



History, Culture and Arts in Europe



How do the lessons of the past teach us about society today? These questions are at the heart of European culture and society, and hinge on difficult questions about European history and conflict.

Founded by the Romans, controlled by the Spaniards, besieged by the French, and occupied by the Germans, the picturesque city of Maastricht, exemplifies how European history has served as a prologue to the present. At the crossroads of three borders and cultures, it is the perfect setting for you to gain a deeper understanding of Europe's past, present and future. You will explore artistic movements and social history, as well as philosophical and cultural ideas, from a European perspective.

Investigate the roots of European identity and culture

You will be directly enrolled at Maastricht University and able to take classes at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences - awarded the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence for outstanding education and research on European integration, as well as at the Center for European Studies (CES). Courses can also be taken at the highly selective liberal arts and sciences college at the Faculty of Humanities and Sciences.

Introduction

The two-week introduction offers a variety of academic and social activities. It includes CES services (such as airport pick up and local SIM cards), the **Berlin Study Trip**, a tour of Maastricht and the surrounding area, Maastricht University orientation, a Problem-Based Learning workshop, 'Dealing with the Dutch' lecture and integration into Dutch student life.

Berlin Study Trip

Your adventure begins with a four-day trip to Berlin which provides a vivid European context for your programme.

Cultural Weekends

If it Ain't Dutch it Ain't Much

Explore political and cultural highlights in The Hague; be immersed in Dutch culture at the open air museum Zaanse Schans and bond with the group over the creation of your very own Delft blue tile.

A Taste of Paris

Indulge in the city of light and its cuisine, experience the rich architectural and artistic beauty, and taste of one of the plethora of cultures which exist across Europe.



Programme dates

Spring 2019: 18 January - 8 June

Fall 2019: 16 August - 21 December

Spring 2020: 17 January - 7 June

If you have internship plans that require an early departure, CES will endeavour to help you select courses accordingly.

Programme structure

- 18-week semesters
- Block periods 1 and 2 in Fall; block periods 4 and 5 in Spring
- You will take two courses per block period, you can also add a language course or a skill
- You can earn between 24 - 32 ECTS per semester (in most cases, 2 ECTS are equal to 1 American credit)

Tuition

€ 7900 including:

- All courses
- European Study Trip
- CES course materials
- CES weekend and field trips
- Extensive introduction
- Academic advising
- CES services

Housing

- Single or double rooms at the UM International Student Guesthouse
- Private kitchen OR communal cooking facilities
- Shared bathroom facilities
- Housing costs for Spring 2019 range from € 2570 to € 3805

Application deadlines

Spring 2019: 1 October 2018

Fall 2019: 1 April 2019

Spring 2020: 1 October 2019

Application requirements

- Online application
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- English proficiency

Visa & residence permit

- For stays shorter than 90 days you don't need a temporary residence permit
- US citizens do not need a visa to enter the Netherlands
- Not from the US? Check out your embassy website for detailed information
- Visa/residence permit costs € 192

Insurance

- You will need sufficient health care, liability and travel insurance
- You are likely to be covered through your home university but CES can assist you if you need to get your own insurance



Courses

- CES coordinators help you select courses to suit your major!
- They will guide you through the academic process and work with you to build a personalised curriculum
- You will enrol in a **core course** which combines strong academics, integrated field trips and unique hands-on experiences

Majors

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| • Art (History) | • Globalisation |
| • Religious Studies | • Cultural Studies |
| • History | • Sociology |
| • Environmental Studies | • Literature |
| • Urban Studies | • European Studies |
| • Media Studies | • Women's Studies |
| • Film Studies | • Philosophy & Ethics |

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"CES makes sure to bring students outside of the classroom to see and experience the Netherlands and Europe for ourselves, taking us to tour different cities while visiting art and history museums. "

Haley Thompson, Trinity College

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