



## Bachelor Programmes in the Capital of Europe



Vesalius College  
Brussels



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# Welcome

*Vesalius College is the oldest higher education institution in Brussels that offers Bachelor Programmes solely taught in the English language. We take great pride in the rich educational experience provided by the College and hope that you enjoy learning more about it.*

*Thanks to the influence of our founders, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Boston University, the College combines the strengths of two successful academic models; we offer students an American-style curriculum with small classes and interactive teaching whilst drawing on the resources of two major European universities, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and the Université Libre de Bruxelles.*

*This academic excellence has attracted good students from all over the globe – more than 40 different nationalities. Outside the classroom, students have the opportunity to reap the advantages of living in Brussels, the “Capital of Europe,” which is host to the European Union, NATO, and hundreds of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and international businesses. An active internship programme allows students to gain valuable work experience in this stimulating environment.*

*The quality and benefits of the “Vesalius experience” is underscored by the success of our alumni, who have secured admission to top graduate schools in Europe and North America and employment at prestigious companies and organisations around the world.*

*Whether you intend to earn a degree, participate in our study-abroad program, or enroll in a short summer session, at Vesalius College you will find a rewarding opportunity to develop your intellect, intercultural understanding and leadership skills, and to prepare for the professional and personal opportunities that await you.*

*I look forward to personally welcoming you to our campus.*

*Bert Mosselmans, PhD  
Dean*



## American Style Education in the Capital of Europe

Vesalius College was founded in 1987 to offer an undergraduate education in English in association with the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Boston University. As an American-style liberal arts college taught in English, the College takes a humanistic approach to intellectual inquiry, encouraging students to not only learn skills and acquire knowledge important to their chosen careers, but also to think critically and develop themselves personally and as citizens of an increasingly multicultural and globalised world.

The College's teaching methods are characterised by small, interactive classes, flexibility in course selection, and continuous assessment. As a small college with a student body of approximately 300 and a low student-to-professor ratio, the faculty is accessible and able to take a personal interest in the success of students

thus helping them achieve their potential. These close working relationships form the cornerstone of the Vesalius educational philosophy.

Situated in Brussels and home to a thriving international community, the College offers students a truly unique educational experience. Brussels has an important international influence: as the Capital of Europe, the city is home to the European Institutions, NATO and numerous international organisations and multinational companies. Our students benefit from this international setting in many ways. Our Bachelor programmes have a strong European focus; many classes invite experts from the international community as guest lectures; and students have the opportunity to gain academic credit, work experience and valuable contacts by working with one of these

prestigious organisations through our unique internship programme.

Brussels is the bilingual capital of Belgium. This means that both French and Dutch are the official languages of the city. It is a cosmopolitan city where many different cultures live together and where different languages can be heard on each street. This liveliness and international flair is, of course, intimately related to its role as a crossroads for all of Europe.

## Andreas Vesalius

Students and parents often ask us about the origins of the name of the College. "Vesalius" was selected because the man behind the name was one of the premier freethinkers of the Renaissance, and as such, makes clear the intellectual link between the College and its partner institution, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Both the College and the University adhere to the principle of liberal inquiry, unfettered by prejudice deriving from religion, race, gender, or political ideology.



# Meet our Students

With a diverse student body drawn from all corners of the globe, Vesalius College offers a surprising and enriching cultural experience. With an emphasis placed both on group work and on independent research, there is a natural exchange of experiences, cultures and beliefs between the students. The student body at Vesalius College forms an active and tight academic and social community. And with over 40 nationalities represented at the school, Vesalius College is a unique laboratory for the study of intercultural relations, providing students with the opportunity to work with and learn from each other and forge lasting friendships with people from many different cultures and perspectives.



*"The best thing about Vesalius College? You don't have to travel the world, because the world comes to you at Vesalius College. I made friends for life from all over the world!"*

*Soraya Amrani, Sweden/Morocco*

*"Life at 'VeCo' is what each student makes of it and this is what I like about it: the freedom to choose."*

*Vladimir Dakov, Bulgaria*

*"Teachers are very reachable and know their students on a first name basis. 'VeCo' also allows for students to give presentations and be very involved. The courses and their content are very interesting and I feel they successfully prepare students for the future."*

*Joris Lacroix, France*

*"Inspiring professors have turned my fear into my strength and influenced my study path: despite being scared of Economics before entering the college, I will graduate with a concentration in Economics."*

*Thi Xuan Hieu Ngo, Vietnam*

*"One of the greatest advantages of studying at Vesalius College is the opportunity to work in small groups. Such an atmosphere encourages interaction in the classroom. Courses are also organised in such a way that each student can find something suitable on the basis of his/her interests and develop inner potential."*

*Maša Lekic, Montenegro*

*"Vesalius College offers a brilliant opportunity for those who enjoy mingling with different nationalities in both the student body and faculty. Meeting new students here is easy as Vesalius has a rather small community, making us all part of one big family. If necessary, administrative and academic help are easily available, which is a great privilege these days. I have not met anyone yet who does not consider his or her experience at Vesalius a success!"*

*Henri Van Lennep, Belgium*

*The political science courses especially drew me in as I could choose from a variety of political systems of various countries in a small and intimate setting. It was also wonderful to speak in different languages on a daily basis. I could not have asked for more.*

*Stephanie Bergeman,  
USA, St. Louis University*

*"An important aspect is that at Vesalius College you have the advantage of being in a small college but also have the facilities you would enjoy in a much bigger university, through the affiliation with the VUB. I think this is a successful combination."*

*Elisabeta Craita Per, Romania*

# Academic Programmes

## Academic Structure

The Vesalius College undergraduate programme offers a three-year European Bachelor's degree in accordance with the Bologna Reform of higher education in Europe. The academic programmes are designed to challenge students intellectually and personally, while providing them the resources and faculty support to excel, preparing them for post-graduate studies or to begin a successful career.

The teaching philosophy and methods are based on American-style education, including interactive classroom discussions and continuous student assessment. Students select a major field of study but are also exposed to a wider range of disciplines and subjects in the Core Curriculum and in the wide choice of elective courses. This educational system is designed to instill within students a spirit of critical inquiry, ethical responsibility, and personal fulfillment that lasts a lifetime.

## Quality Instruction

The quality and accessibility of the Vesalius faculty is at the very core of the academic experience at the College. With a diverse faculty, over 90% of them holding PhD's, students learn from experts with international backgrounds and perspectives. Low student-to-faculty ratios mean that instructors are accessible, enabling the forging of close working relationships where instructors take personal interest in the progress and success of their students.

