

Study Abroad Program on International Institutions and the Challenges of Global and Regional Governance: A Trip to Brussels and The Hague

UHP Seminar POL 2097

Spring 2025

Class Meets Wednesdays 4-6:50 pm

Why Joining this Program: The Venue

- Centered around the topic of Int'l Institutions and the Challenges of Global and Regional governance
- Visit to two important centers of int'l institutions
 - The Political capital of Europe
 - The Legal capital of the world



Why Joining this Course and Program: Type of Students

- Students with interest in Law, Criminal Justice and the legal profession
- Students who plan to go to graduate school in the social sciences (political science/ SPIA, sociology, criminal justice, education, journalism, communication, etc.)
- Students in selected humanities disciplines: regional/ area studies, languages, history, education and social services
- Students studying engineering, the medical profession and other related professions



The Itinerary: Events in Brussels

- Meetings at the European Commission
- Info session at Council and the European Council
- Visit to European Parliament
- A Role-playing game at Parlamentarium



Accommodation in Brussels: Sleepwell Hostel

- Convenient location not far from the EU headquarters
- Access to central Brussels with venues for entertainment
- Convenient 2-3 person rooms with security access



A Visit to the NATO SHAPE in Mons, Belgium

- Allied Command Europe establish after WWII
 - Strategic-level command
 - Dealing with a variety of issues related to cybersecurity, the war in Ukraine, terrorism, territorial defense, out-of-the-area operations

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The Itinerary: Events in The Hague

- Visit to the International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- Presentation on the work of ICC (and possible ICC court hearing)
- Info sessions at other international organizations: OPCW, Europol, MICT (formerly ICTY)



Accommodation and Visits in the Hague

- Hotel accommodation in the Hague (tbd) in 2-3 person rooms
- Canal tour of the Hague
- Experience the seat of the Dutch government
- Last free day of the week can be dedicated to visiting Amsterdam or other places/ venues



The Program : Student Testimonials

“This trip was unforgettable. Getting to see so many amazing international institutions was such an informative and interesting experience. [...] We now have a unique and new perspective on the purposes, policies, and inter-workings of these institutions. This is experience will be deeply valuable to the rest of our educations and our lives.”

“Overall, the experience was amazing. We all learned a lot and experienced global institutions at their finest. We were all able to learn through this experience by being able to attend the presentations we did and by having the opportunity to ask so many questions.”

“Visiting these organizations significantly supplemented our classroom knowledge, as we were able to personally speak to professionals and experts working in these fields and ask questions.”



Student Testimonials (cont'd)

"[...] the trip blew every preconception I had out of the water. I enjoyed every single day and with each visit I became more appreciative of the international organizations we studied. We had a ton of freedom to have our own experience and the group turned out to be a super fun group of people. Everyone brought a unique perspective to the table and I am very grateful for everyone attending."

"This trip was truly a once in a lifetime experience. [...] My favorite educational part of the trip would have to be the visit to NATO SHAPE and The House of European History Museum. This trip allowed me to meet so many new people and forge stronger bonds with those I was already friends with. I loved this class and trip and would strongly recommend it to anyone who asks me about it!"

"This trip was an incredibly valued experience for me both personally and educationally, and fully surpassed any and all expectations I held for it beforehand."

"I found an amazing group of friends and we had so many opportunities to wander around and get lost in the cobble stone streets."

