Exploring International Institutions Firsthand



Day 1: Arrival in Paris

We landed in Paris and had a few hours to explore before bussing over to Brussels! Once arriving in Brussels we checked into the hotel and spent some time walking around the city.



Day 2: Bus tour of brussels

After recovering from jet lag, we spent the morning on a tour of Brussels where we got to see the beauty of the historical city! Make Waffles Not War

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They clean the balls of this unique architectural structure 3x per year!

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Day 3: European Parliament and the EC central library

We toured the European Parliament (and asked lots of questions) and then did research at the library of the European Commission



Day 4: Visit/presentation at the European Commission and Role-playing game at Parlamentarium, tour of the Parlamentarium museum

The role-play allowed us to act like EU parliament members by researching policy, listening to lobbyist, debating in forum and ultimately reaching compromise with other parties to implement policy.



Day 5: Visit/info session to the Council, Presentation at the US Mission to the EU Group Dinner: Den Haag

At the Council we had the opportunity to speak with the amazing Director of Economic Affairs, Carmen Ragione, before heading over to the US Mission to learn about opportunities with foreign service.



Day 6: ICTY, Peace Palace, Lunch in downtown Hague, Boat tour

At the ICTY, which was right next to our hotel, we got to ask individuals who worked there about the prosecution process in international institutions. Then we got to visit the Peace Palace and go on a boat tour!





Day 7: Visit to ICC, informational session at the U.S. Embassy in the Hague, end of the trip dinner

After the ICC we had free time and several of us ventured to the beach in the Hague. It was unseasonably warm and packed with beach goers!

Free Day in Amsterdam!

On the last day of the trip, we were given a free day and most of the class chose to venture to Amsterdam! Our group walked for miles along the famous canals and enjoyed the sunny weather by relaxing in the park and visiting the much sought-after photo opportunity at the I Amsterdam sign located behind the Rijksmuseum.