## Guidance from Academic Advisors

Once enrolled in the programme, students will be assigned an Academic Advisor who will work with the student to personalise his/her course schedule. Our academic advisors assist students in identifying relevant courses and support them throughout their academic career at Vesalius College.

Vesalius College's Bachelor degree programmes have 3 essential components:

## The Core Curriculum

A distinctive feature of the Bachelor's programme at Vesalius College is the Core Curriculum. Core courses are taken by all students and add breadth to the Vesalius learning experience. By conforming topics such as Critical Thinking and Writing, students learn to approach problems from different perspectives. In doing so, they learn how to be flexible and adapt to change; to nurture a spirit of critical inquiry; to lead others by exercising intellectual judgment; and to communicate effectively with diverse groups of people across many cultures and languages.

## Major

All students at Vesalius College will choose a major – the academic subject in which they will specialise. Within each major, there are certain areas of concentration, reflecting more specialised pathways of related courses.

## The Major Elective and Free Elective Courses

These are courses chosen by the student. Major electives are within the major and offer the student a wide choice in their area of specialisation. Others are free electives and allow students to pursue interests outside their major. Besides the electives that Vesalius College offers, students can also take elective courses with one of our partner institutions in Brussels. The courses vary from Music History or Literature and Philosophy to Chinese language and Physical Education.



# Bachelor in Business Studies

Home to hundreds of international businesses and to the European Union, Brussels is an ideal venue to prepare for a career in business. This lively environment enables Business students at Vesalius College to gain a truly international perspective and to take advantage of opportunities difficult to find elsewhere. These opportunities include the chance to take an internship in a major international company or in a governmental or non-governmental organisation. In the classroom, students interact with guest speakers: senior managers, entrepreneurs, consultants and other professionals drawn from the business community. The international nature of Brussels gives students the opportunity to establish career-long networks.

The academic programme gives students a unique combination of theoretical and practical skills. Students at Vesalius College learn about how businesses are organised and managed, as well as how they function within the larger economic, social, legal and political context. Students can choose to specialise by doing a concentration in one of six fields: Economics, European Studies, International Management, Management Science, Marketing, and Technology Management. In their final semester students bring together what they have learned, either in the analysis

of case studies of business strategy or in the development of a business plan for a start-up venture. Students also learn how to work in teams, collect and analyse quantitative information, write and speak effectively, and use information technology confidently. All of this they do in English, in Brussels, and with a diverse group of highly motivated international students.

Graduating students are well prepared to begin successful careers as professionals in large corporations or with start-up's. Students are also prepared for continued study at the graduate level in various business fields including economics, finance, accounting, business administration, etc.

For detailed course descriptions, please refer to the website:

[www.vesalius.edu/academics](http://www.vesalius.edu/academics)

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (180 ECTS)

### CORE COURSES (60 ECTS)

- Critical Thinking and Academic Writing I
- Critical Thinking and Academic Writing II
- Introduction to Statistics
- Seven Free Electives

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (90 ECTS)

- Introduction to Economics
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Mathematics for Business
- Intermediate Statistics
- Introduction to Business
- Business Law
- Human Resource Management
- Finance
- Marketing
- Financial Accounting
- Managerial Accounting
- Information Systems
- Operations Management
- Business Capstone: Business Policy or Entrepreneurship

\*ECTS = European Credit Transfer System



### MAJOR ELECTIVES (30 ECTS)

Students choose five out of the list of courses below. Through the choice of major electives students can create a concentration. Concentrations are optional so students can elect to graduate without a concentration.

#### Major Electives:

- Management of Innovation and Technical Change
- International Business Negotiations
- Virtual Enterprises and Electronic Business
- Industrial Organisation and Competition
- European Economy

- Economics of the European Union
- Management Science
- International Finance
- Econometrics
- International Trade
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Related Transactions
- Business Policy or Entrepreneurship
- Honours Essay
- Internships

Note: Some selected courses from the Communications and International Affairs programmes may also be chosen as major electives.

A concentration is defined as at least 24 ECTS (4 courses) in a discipline related to the major.

#### Possible concentrations in Business Studies:

- Economics
- European Studies
- Marketing
- Management Science
- International Management
- Technology Management

### 3-year Bachelor's Degree Programme Business Studies, Sample Course Schedule

Semester 1	Critical Thinking and Acad. Writing I	Introduction to Business	Mathematics for Business	Introduction to Economics	Free Elective
Semester 2	Critical Thinking and Acad. Writing II	Business Law	Introduction to Statistics	Microeconomics	Free Elective
Semester 3	Financial Accounting	Intermediate Statistics	Human Resource Management	Macroeconomics	Free Elective
Semester 4	Managerial Accounting	Information Systems	Marketing	Operations Management	Free Elective
Semester 5	Finance	Major Elective	Major Elective	Free Elective	Free Elective
Semester 6	Business Capstone Course	Free Elective	Major Elective	Major Elective	Major Elective



## Bachelor in Communication Studies

For students interested in studying journalism, public relations, media management, advertising or publishing, the Vesalius College Communications major and the city of Brussels make for an ideal combination. As one of the world's largest media centres, the world's top diplomatic city and home to the world's largest press pool, Brussels gives Communications students unparalleled opportunities they cannot find anywhere else.

Communications students at Vesalius College are able to take full advantage of these unique opportunities through field trips to the communications and production facilities of the European Commission, the European Parliament, NATO and other high-profile organisations. In addition, Vesalius College students can take internships at prestigious organisations to support their specific professional ambitions, meet and learn first-hand from industry experts and to develop contacts and establish a

professional network that will be invaluable as they advance in their career. These unique opportunities in Brussels provide students with an important competitive advantage as they begin a career or apply to graduate school.

Throughout the programme, students develop a conceptual understanding of mass and organisational communication and its social, economic and political dimensions. They gain in-depth knowledge of the function and organisation of institutions and industries and of the social responsibilities of professional communicators.

Communications students at Vesalius College can also choose a concentration in one of four fields: Journalism and Scriptwriting, Political Communication, Business Communication and European Communications Studies to help them further specialise in an area of particular interest.

In addition to providing students with a strong background in communications theories, students are trained in essential practical skills including writing, editing and presenting information to a variety of audiences.

