

14 weeks about the European Union

14 weeks of cross-cultural experience

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experience

Benefit from an intensive study abroad program in Europe contoured to the Texas A&M schedule.

Understand the philosophy, logic and design of the European Union by exploring its historical foundation and the contemporary political, economic, social and cultural challenges facing Europe.

Study with the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE) – one of the most renowned institutions of high level academic teaching in Europe. CIFE is one of the six European Universities receiving special support and funding by the European Union.

Profit from insights into European Affairs from distinguished academic and professional experts.

Acquire invaluable global skills and knowledge through extended cross-cultural interaction with European faculty and European students at CIFE.

Gain expertise in European Studies and significantly improve your competitiveness in the international job market.





program



14-week program based in Berlin, one of Europe's leading political centers, offering a rich multi-cultural environment for internationally oriented students.

The schedule is contoured to the Texas A&M **spring semester**.

Upon completion of the European Semester, you will earn up to **15 hours of transferable credits** awarded by CIFE: 9 hours of political science, 3 hours of humanities electives and 3 hours of diversity.

Extensive courses in the fields of:

- Contemporary European History
- Political System of the EU and its Decision Making Process
- European Law
- European Markets and Economy
- European Identity, Culture and Integration

Visits to and meetings with various European Institutions in **Brussels** (Belgium), **Strasbourg** (France) and **Luxembourg City** (Luxembourg) to learn directly from European Union decision-makers.

Five-day stay in **Poznan** (Poland) offering a unique and first-hand insight into Central Europe.

Expeditions to historical and political sites like the **Sanssouci Palace**, the **Berlin Wall Memorial**, the **German Ministry of Defense** and the **German Federal Parliament** to enrich your experience of Europe and the European Union.

Further excursions to other European capitals and sites are possible. Check out european-semester.com for new developments!



enrollment & organization

- The program is open to all majors **Junior, Senior & Sophomore** with a 2.0 minimum GPA.
- Teaching is in English and there are **no language requirements** or other prerequisites.
- You are assisted and **accompanied by CIFE staff throughout all activities** of the program, including the field trips and excursions.
- CIFE provides **fully furnished, fully equipped & centrally located apartments** in Berlin.
- A **daily allowance** for groceries is included in the program fee.
- **Public transport passes** are provided for the entire duration of your stay to make the most of your Berlin experience.
- CIFE will assist and support you with all administrative and personal issues.



Spring in Berlin

- No prerequisites for enrollment
- Housing in fully furnished apartments
- Daily allowance
- Public transport passes
- 24 h support by CIFE



syllabus

The European Semester's curriculum is designed to provide you with a profound and comprehensive introduction to the study of Europe and European integration.

You will be taught in private classes by **internationally renowned professors** of European Studies and related fields from different European Universities.

- **Module 1:** Modern historical context of European integration, its political and legal aspects as well as theoretical approaches to the study of European integration
- **Module 2:** Visiting European Union Institutions and briefings with European decision-makers
- **Module 3:** Overview of policies and policy areas of the European Union
- **Module 4:** European integration seen from a Central European perspective
- **Module 5:** Issues, debates and challenges of the European integration process

“Studying abroad with CIFE was an amazing experience that left me yearning for more when it comes to the European Union. I learned so much in the classroom, but the part that I loved the most was that they made us learn outside the classroom by taking us to different parts of Europe. This was the perfect program, in my opinion.”

Ryan Cardenas, 2013





Prof. Dr. John D. Robertson

Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University

The European Semester is an innovative and sound educational platform designed to deliver to Aggies a rich and robust cross-cultural European experience. It ensures a dynamic and rewarding social encounter through the interaction with European educators, policy makers and college-age youth, and a thorough and comprehensive introduction in the classroom and field to the history, culture, institutions and policies of the EU in particular, and the broader European governance system in general.



Prof. Dr. Matthias Waechter

Director General of CIFE

CIFE is reaching out over to America, and finds in TAMU an excellent partner for scientific education in a globalized world.

Americans and Europeans are bound together by shared values, and should learn more about and from each other. Together with our colleagues and partners all over Europe, we offer specifically tailored European and international studies programs at a level of academic excellence. We look forward to the European Semester program, which will provide us all with challenging new experiences, bridging the Atlantic.

European integration does not run smoothly like a long, quiet river. Its course takes it through crises and dramas. But this chaotic progression, even if it takes occasionally unexpected or complicated byways, eventually always leads to further integration. (...)

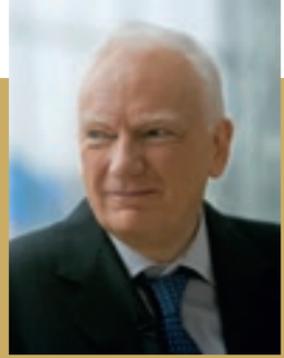
It serves a purpose then that an institution like CIFE is helping young people – both European and non-European – better understand this adventure: how the European Union develops and functions, how it was born, how its space and shape keep changing, how it reacts to the world's transformations, how it is ever reinventing itself and growing stronger ...

Philippe Maystadt

Former Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium

Former President of the European Investment Bank (EIB)

President of CIFE



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