



Vesalius College Brussels

DRAFT VERSION – June 30 - 2011

FALL 2011: ORIENTATION SCHEDULE STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST – SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 2011

Introduction:

Orientation, an integral part of the first semester, helps integrate new students into the Vesalius College community. It offers interesting opportunities to meet other newcomers as well as to meet some current students and faculty members. **Attendance is expected at all events.**

When and where to meet:

- ✓ Wednesday, 24 August, 2011 at 9:15 a.m.
- ✓ **VUB Campus** – Building Q, Aula (Enter building “Q” via the breezeway to the right of “D” Building)

Questions?

- ✓ Please go to the Vesalius College Reception Desk at Pleinlaan 5 (level -1)
- ✓ Phone: +32-(0)2-614-81-70

E-mail address and Student ID card:

- ✓ Your e-mail address will be made available during the Computer Account Activation Session on **Wednesday, 24 August, Thursday, 25 August** or on **Friday, 26 August**.
- ✓ Your student ID card will be available by the end of **week 1** of classes.



WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST (ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY) (PAGE 1 OF 2)

TIME	ACTIVITY FOR STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS	LOCATIONS
9:15 - 10:00	<u>Orientation check-in:</u> <i>(see campus map)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Distribution of Welcome Packs✓ Refreshments and pastries	Building Q Aula
10:00 - 10:10	<u>Welcoming Remarks:</u> Dr. Bert Mosselmans, Dean of Vesalius College	Building Q Aula
10:10 – 10:50	<u>General Information for all New Students:</u> Dr. Virginie Goffaux <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Your Welcome Pack✓ Game plan for the day/orientation week✓ VeCo Buddies✓ Appointment times✓ Campus Map - Highlights✓ Computer Account Activation Sessions✓ Communicating your coordinates to Administration*✓ Course registration and the paper system✓ Academic Skills Unit✓ Registering at your local Commune✓ The Belgian Health Care System	Building Q Aula
10:50 – 11:00	<u>VSG (Vesalius Student Government)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ What to do when you are not studying✓ Brussels and the student social scene	Building Q Aula
11:00 – 11:10	<u>Student Counselor</u> Ms. Lise Skinnebach <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Here to help you cope with the daily stresses of college and city life, should you need it.	Building Q Aula
11:10-11:20	<u>English and Math Workspace</u> Dr. Kate Connelly <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ How to get help when you need it	Building Q Aula
11:20 – 12:10	<u>Tour of Campus</u> Meeting point <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Classrooms on Vesalius and VUB campuses, libraries, computer centers, VSG student office, sports facilities, study center, banks, places to eat, etc.✓ Meet your "Buddy"	Building Q Aula
12:10 – 13:00	<u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Guided trip to the VUB Restaurant;✓ Don't forget the meal card provided in your welcome pack!	Building Q Aula

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13:00 – 13:45	<p><u>Academic and Other Information:</u></p> <p>Dr. Virginie Goffaux, Ms. Caroline Van Ongevalle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Personal Schedules ✓ Academic integrity and high academic standards ✓ How to get the most of your VeCo/European experience ✓ Pre-registration vs. final registration; drop/add; wait list; full classes; auditing a class; internship candidates ✓ The function of placement tests 	Building Q Aula
13:45 – 14:00	<p><u>Managing your Finances while Studying Abroad</u></p> <p>ING Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How to see Europe without going broke ✓ International debit cards; wire transfers 	Building Q Aula
14:00 – 14:45	<p><u>Internship Programme:</u></p> <p>Ms. Anna Ceolon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Learn more about the internship experience ✓ Internship interview information ✓ Not for EPA students or for students not interested in internships 	Building Q Aula
14:10 – 15:25	<p><u>Computer Account Activation Sessions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>NOT for students doing internship interviews or staying with host families through VeCo!!</i> ✓ 30 minute sessions, <u>by appointment</u> (your appointment time has already been selected and is noted on the inside flap of your welcome pack) ✓ Activate your student account ✓ Learn how to access emails ✓ Learn how to access PointCarré (course-specific web pages required as regular resources by most professors) ✓ Learn how to access the VUB wireless internet zone ✓ Sign-up for Tour of Brussels 	Pleinlaan 5 Computer Room Room -1.50 Level -1
14:45 – 15:15	<p><u>Host Family Information:</u></p> <p>Ms. Ariane Dedeban</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mandatory for all students staying with host families 	Building Q Aula
14:00 – 16:30	<p><u>Sign up for Belgian Health Insurance</u></p> <p>See Ms. Charlotte de Raymond to fill out your Euromut Health Insurance documents to avoid any delays in the initiation of your national health insurance coverage.</p>	Pleinlaan 5 -1.06 Level -1
17:00 – until...	<p><u>VSG – sponsored Barbecue</u></p> <p>Mingle with other new and current students.</p>	KultuurKaffee

THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST 2011

TIME	ACTIVITY FOR STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS	LOCATIONS
9:00 – 12:30	<p><u>French Placement Test</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Written and oral test ✓ For all levels of French except for Elementary French I (LFR 101E) ✓ See "Registration Tips for Study Abroad Students" ✓ <u>Test Procedure:</u> <i>All students will begin the written portion of the test at 9:00. Students will be called randomly to interrupt their written test and to move to another room in order to meet with one of the French professors for the oral portion of the test. The written test can then be resumed upon completion of the oral test.</i> ✓ <i>**Please be sure to respect room assignments according to the first letter of your last name. Also respect the room for the oral exam that corresponds with the room in which you took the written exam.</i> 	<p>Pleinlaan 5 Ground Floor <u>Last Name A-J:</u> Written in VeCo Room 1, Oral in VeCo Room 2 <i>Professor Caenen</i> <u>Last Name K-Z:</u> Written in IES "Strasbourg" Room (Level -1), Oral in VeCo Room 3 <i>Professor Magnan</i></p>
9:00 - 11:30	<p><u>Dutch Placement Test</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ For all levels of Dutch except for Elementary Dutch I (LDU 101E) ✓ See "Registration Tips for Study Abroad Students" ✓ <i>Students should take the written exam in Room 1 <u>first</u> and then proceed to Room 2 for the oral exam with Prof. Caenen</i> 	<p>Pleinlaan 5 Ground Floor Written in VeCo Room 1, Oral in VeCo Room 2 <i>Professor Caenen</i></p>
11:30 – 14:35	<p><u>Computer Account Activation Sessions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 30 minute sessions, <u>by appointment</u> (your appointment time has already been selected and is noted on the inside flap of your welcome pack) ✓ Activate your student account ✓ Learn how to access emails ✓ Learn how to access PointCarré (course-specific web pages required as regular resources by most professors) ✓ Learn how to access the VUB wireless internet zone ✓ Sign-up for Tour of Brussels 	<p>Pleinlaan 5 Computer Room -1.50 Level -1</p>
13:30 - 19:00	<p><u>Internship interviews</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <u>By appointment</u> (your appointment time(s) has/have already been selected and is/are noted inside your welcome pack) 	<p>Pleinlaan 5 Classrooms and Partner Offices</p>

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- ✓ If you still need to sign up for Saturday's **tour of Brussels**, please go to the Welcome Desk at Pleinlaan 5 (foyer) today.
- ✓ In order for us to be able to make your **student ID card**, please do not forget to hand in **2 passport-size photos** to the Reception Desk (Level -1) no later than Friday, 26 August.

FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST 2011

TIME	ACTIVITY FOR STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS	LOCATIONS
	<u>Registration Session – Study Abroad Students</u>	Pleinlaan 5 Classrooms Ground Floor
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ By appointment according to group and/or last name ✓ In this session you will add your language classes (Drop/Add forms) and will finalize your schedule. 	
9:30-10:45	- <u>Dr. Mosselmans:</u>	VeCo Room 1
Internship Applicants	- <u>Dr. Goffaux :</u>	VeCo Room 2
	- <u>Prof. Chew:</u>	VeCo Room 3
10:45-11:45	- <u>Dr. Mosselmans:</u>	VeCo Room 1
Internship Applicants	- <u>Dr. Goffaux:</u>	VeCo Room 2
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15:45-16:45	- <u>Dr Mosselmans:</u>	VeCo Room 1
	- <u>Dr. Goffaux:</u>	VeCo Room 2
	- <u>Prof. Chew:</u>	VeCo Room 3
10:30 – 15:30	<u>Computer Account Activation Sessions</u>	Pleinlaan 5 Computer Room Room -1.50 Level -1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 30 minute sessions, <u>by appointment</u> (your appointment time has already been selected and is noted on the inside flap of your welcome pack) ✓ Activate your student account ✓ Learn how to access emails ✓ Learn how to access PointCarré (course-specific web pages required as regular resources by most professors) ✓ Learn how to access the VUB wireless internet zone ✓ Sign-up for Tour of Brussels 	
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	- <u>By appointment</u> (your appointment time(s) has/have already been selected and is/are noted inside your welcome pack)	
21:00 – until...	<u>Brussels Night Life with the VSG</u> Meeting point	KultuurKaffee
	✓ Join the VSG on a tour of Brussels' finest nightspots	

SATURDAY, 27 AUGUST 2011

TIME	ACTIVITY FOR STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS	LOCATIONS
10:00 – 13:00	<u>Tour of Brussels</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Prof. Martine Delseemme✓ Strongly recommended for all students who are new to Brussels✓ <u>Required</u> for students who plan on taking ART 361E.✓ Sign-up list available at the Welcome Desk (foyer) through Friday, 26 August.✓ Please note that the tour ends downtown at 13:00 for all students, except for ART 361E students, who will have an additional tour after lunch (additional tour ends at 16:30).	Meeting point Pleinlaan 5

WEEK 1 OF CLASSES

- ✓ **Tuesday, August 30** – “Student Club Fair and Used Book Sale”, **Pleinlaan 5, Level -1 in the reception room near the VeCo Recruitment and Internship Office - 12:00 – 15:30.** Learn about and sign up for student clubs; learn more about the internship and study abroad programs and buy and sell used text books.
- ✓ If you haven't already met with your advisor during orientation week, make an appointment to **meet with your academic advisor within the first 2-3 weeks of classes.**
- ✓ Contact information for your advisor can be obtained at the Reception Desk at Pleinlaan 5 (level -1).