Graduating students are well prepared to begin successful careers as communications professionals in journalism, public relations, media management, advertising, publishing or in the communications departments of large corporations. Students are also prepared for continued study at the graduate level in various communication fields including journalism, human communication, mass communication, business communication, film studies, European communications studies, media studies and cultural studies.

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### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (180 ECTS)

#### CORE COURSES (60 ECTS)

- Critical Thinking and Academic Writing I
- Critical Thinking and Academic Writing II
- Introduction to Statistics
- Seven Free Electives

#### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (96 ECTS)

- Introduction to Human Communication
- Introduction to Mass Communication
- Introduction to Organisational Communication
- Language and Communication
- Print Journalism
- Introduction to Economics
- Introduction to Political Concepts and Theories
- Methods of Social Scientific Inquiry
- Film: History, Theories, Narration and Scriptwriting
- Corporate Communication & Public Relations
- Political Communication

- Intercultural Communication
- Communication Theories
- E-Government and ICT Policies
- Marketing Communication and Advertising
- Communications Capstone Course

#### MAJOR ELECTIVES (24 ECTS)

Students choose four out of the list of courses below. Through the choice of major electives, students can create a Concentration, which is defined as at least 24 ECTS (4 courses) in a discipline related to the major.

- Broadcast Journalism
- Scriptwriting for Radio and Television
- Stylistics
- Business Writing
- Media Management
- Cultural Studies and Cross-Cultural Capability
- Rhetoric

- International Communication
- European Media Governance
- Lobbying in the EU
- International Reporting in Brussels
- International Journalism
- Selected Topics in Communications
- Internship

Note: Some selected courses from the Business and International Affairs programmes may also be chosen as major electives.

#### Possible concentrations:

- Business Communication
- European Communications Studies
- Journalism and Scriptwriting
- Political Communications

### 3-year Bachelor's Degree Programme Communication Studies, Sample Course Schedule

Semester 1	Introduction to Human Communication	Introduction to Mass Communication	Introduction to Political Concepts and Theories	Critical Thinking and Academic Writing I	Introduction to Statistics
Semester 2	Introduction to Organisational Communication	Language and Communication	Introduction to Economics	Critical Thinking and Academic Writing II	Free elective
Semester 3	Intercultural Communication	Corporate Communication and Public relations	Print Journalism	Methods of Social Scientific Inquiry	Free elective
Semester 4	Political Communication	Film: History, Theories, Narration and Script writing	Major Elective	Free elective	Free elective
Semester 5	Communication Theories	E-Government and ICT Policies	Major Elective	Free Elective	Free elective
Semester 6	Communication Capstone Course	Marketing Communication and Advertising	Major Elective	Major Elective	Free elective

# Bachelor in International Affairs

Studying International Affairs at Vesalius College gives students a unique competitive advantage as they begin new careers or apply to graduate school. In addition to having access to world class professors and a dynamic learning environment, students can take advantage of all that Brussels – one of the world's most politically influential and internationally vibrant cities – has to offer.

The academic programme, with a variety of Major Electives, offers students flexibility in course selection, including the option to custom build a Concentration in several subject areas. In the programme, students learn the basic theoretical framework from which to interpret and understand the complex dynamics of modern international political, social and economic interaction. To develop their theoretical understanding and practical skills, students are exposed to a broad range of subjects as part of the curriculum, including history, sociology, political science, foreign language, economics and political economy.

With high-profile internships possible with organisations ranging from the European Union, NATO and NGOs to research firms, lobby groups and international organisations, students can gain a competitive advantage by gaining professional work experience with organisations relevant to their career paths.

In addition, guest lectures by experienced practitioners give students a special insight into current events as well as into how to create a path to success. What's more, the diverse and international character of the Vesalius College student community enables students to develop their own contacts and a professional network that will be invaluable as they move through a post-graduate or professional career.

Upon graduation, graduates are well prepared to start careers in diplomacy, journalism, law, business, public administration, policy analysis, political research and consulting. They are also prepared for study at the graduate level in international relations, economics, politics, history, peace and security studies and globalisation studies.

For detailed course descriptions, please refer to the website:

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## **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS** (180 ECTS)

### **CORE COURSES** (60 ECTS)

- Critical Thinking and Academic Writing I
- Critical Thinking and Academic Writing II
- Introduction to Statistics
- Seven Free Electives

### **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS** (72 ECTS)

- Introduction to Political Concepts and Theories
- Inquiry in International Affairs
- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Economics
- Modern Europe: 1848 to the Present
- Evolution of the International System I or II
- Introduction to International Relations
- International Law
- International Political Economy
- An advanced political theory course: History of Political Thought or Contemporary Political Debates
- An advanced methods course: History: Methods and Problems or Social Science Research Methods
- International Affairs Capstone



**MAJOR ELECTIVES (48 ECTS)**

- Chinese Foreign Policy and External Relations
- Comparative States and Political Institutions
- Comparative Public Policy
- Contemporary Political Debates
- Evolution of the International System I or II
- Dilemmas of European Integration
- History of Conflicts since 1914
- History: Methods and Problems
- History of the Middle East

- Modern Europe: 1648 to 1848
- History of Political Thought
- History of Post-war Europe
- History of U.S. Foreign Policy: 1898 to Present
- Introduction to the European Union
- Model United Nations (MUN) Preparatory Course
- Organisations in Globalization
- Peace and Security Studies
- Policies of the European Union
- Selected Topics in Politics
- The United Nations and Global Governance

- Internship
- Honours Essay

Note: Some selected courses from the Business and International Affairs programmes may also be chosen as major electives.

**Possible concentrations:**

- Communications
- Economics
- European Studies
- History
- Politics

**3-year Bachelor's Degree Programme International Affairs, Sample Course Schedule**

Semester 1	Inquiry in International Affairs	Introduction to Sociology	Introduction to Political Concepts and theories	Critical Thinking and Academic Writing I	Free Elective
Semester 2	Modern Europe 1848 – Present	Introduction to Economics	Introduction to Statistics	Critical Thinking and Academic Writing II	Free Elective
Semester 3	Evolution of the International System: 1815 - 1945	An advanced political theory course	Major Elective	Major Elective	Free Elective
Semester 4	Introduction to International relations	And advanced methods course	Major Elective	Major Elective	Free Elective
Semester 5	International Political Economy	International Law	Major Elective	Major Elective	Free Elective
Semester 6	International Affairs Capstone	Major Elective	Major Elective	Free Elective	Free Elective

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Motor Revalidation and Physiotherapy  
Master in Physical Education  
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# Degree Recognition and Accreditation

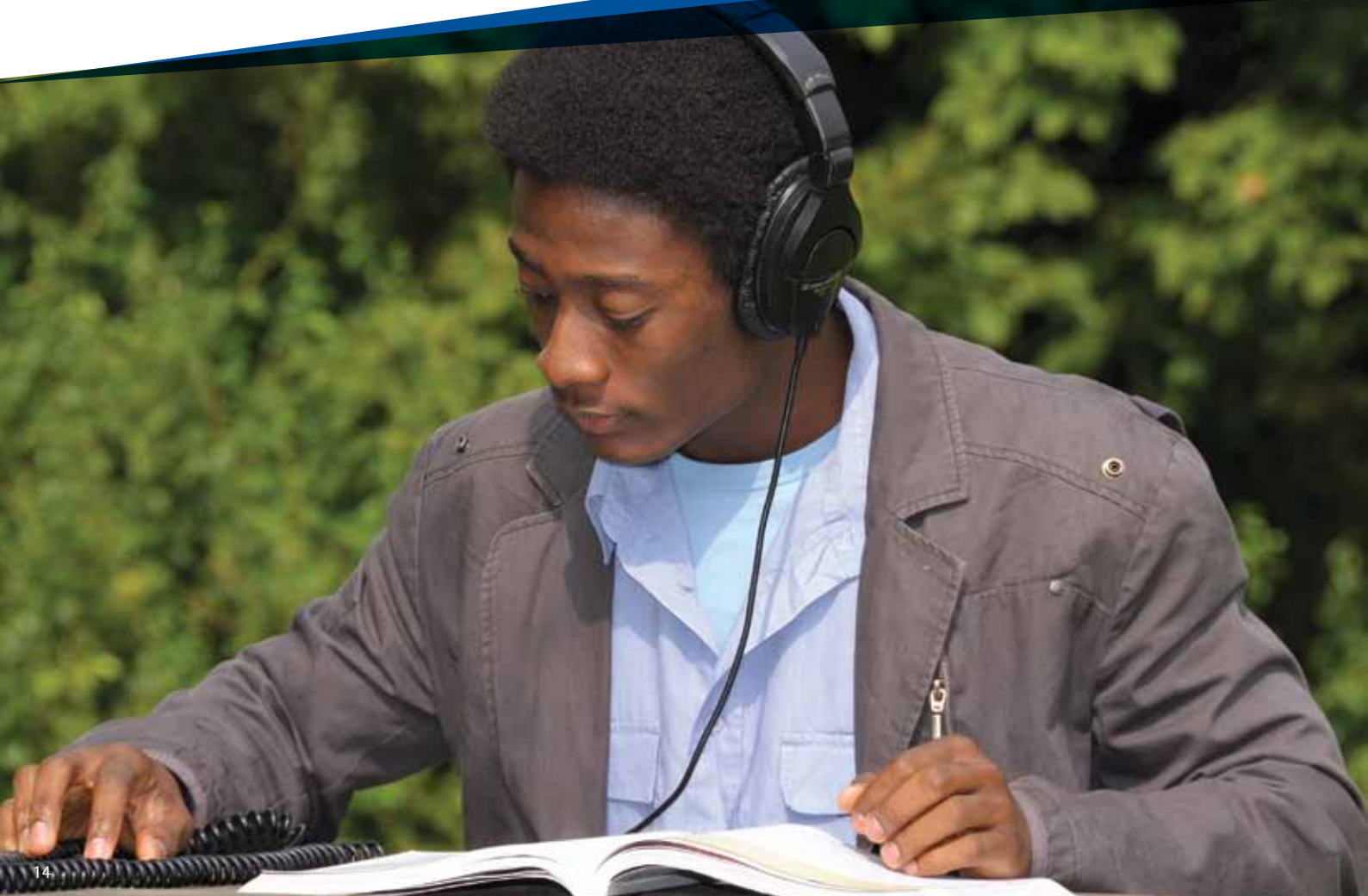
Vesalius College is registered with the Flemish government of Belgium as an institution of higher education. The Vesalius College Bachelor's degree is equivalent to a fully recognised Bachelor's degree issued from a Flemish University.

The 3 majors of Vesalius College are accredited by the Dutch-Flemish Accreditation Organisation (NVAO Nederlands-Vlaamse Accreditatie Organisatie). This official organisation was established by international treaty between the Flemish and the Dutch governments with the aim of ensuring the quality of higher education in both the Netherlands and Flanders.

Vesalius College is a participant in the Bologna Process, the reform effort designed to standardize higher education throughout Europe. In accordance with the Bologna declaration, Vesalius College offers the three-year European Bachelor's degree and calculates coursework in ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits.

Furthermore, Vesalius College is a member of the following professional associations:

- American Colleges Overseas (ACO)
- American Chamber of Commerce, Brussels
- ATHGO
- Council of International Schools (CIS)
- European Association for International Education (EAIE)
- NAFFSA: Association of International Educators
- The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS)



# Other Programmes

## Study Abroad Programme

### Outgoing Students

Vesalius College offers its students a wide array of opportunities for studying in other nations and cultures. With an extensive list of international partner institutions, Vesalius provides students with the possibility to earn credit towards their Vesalius College degree in a variety of exciting and challenging environments that are rich in both academic and cultural diversity. Vesalius students may study abroad during the fall or spring semester or during the summer term. They are eligible to study abroad in the second semester of their second year or in the first semester of their third year at Vesalius College. If a student chooses to study at one of Vesalius' partner institutions, all grades and credits earned at the partner school are directly transferable to their Vesalius College transcript.

For more information on the Study Abroad programme for outgoing students, please visit the website: <http://www.vesalius.edu/currentstudents/studyabroad>

This webpage includes:

- Links to the web pages for all partner institutions
- Descriptions of the different types of partnerships and agreements Vesalius holds with various institutions
- Explanations of how credits and grades transfer back to Vesalius
- Frequently Asked Questions regarding study abroad
- Application procedures
- Helpful travel tips

### Incoming students

Vesalius College has welcomed study abroad students since 1990 when it received its first American student. For more than twenty years, juniors, seniors, and occasionally sophomores from a wide range of private and state universities and colleges in North America and from many other countries worldwide have studied for all or part of a year at Vesalius College. As a result, Vesalius College has many years of experience in understanding the academic backgrounds and needs of international students studying abroad and in meeting those

needs within the University's curriculum and advisory system. At Vesalius College, study abroad students are fully integrated into the normal academic programme. Their workload corresponds as closely as possible with that of regular second- or third-year Vesalius students and they are integrated into Vesalius College's social life and extra-curricular activities. Most students feel quickly at home here and find it easy to meet other students and participate fully in the life of the University.