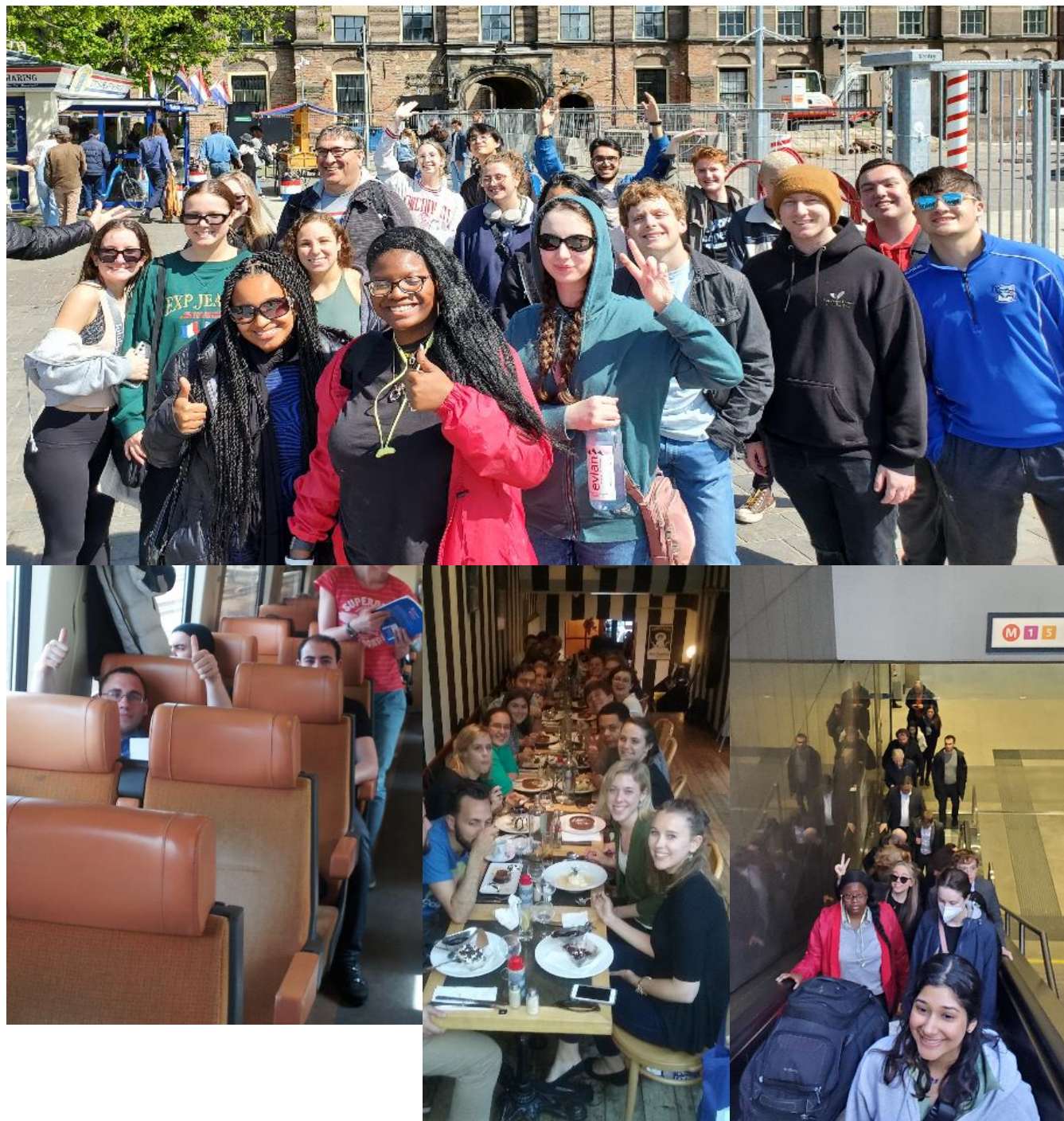
"I absolutely loved the entirety of this trip! [...] I explored my Dutch heritage and expanded my knowledge of policy, diplomacy, culture, and legal history (some of my favorite topics). I also found it fascinating to see the EU's fight against climate change reflected in my environmentally friendly surroundings."

"This trip was my first study abroad experience and I could not have hoped for anything better. [...] I am so happy I was able to take this trip, [...] so I could learn about subjects that I am passionate about while making amazing friends and memories along the way!"



Application Information

- Application Deadline: September 15, 2024
- If interested, email Dr. Ivanov at ivanovid@ucmail.uc.edu
- Sources of funding: (1) UC International Grant; (2) UHP Funding (2) Taft UG Enrichment Award
- Additional info (provisional syllabus, schedule, etc.), is available on Program's webpage (see the barcodes on the next slide)



More Info and Application Page: Scan these Barcodes

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Honors Program and Application Link:

