This study abroad opportunity will take place at Ghent University in Ghent, Belgium and explores what is meant by sustainable food systems in Belgium, the European Union, and beyond. Through lectures and learning activities, we will discuss issues related to food production, distribution, processing, packaging, marketing, and waste recovery. Consideration is given to the policy process within the European Union and how health, economic, engineering, and environmental considerations influence short and long-term sustainability goals. Excursions and case studies illustrate the journey from field-to-fork based on natural and human systems.

LOCATION
Ghent is Belgium’s fourth-largest city. Its city center is a car-free pedestrian area that is like a museum to early Flemish architecture, and a testament to the city’s medieval might. Impressive Gothic sites, such as St. Bavo’s Cathedral and the Castle of the Counts, inspire awe. The city is versatile, historic, and yet contemporary at the same time.

EXCURSIONS
Program excursions will include visits to the Parliamentarium (European Parliament’s visitor center); Cacaolab (cocoa and chocolate innovation); CAPTURE (an urban resource recovery center); Brouwerij Huyghe (a sustainable brewery); and more. There will also be day trips to other cities in Belgium, including Ostend, Ypres, Brugge, Brussels, and Liège.

HOUSING
Students will stay in a hotel close to the city center and Ghent University.
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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Open to all majors
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Must be in good standing
- Will be required to interview with program director

PRICING

Undergraduate Program Fee: $6,512
Graduate Program Fee: $6,760

A $425 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is due at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 45 days prior to departure. If you receive financial aid, you can defer payment until it disburses. Deferment decisions will be based on the amount of aid to be received.

WHAT’S INCLUDED

Tuition for 3 UF credits, housing, program excursions, airport pick-up, international health insurance, and emergency medical assistance.

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED

Round-trip airfare, meals, additional personal travel, and personal expenses.

FINANCIAL AID

Most financial aid that you would receive on campus can be applied toward the cost of this program. However, all financial aid eligibility is determined by Student Financial Aid & Scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS

UFIC offers many study abroad scholarships, with various eligibility criteria. The Summer 2023 scholarship deadline is February 9, 2023. Apply on our website!

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