For more information on the Study Abroad programme for incoming students, please visit the website:

[www.vesalius.edu/studyabroad](http://www.vesalius.edu/studyabroad)

#### International Partners include:

##### Asia

- Chonbuk National University, Jeonbuk, South Korea
- Ewha Women's University, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- Hallym University, Chuncheon, South Korea
- Kansai Gaidai University, Osaka, Japan
- Kyung Hee University (KHU), Seoul, South Korea
- Konkuk University, Seoul, South Korea

##### Australia

- Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Brisbane, Australia

##### Europe

- Dublin Business School, Dublin, Ireland
- Ecole des Dirigeants et Créateurs (EDC), Paris, France
- Instituto de Empresa (IE), Segovia, Spain
- International University of Monaco, Monte-Carlo, Principality of Monaco
- Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
- London Metropolitan University, London, United Kingdom
- New Anglo-American College, Prague, Czech Republic
- Richmond, The American University of London, London, United Kingdom
- St. Louis University Madrid (SLU Madrid), Madrid, Spain
- Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM), ULB, Brussels, Belgium
- University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw, Poland

##### Latin America

- CESA Business School, Bogotá, Columbia
- Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores (TEC) de Monterey, San Luis Potosí, Mexico

- Universidad de Especialidades Espíritu Santo (UEES), Guayaquil, Ecuador
- Universidad de las Americas (UDLAP), Puebla, Mexico
- Universidad de Viña del Mar (UVM), Viña del Mar, Chile

##### USA and Canada

- Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, USA
- Bentley College, Waltham, Massachusetts, USA
- Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama, USA
- Brethren Colleges Abroad (BCA)
- Chatham University, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, USA
- Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia, USA
- Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, USA
- Council for International Educational Exchange (CIEE)
- Hawai'i Pacific University, Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, New York, USA
- Huron University College, London, Ontario, Canada
- International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP)
- International Studies Abroad (ISA)
- Marymount University, Arlington, Virginia, USA
- Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA
- State University of New York Institute for International Business (SUNY IIB), New Paltz, New York, USA
- State University of New York (SUNY, all New York campuses), New York, USA
- St. Louis University (SLU), St. Louis, Missouri, USA
- Texas Tech University (TTU), Lubbock, Texas, USA
- The Washington Semester at American University, Washington, D.C., USA
- University of Florida (UF), Gainesville, Florida, USA
- University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo), Hilo, Hawai'i, USA
- University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, USA
- University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, USA
- University of Scranton, Scranton, PA, USA



## Vesalius Internship Programme

Vesalius College offers students the exceptional opportunity to gain professional experience while earning university credit via its exclusive Internship Programme. It can offer students employment opportunity with one of its 50+ prestigious internship sponsors in Brussels ranging from multinational corporations and media houses to international government organisations and NGOs.

The Vesalius Internship Programme (VIP) aims to benefit students and sponsors alike with an experience of mutual enrichment. VIP partners provide interns with a professional experience that goes beyond the scope of a traditional internship. VIP sponsors have long ago acknowledged the value of Vesalius College students as a select group of young, dynamic and highly educated individuals with a vast international experience. As such, Vesalius interns are easily trusted with meaningful and important projects within the host organisation.

Whether having full responsibility for a project, or working as team members within a bigger enterprise, students have the opportunity to exercise their skills and to provide the host organisation with a high-quality output.

The internship counts as an academic course during the semester, and can be taken as a Major Elective. Degree-seeking students can earn 6 ECTS credits (3 US academic credits) for the "single" internship option. Study abroad students may also opt to extend the internship such that more hours are worked per week. This "double" internship option is worth 12 ECTS credits (6 US credits). For all students participating in the internship course, it stands to reason that the entry on their CV will look outstanding.

For more information on the internship programme, please visit the webpage: [www.vesalius.edu/career/vip](http://www.vesalius.edu/career/vip)

**Internship partners that have participated in the Vesalius Internship Programme include:**

- Accessible Art Fair
- AGE-The European Older People's Platform
- Aspect Consulting
- (A)WAY Publications
- BaseDesign
- BigBentoBox
- Caravan Productions
- CloseTheGap
- Conrad Brussels Hotel
- COPURA
- Digital IP
- Direct Selling Europe
- EggCentris
- Ernst & Young
- European Foundation for Street Children Worldwide
- European Cooperative for Rural Development
- European Diagnostic Manufacturers Association
- European Journalism Centre
- European Youth Forum
- European Environmental Bureau
- EUobserver
- European Parliament
- Expats in Brussels
- FEDMA
- Hewlett Packard
- Hill and Knowlton
- FORATOM
- ICAEW
- ICODA European Affairs
- ING bank
- Laffineur Law Firm
- MasterCard Europe
- MO Group International
- NATO Headquarters
- New Europe
- Nomad Gallery
- Paper Impact
- Principal Kids
- Proctor & Gamble
- RISI
- Royal Museum of Fine Arts Belgium
- The British School of Brussels
- The International Post Cooperation
- The Mission of Montenegro to the European Union
- The U.S. Commercial Service at the U.S. Mission to the European Union
- TV Brussel
- United Nations
- UPS
- UTC Fire & Security (GE Security)

*"The Vesalius Internship Programme provides great value for FEDMA. It enables us to do small projects which are valuable to our membership and would not have been possible to conduct without the intern from Vesalius Internship Programme (VIP). The VIP management is effective, very well organised and highly professional.*

*We have been very impressed by the quality of the students. Most of them do not have any real professional experience; still it takes them less than weeks, maybe days, to adapt to a highly professional environment with tight deadlines and great responsibilities. In fact, we have employed a Vesalius Alumnus as our PR and Communications Manager based on her great performance during the VIP programme."*

*Jorgen Andreassen,  
Federation of European Direct and  
Interactive Marketing*

# Summer Programme

*"P&G has had several interns from the Vesalius programme. Each of them has helped us in a real-life project and has contributed to the business objectives of our programmes. The Vesalius interns are very well trained and have a broad interest and experience. In addition to their sound academic education, they are unique in the sense that they come with a very high level of international richness and cultural diversity."*

*Mark Stalmans  
Proctor & Gamble*

*"The International Post Corporation is very pleased to work with the Vesalius Internship Programme. We have the opportunity to work with bright, talented students who play a major role in the implementation of our projects. The organisation of VIP is excellent and we look forward to continuing to work successfully with VIP and their students in the future."*

*Mark Harrison  
International Post Cooperation*

Situated in Brussels, the Capital of Europe, Vesalius College offers students a unique summer experience. Lasting just six weeks, two Vesalius Summer Programmes give students a targeted academic programme and the opportunity to experience and explore the best of European culture and travel. Each program features two organised cultural activity per week for participating students.