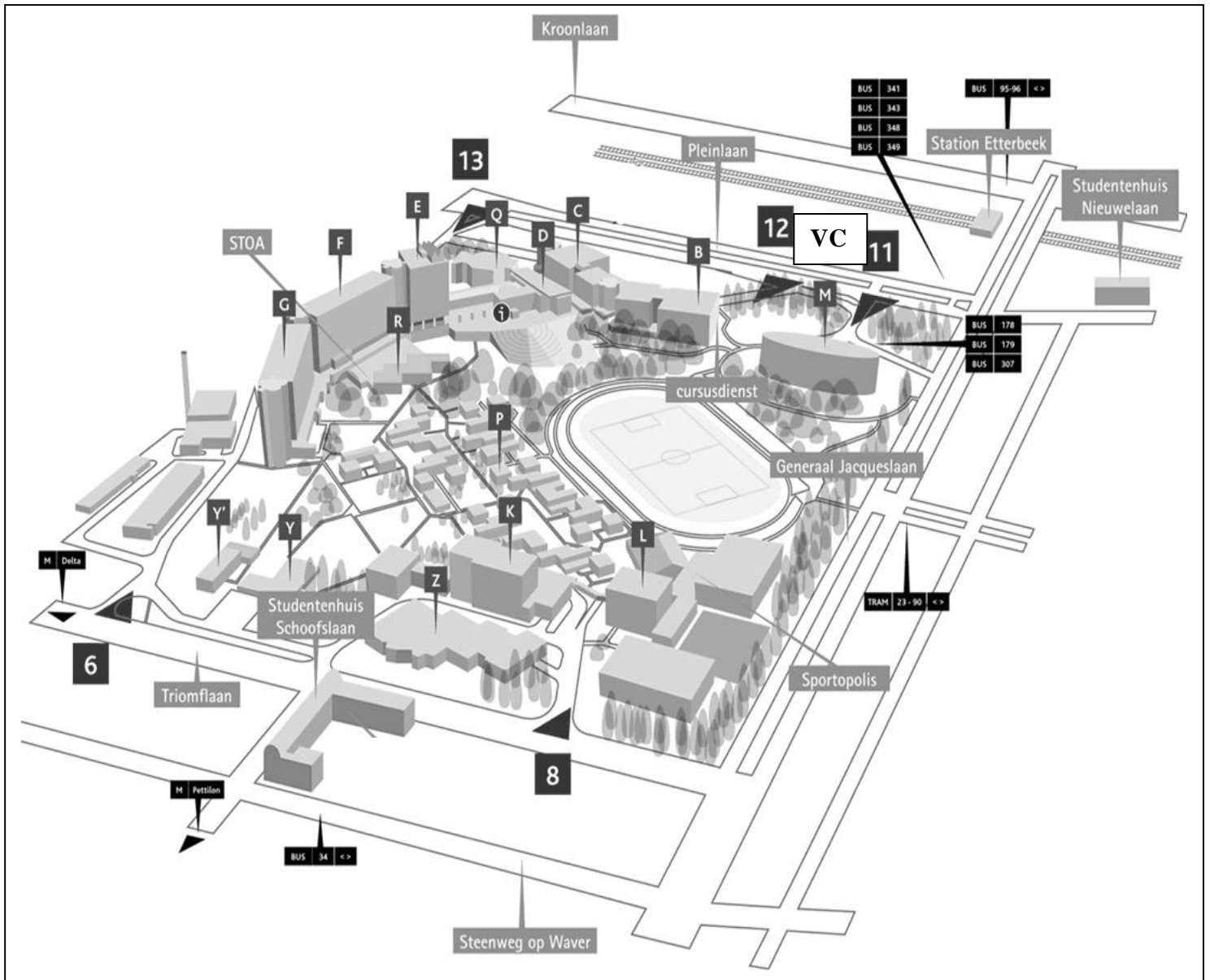
AS SOON AS YOU HAVE YOUR BELGIAN ADDRESS

- ✓ Communicate your **Belgian address email address and phone number** to the receptionist (Level -1) so that we have your coordinates and can contact you with important academic and administrative notices when needed.
- ✓ **Register at your local Commune** so that you can travel abroad without encountering border difficulties
- ✓ **US Students - Register on-line with the American Embassy**
(<https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/home.asp>)

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- ✓ Your **email address** will be provided during Wednesday's, Thursday's or Friday's Computer Account Activation Session.
- ✓ Your **student ID card** will be available at Reception by **the end of week 1** of classes. You will need your student card in order to be able to obtain a library card. Please note that you will only receive your student card once you have paid your tuition and fees and have provided us with your photos.
- ✓ If you have questions or problems at any time during Orientation, please go to the Reception Desk at Level -1, or ask the nearest staff member to direct you.

VUB Campus map



Q – Q Building (Orientation Location)

Y' – Kulturkaffee

VC – Pleinlaan 5 (Site of New Vesalius College Campus)

R – Cafeteria, STOA

D – Building D

E – Building E

6, 8, 11, 12, 13 – Main entrances to VUB campus

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