

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 **Summer European Academy**, a SSI faculty led study abroad program coordinated through the College of Liberal Arts and the Department of Political Science.

Program Objective: Intensive study of the politics, institutions, policies and broader cultural narrative of the European Union, with focus on political, economic, historical and security issues shaping the decisions of the key actors within the broader European Union, with particular implications for the United States. Designed for all students (regardless of major) interested in European affairs.

Program History: Inaugurated in 2002; 155 students have participated in programs during past seven years. *The Summer European Academy is designated as one of the College of Liberal Arts **signature study abroad programs** based on program's academic quality and cross-cultural opportunities afforded Texas A&M students.*

Program Dates: May 28 - June 28, 2009

Application Deadline: open

Student Limit: 20-25

Eligibility: GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING, OPEN TO ALL MAJORS. Designed for students interested in European, trans-Atlantic and international affairs from a political, economic and historical perspective.

Faculty Coordinator: Professor John D. Robertson, TAMU, Department of Political Science

Program Base Price: \$7200 - \$7900 (excluding trans-Atlantic airfare, tuition/certain fees, and books), insurance and admissions. Price depends on US dollar exchange rate and number of students enrolled. Price covers excellent accommodations, meals and meal support for 90 meals during program, charter bus transportation, admissions and special academic and cultural events.

Trans-Atlantic Airfares: Students may make own arrangements, or fly with group. Group airfare (Air France) is approx. \$1,300.

Dedicated Scholarships: 20 \$1,250 ASKO EUROPA Stiftung scholarships will be awarded on a qualified first come, first serve basis (priority to Liberal Arts majors). Consult Professor John Robertson, Political Science for more details (jrobertson@tamu.edu)

Additional Scholarships: Two additional scholarships available via competitive application through Study Abroad (university-wide competition). Decisions announced in spring 2008. Information available at <http://studyabroad.tamu.edu> or contact Jane Flaherty, Program Coordinator, Texas A&M Study Abroad Office, (979)-845-0544; jflaherty@ipomail.tamu.edu

Financial Aid: Financial aid counseling and information available at TAMU Financial Aid. For more information consult http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/financial_resources.asp

Course Credit: Total of 7-8 hours credit for program: 3 hours each for 2 PS306 sections in SSII 2009 (no course prerequisite required); or one 3-hr PS306 and a 3-hr LBAR332 (core curriculum humanities credit), and mandatory 1 or 2 hour credit (variable hours, student discretion) prep class in Spring 2009 (LBAR330-502, day and time TBA; S/U credit, no letter grade). Program and courses apply to Certificate in EU Politics <http://www-polisci.tamu.edu/undergrad/certificate/> and 3-hrs toward 12-hour electives for Certificate.

European Location: Germany, France, Belgium and Luxembourg, with extended field trips to Paris, (5 nights), Brussels (5 nights) and Berlin (5 nights); visits also to Luxembourg City, Strasbourg (1 night), Trier (Germany)

Features: A well-organized and coordinated program offering students a rewarding cross-cultural experience, with over 30 European guest lectures/briefings, visits to German (Berlin), French (Paris), NATO and EU (Brussels and Luxembourg) policy and governmental centers, in addition to several regional historical and cultural field trips, and a nine day joint seminar with students from the University of Applied Sciences of the Saarland, Saarbruecken, Germany (an MOA/REEP partner of TAMU-Liberal Arts). Convenient, safe and comfortable accommodations to complement academically rich, cross-culturally interactive, and focused introduction to the politics of the European Union. Understanding the EU from the European – the traditional west and the central/east -- perspective.

Language: English

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