The Vesalius College Summer Programme consists of courses in the fields of Business, Communications and International Affairs, with a strong focus on Europe. In addition, there are also a number of internship opportunities available.

## Requirements and Applications

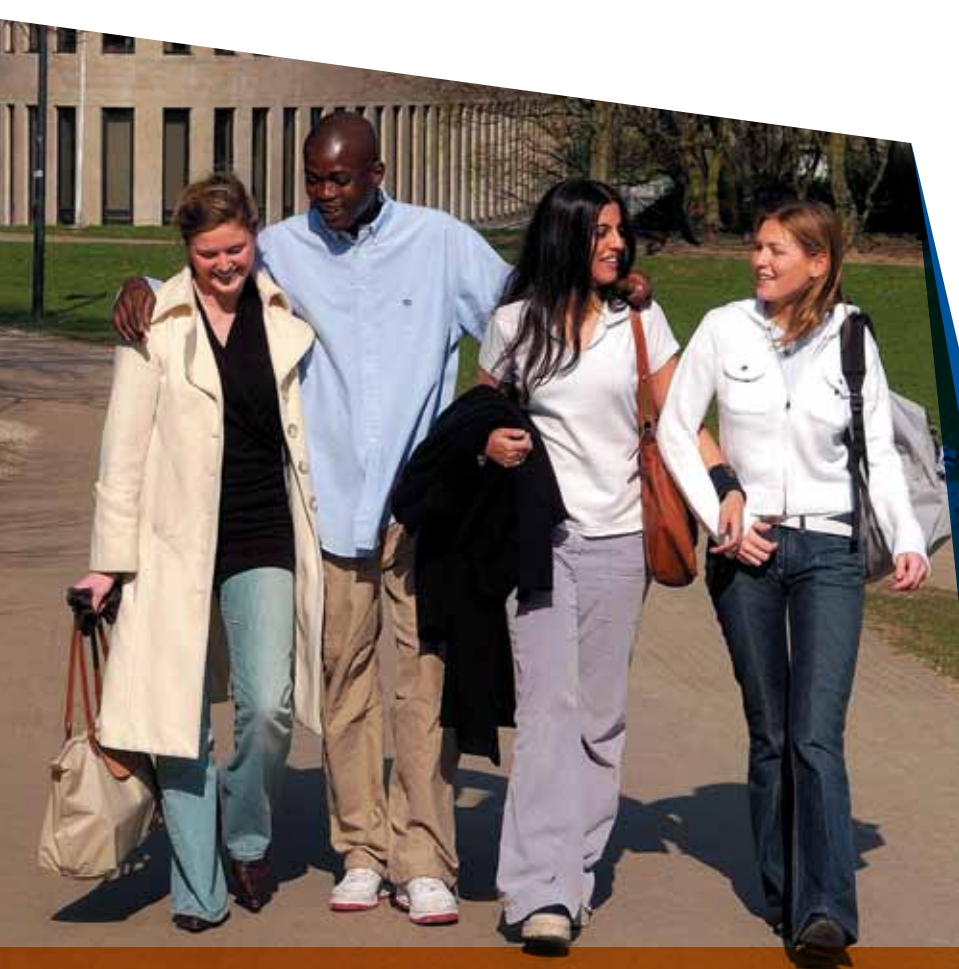
Continuing Vesalius students must complete a registration form for the Summer Programme.

New students must have a secondary school diploma and have a good command of the English language. Admission is decided on a case-by-case basis.

A student visa is not required to attend our Summer Programme. In most cases, a tourist visa is sufficient for attendance. However, a student must hold a valid identity card or passport.

A representative sample of courses that are offered during the Summer Programme includes:

- European Business Law
- European Portfolio Management
- Marketing Research in Europe
- Developing Dynamics of Democracy
- Difference, Diversity and Migration in the new Europe
- Nations and Ethnicity: Political Conflicts in Europe
- Politics and Policies of the European Information Society
- Modernism and After: A Belgian and European Perspective
- Introduction to Statistics
- Internship





## Student Services

Vesalius College offers students the best of both worlds: the personal attention and community environment of a small college and access to the resources of major universities. The College also shares academic events, guest lectures and participates in faculty exchanges with the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, the Université Libre de Bruxelles, the University of Kent at Brussels and Boston University.

### Research and Library Resources

Students at Vesalius have access to extensive resources for research at three major libraries: the library at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, the library at the Université Libre de Bruxelles and The Royal Library, Belgium's national library. Together they provide students with access to over five million books. In addition, students also have access to a wide variety of online resources including thousands of journals and newspapers, library catalogues and databases.

### Computer Resources

Computer and internet access is an essential part of student life. The Vesalius College computer lab features PCs and Apple computers as well as facilities for students with laptops to connect to the College's computer network. Students also have access to the extensive computer resources at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, including the free campus-wide wireless network.

### Career Counseling

To assist students with life after college, Vesalius College offers students in their final year the opportunity to attend career seminars and individual coaching sessions. This free service aims to help graduates gain a competitive advantage in the job market after graduation. This is achieved by helping students determine their career objectives in addition to acquiring the skill sets necessary to achieve their professional goals. The workshops range from CV and cover letter writing to information on networking and how to apply for various internship programs offered in Brussels.

For those planning to continue their education, assistance in choosing the right graduate programmes is also offered.

### Psychological Counseling

Moving to a new country, living on their own, experiencing exam pressure; these are just a few of the major changes that students can go through when they enroll in Vesalius College. Vesalius College offers psychological counseling, free of cost, to students who feel they would like to talk about missing home, about exam pressure or about any other challenges they might face.

### Food Services

The good and wholesome food offered by the VUB restaurant is definitely a good deal. Every day, the campus restaurant serves a wide selection of warm and cold dishes, and the cafeteria serves snacks, sandwiches and drinks, all at student-friendly prices.

Students pay a fixed price depending on the chosen dishes. The set menus include soup, a main course and a dessert as well as free tap water.

