DePaul University
College of Liberal Arts and
Science Study Abroad Program

The 2006 Program

Amsterdam, Brussels and Barcelona

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November 26 – December 18, 2006

Application Deadline May 5, 2006

For more information about the program, visit

http://condor.depaul.edu/~fdemissi/amsterdam2.html
Amsterdam, Brussels and Barcelona: Comparative Studies in Urban Development – Nov. 26 –Dec. 18, 2006

The study tour explores the particular urban forms exemplified by the cities of Amsterdam, Brussels and Barcelona and the economic, social and cultural forces that have shaped these cities. New land use planning, architectural and aesthetic changes are considered to highlight key issues in urban planning, historic preservation and neighborhood revitalization. With an emphasis initially on the city of Amsterdam, the course explores the contrasting solutions to issues of urban development that mark the historical and present day experiences of cities such as Brussels and Barcelona.

Through intensive field excursions, observations and visual/photographic documentation of examples of these urban issues and characteristics, these exciting cities in Europe’s past, present and future.

Courses offered:

The program will be led by Fassil Demissie, Associate Professor, Public Policy Studies and Charles Suchar, Interim Dean, LA&S and Professor of Sociology.

Students participating in the program must register for Soc 397 in the Fall of 2006 and PPS 397 in the Winter of 2007 for a total of eight credits.

SOC 397 – Fall 2006
Special Topics: The Visual Exploration of Amsterdam, Brussels and Barcelona

In this course taught by Dr. Suchar, students explore the three principal cities and symbols of contemporary issues of urban development. Through photography and other methods and forms of fieldwork, students explore such topics as comparative central city redevelopment, gentrification, changing social and cultural geography, the use of public space. Particular attention is given to the historical city center as a contested area for tourism, the need of the local population, youth subcultures, commercial and economic development, housing, and as an area of intersection “moral geography”. Students will be taught basic photographic field methods for documenting community characteristics.

PPS 397 – Winter 2007*
The Social Geography of Amsterdam, Brussels and Barcelona

The course taught by Dr. Demissie examines the social geography of Amsterdam, Brussels and Barcelona. By comparing and contrasting urban development, the course examines the economic, political and cultural forces that have shaped these cities. Particular attention is give to the role of municipal governments in tacking the issues of housing and historic preservation. The course also pays particular attention how the urban centers of Amsterdam, Brussels and Barcelona are being configured by the international flow of people, commodities, capital and cultures.

* Cross-listed with PPS – 255 and meets the Self, Society and Modern World Requirement.
Living Arrangements

All students participating in the program will be housed in comfortable hotels in double and triple rooms.

Expenses

The cost for this program is $4,000 plus DePaul tuition for eight credits. The program covers round-trip air fair, hotel accommodations, museum entrances, ground transportation related to the program and some meals.

All students are expected to bring a camera and a minimum of five rolls of 36 exposure films. Program participants must plan their budget to cover insurances, passport fees and personal expenses.

Program fees are based on actual costs of the prior year and projections for the current year. Inflation and fluctuating exchange rates make it impossible to state a fixed cost.

DePaul reserves the right to adjust program fees and the right to cancel or alter programs and courses without notice.

Application

To apply to the Amsterdam, Brussels and Barcelona program, students must submit the following:

- A completed application form
- Two academic recommendations
- A non-refundable $25.00 application fee
- An ID size photo
- An official transcript
- DePaul University does not discriminate on the bases of race, color, national origin, religion, sex or handicap

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