The Cafeteria serves breakfast, sandwiches and drinks. Students can also find two trendy snack bars on campus: 't Complex and Opinio.

### Health Services

The health care centre at the VUB campus provides medical assistance to students and staff. Medical assistance includes consultation in case of illness, accidents, small medical interventions, vaccinations, preventive care, etc.

## Student Life

Vesalius College is part of a broader student community in Brussels that consists of four other universities and graduate schools concentrated in a single area and that supports a vibrant student lifestyle. Easily accessible by bus, train, tram, or metro, the area has everything to meet student needs including affordable housing, two on-campus cafeterias, libraries, banks, shops, markets, restaurants, bars and live entertainment, as well as organised athletic activities and state-of-the-art sports facilities.

### Vesalius Student Government

The Vesalius Student Government (VSG) is an elected student body and acts as the main liaison between students and the academic administration of Vesalius College. The VSG appoints representatives to the Academic Council, which is the academic governing body of the College that regularly meets with the Dean on matters that affect the students at the College. The VSG also has a social function, organising welcoming activities for new students, sports activities, seasonal parties, drama evenings and other social activities throughout the year.

### Academic Related Projects

Academic Related Projects (ARP) is an initiative taken by a group of motivated students seeking to organise stimulating extracurricular activities for students. These include networking possibilities, presentations, guest lectures and paper-writing competitions, as well as peer-tutoring sessions.

### Sports and Outdoor Activities

Vesalius students have full access to the athletics facilities of the Vrije Universiteit

Brussel (VUB). With numerous spacious parks and a vast forest at the doorstep of the city of Brussels, students also have many opportunities for biking, running, rollerblading, horseback riding, taking a scenic stroll, or simply for relaxing.

The VUB sports facilities include two large multipurpose sports halls (for indoor soccer, basketball, badminton, tennis, etc.), one martial arts hall, three squash courts, a swimming pool and one climbing wall. All facilities are indoors and, thus, are always available regardless of the weather





conditions. Students also have access to a state-of-the-art fitness complex. This sports center consists of a 1,500 m<sup>2</sup> fitness and cardio area, a spinning studio, two large changing rooms, a relaxation area, a solarium and a dance/aerobics studio.

Next to its indoor infrastructure, the VUB Sports Department also has outdoor sports fields, including one synthetic soccer field and a brand new athletics track and rugby pitch.

A membership fee and/or usage fee (discounted for students) is applied.

## Housing

Moving to a new city can be both stressful and confusing. To help students get settled in Brussels and ready to begin classes, the College provides them with links to help find suitable off-campus housing. Vesalius College does not have on-campus housing. Students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. With a large number of universities and higher education institutions available in Brussels, student rooms are widely available.

Study Abroad students who join Vesalius College for one semester have the opportunity to stay with a French or Dutch-speaking host family. These families are committed to enriching the study abroad experience for our international students while always coming away with positive, fulfilling experiences of their own. It is evident that this type of accommodation provides the student with a unique experience that allows for insight into the everyday life of Belgian

families, Belgian culture, and social norms. Students acquire many valuable elements by living the life of a "native", sharing daily conversations at the dinner table and by taking part in the daily life of their host families without necessarily having to limit their individual freedom.

## Life in Brussels

The liberal arts philosophy of Vesalius' academic programme is reflected in the life of its students. The College encourages students to work hard to reach their academic potential, but also to live a full life away from books and classes. Brussels has a tremendous amount to offer those interested in exploring "The Capital of Europe;" and students quickly discover the city to be vibrant and cosmopolitan with a warm, friendly charm. With 30% of the Brussels population being foreign nationals, the city has something to offer for every taste and culture in the areas of music, dancing, cuisine, art, associations and much, much, more.

The city is also host to an excellent music scene, both in clubs and at numerous festivals where almost any type of music can be found, from local musicians to the biggest names on tour. Those interested in dancing will find many venues for practicing their art, as well as classes to learn a variety of dances including the salsa, quickstep, tango, swing and all other classic and contemporary styles.

Brussels has numerous museums and art galleries ranging from classical to modern art. Brussels also houses a national symphony, opera and theatre. In addition, the city has a rich variety of architecture including Baroque buildings from the 1600s, classic Flemish, art deco, art nouveau, and the modern architecture of the European Union buildings.

## Beyond Brussels

Going to school in Brussels affords students the unique opportunity for some great (and quick and inexpensive) travels and getaways. Belgium's inter-city trains provide quick access to the coast of Flanders, Medieval Bruges, Antwerp ("The diamond capital of the world") and the wooded hills of the Ardennes. Looking beyond Belgium, Brussels is the ideal center from which to visit the rest of Europe. Paris is a short 90 minutes by fast train and London, Cologne and Amsterdam are just two and one-half hours away. In addition, most major European cities are two hours or less away by plane.



## Life after Vesalius

A Vesalius College degree opens multiple doors to new opportunities. Whether a graduate decides to further his/her education or start a professional career, Vesalius College provides the right knowledge to meet both professional and academic requirements. With a truly international student body, Vesalius College has alumni in every corner of the globe pursuing an extraordinary variety of careers.

Vesalius alumni hold a wide range of leadership positions including working as financial analysts, researchers, journalists, accountants, government officials, business owners/entrepreneurs, executives, and consultants across many industries including ICT, design, international relations, accounting, banking, government and retail.

### Vesalius College Alumni Association

Whether it is to keep in touch with fellow students or a favourite professor, or for professional networking purposes, maintaining contact with your college and classmates is important. The Vesalius College Alumni Association (VCAA) provides the means for alumni to keep in touch with each other and with the College, as well as helping them facilitate professional contact.

Although we are always sad to see our students leave campus, we are very pleased to welcome Vesalius graduates as distinguished alumni of Vesalius College. Alumni have the opportunity to benefit from the VCAA. It provides great opportunities to network for business purposes, to gather information on continuing education programs or to keep in touch with old friends.

The VCAA, in cooperation with Vesalius College, offers a variety of events and services.

- Organisation and hosting of professional networking events;
- Organisation and hosting of social events;
- Networking with our numerous internship partners for potential job opportunities;
- Subscription to the quarterly newsletter: 'VeCo News'.



**Universities and graduate schools that have accepted Vesalius Alumni in the past include:**

- Bocconi University,
- Boston University, USA
- Cambridge University, UK
- College of Europe, Belgium
- Columbia University, USA
- Cranfield University, UK
- EAP Madrid, Spain
- Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
- Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
- IE University, Spain
- John Hopkins University, USA
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
- Kent University, UK
- London School of Economics, UK
- Lund University, Denmark
- McGill University, Canada
- Oregon State University, USA
- Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Chile
- Simon Fraser University,
- Solvay Business School, Belgium
- University of St Andrews, UK
- Universidad de Empresa de Madrid, Spain
- University College London, UK
- University of Helsinki, Finland
- University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- University of Houston, USA
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

**Companies & organisations that have employed Vesalius Alumni in the past include:**

- Agence Française pour le Développement
- Andersen Consulting
- Bank of America
- Bank of New York
- BBC World Service
- British Telecom
- Deloitte
- Cartier Ltd
- Cisco Systems
- DHL
- European Commission
- European Parliament
- ExxonMobil
- General Electrics
- Hewlett Packard
- HSBC
- Interbrew
- Levi Strauss & Co
- MasterCard
- MTV Networks
- Nokia
- Saatchi & Saatchi
- Save the Children Fund
- Siemens
- The Bulletin
- Toyota Europe
- United Nations
- UPS
- World Bank
- World Customs Organization





## Admissions

### Applying to Vesalius College

Vesalius College seeks to enroll students who are qualified to meet the challenges of its academic programmes and who are willing to participate fully in the intellectual and social life of the College in a spirit of openness and tolerance. Admission to the College is selective. We endeavour to accept students whose records indicate that they possess the qualities needed to achieve academic success in the degree programme of their choice.

Admission decisions take into account the candidate's secondary school performance, examination results and English language competence, as well as demonstrated personal qualities and character.

Vesalius College processes applications on a rolling basis. Admissions decisions are usually made within three weeks after the complete application is received. Applications will be considered as long as places remain in the class to which they are applying.

### To apply, candidates must submit:

- A completed application form;
- Official academic credentials and transcripts (showing courses and grades) from all secondary schools and universities attended, including public examination results and official results of any national or regional examination (usually taken in the candidate's country of residence). If the credentials and transcripts are not in English, official certified translations are required and will be accepted only if accompanied by the document in its original language;
- Two letters of recommendation (from persons familiar with the candidate's academic work; for example, teachers, professors, guidance counsellors, or school directors);
- A non-refundable application fee;
- Proof of identity in the form of a photocopy of either a passport or a national identity card;
- Results of an English proficiency examination may be required for some applicants (TOEFL or IELTS);

- Official scores of the SAT test or the ACT test may be required. Candidates should contact the Admissions Office to determine whether they must take one of these examinations.

### Official Credentials

Credentials should be sent directly from the authorising organisation or institution. Transcripts must be certified by the Registrar or Head Teacher of the educational institution issuing the documents. Transcripts must be sent in an official envelope of the institution that is sealed and then signed across the back flap by the sending official. Photocopies of original documents are not accepted as official transcripts.

Vesalius College accepts credentials in English, Dutch, French, and German. For all other languages, official translations by a certified translator (whose signature is authenticated) are required and are accepted only when accompanied by the document in its original language.

### Transfer Admission

Vesalius College may award transfer credits on a limited basis for courses taken at the university level in other accredited institutions. The minimum requirements for grades depend upon the school where the credit was earned and on the student's intended major within Vesalius College. All transfer credits will be awarded at the discretion of the Admissions Committee. For more information, please contact the Admission Office.

### Visa Information

Students who are not EU citizens must obtain a student visa in order to live in Belgium and attend the College. The time it takes to obtain a student visa may vary from one to several months depending on a variety of factors including the student's age and country of origin.

### Application Fee

When students submit their application, they must include a non-refundable fee of 50.00 Euro (€). This fee is also applicable to Study Abroad students.

### Transfer Credit Fee

For assessment of transfer credits there is a non-refundable transfer credit fee of €150.00, to be deducted from tuition upon registration.

## Tuition Fees and Study Costs

### Tuition and Fees for Full-time Students

Full-time Bachelor's degree students take 4 to 5 courses per semester. Tuition and appropriate fees, as described on the website, are payable in full, every semester, upon registration unless the student has arranged for a deferred payment plan beforehand (for more details, see item "Deferred Payment Plan").

### Tuition and Fees for Part-time Students

Part-time students take up to 3 courses. The tuition and fees can be found on the website ([www.vesalius.edu](http://www.vesalius.edu)).

### Methods of Payment

Payment may be presented in € by bank transfer or by credit card. After course enrolment and upon request, the Accounts Officer can provide you with an invoice stating the amount due. Payment by Bank Transfer, Transfer of Money From Abroad and by Credit Card will be accepted.

Detailed information about the methods of payment can be found the website: [www.vesalius.edu](http://www.vesalius.edu)

### Cancellation Charges

Please refer to the section on "Financial Information" in the Vesalius College catalogue or on the website ([www.vesalius.edu](http://www.vesalius.edu)).

### Estimated Costs other than Tuition and Fees

In addition to the tuition and fees that must be paid each semester, students should also budget for living costs. The following table shows a very rough estimate for some of these costs and may be of help in budgeting for the semester.

Educational Materials	€ 750.00 – € 900.00
Accommodation	€ 2,000.00 – € 3,000.00
Food (minimum)	€ 1,000.00 – € 1,500.00
Public Transportation	€ 160.00
Health Insurance	€ 100.00
Mobile Phone	€ 200.00

## Academic Calendar

### Summer Programme 2011

30 May  
Registration  
30 May  
First day of classes  
15 July  
End of Summer Programme

### Fall Semester 2011

24 – 26 August  
Orientation and registration  
for new students  
29 August  
First day of classes  
29 Aug – 02 Sept  
Late registration for all students  
16 December  
End of fall semester

### Spring Semester 2012

18 – 20 January  
Orientation and registration  
for new students  
23 January  
First day of classes  
23 – 27 January  
Late registration for all students  
18 May  
End of fall semester  
2 June  
Graduation Ceremony

### Summer Programme 2012

29 May – 01 June  
Registration  
29 May  
First day of classes  
12 July  
End of Summer Programme

# VESALIUS COLLEGE

## Lecture building



### Visit Vesalius College

Vesalius College encourages potential applicants to visit the school, during which you will have the opportunity to speak with an admissions advisor who will review your credentials and answer your questions. You can take a tour of the facilities and meet with current students. We can also arrange for you to observe an actual class to experience the Vesalius College learning process first hand. Please contact the admissions office for more information.

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