



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 qualified students from all over the globe – more than 40 different nationalities are represented among our student body. 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 programme, or enrol 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.

In the summer of 2011 Vesalius relocated to its new premises, right across the VUB campus. I look forward to personally welcoming you to our new campus.

*Dr. Bert Mosselmans
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 knowledge important to their chosen careers, but to also 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 to help 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 vocation: as the European capital the city is home to the European Institutions, the NATO and numerous international organisations and multinational companies. Our students can benefit from this international setting in many ways; our Bachelor programmes have a strong European focus.

Brussels is the bilingual capital of Belgium and 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. Born in Brussels, Andreas Vesalius was one of the premier freethinkers of the Renaissance. Known as the "father of modern anatomy," he questioned centuries-old beliefs about how the human body functioned and revolutionised scientific study. Publically challenging established theories, Vesalius embodied our college's 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 an enriching academic and cultural experience. With an emphasis placed on both group work and 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.



"What I find the best thing about Vesalius College is that you learn in very small groups, but still you meet people from all over the world. And although I'm a Belgian, I really feel like living in a total new world!"

Naomi Opsomer, Belgium

"Veco gives me the opportunity to study international affairs in a multicultural environment. It is a place where the new learned material does not stay in the classroom but becomes much more practical. It is a place where all of your prejudices are thrown overboard and you become part of an international community. Here you are forced to step out of your comfort zone and look at the bigger picture because at Veco, the world is at your fingertips!"

Sophie von Loeben, Germany

"I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know VeCo's greatest strength, its richly diverse student population and faculty. Whether I'm interacting with my classmates or with my experienced and esteemed professors, I always experience a good conversation and a smiling face. Every interaction is a unique learning experience at VeCo."

Malik Mubeen, United States

Vesalius College offers so much to so many: excellent professors, interesting courses, internship opportunities, diverse student body... The International Affairs program has put me on the right path for the future and enables me to develop both academically and professionally. I believe that I'm speaking on the behalf of many when I say that it is the right choice to study at Vesalius College!"

Aleksandra Dimovska, Macedonia

"Vesalius College was my dream college, I just had never heard of it while living in the States. Perhaps fate led me here, but I couldn't be more happy. My friends are from all over the world, my professors are challenging, helpful, and inspiring, and my future lies ahead. I know that no matter where I end up after graduation, I will be prepared to continue studying or able to work in a dynamic environment due to my experiences at Vesalius."

Marina Linch, United States

"To me VeCo is not just an institution where I can get a degree. It's people - warm, open, and friendly people with the most interesting stories. I never expected to grow to love this college so much so quickly."

Lisa Hartmann, Germany

Our Bachelor's degree 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 also providing them with the resources and faculty support needed to excel. Our graduates are well prepared for post-graduate studies or to begin a successful career.

The teaching philosophy and methods are based on American-style education, which includes interactive classroom discussions and continuous student assessment. Students select a major field of study but also choose from a wider range of disciplines and subjects in the Core Curriculum and through minors and the extensive list of elective courses. This educational system is designed to instil within students a spirit of critical inquiry, ethical responsibility, and personal fulfilment that leads to life-long learning.

Quality Instruction

The quality and accessibility of the Vesalius faculty is at the very core of the academic experience at the College. More than 90% of the diverse faculty hold PhDs. Thus, students learn from experts with international backgrounds and perspectives. Low student-to-faculty ratios encourage camaraderie between teachers and students, and instructors take personal interest in the progress and success of their students.

Guidance from Academic Advisors

An Academic Advisor will work with the student to personalise his/her course schedule. Our academic advisors assist students in identifying relevant courses, and offer support throughout their academic career at Vesalius College.

Vesalius College's Bachelor degree programmes have 4 essential components:

1. 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. Through classes like 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, nurture a spirit of critical inquiry, lead others by exercising intellectual judgment, and communicate effectively with diverse groups of people across many cultures and languages.

2. Major

An academic major or simply major is a main field of specialisation during a student's undergraduate studies. The College department offering the major defines a framework for this specialised portion of a student's studies, including a certain number of required courses and a certain number of freely chosen courses relevant to the major.

Once they enrol at Vesalius College, all students will choose a major—the academic subject in which they will specialise. Vesalius College offers majors in Business Studies, Communications and International Affairs.

3. 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.

Free elective courses allow students to pursue interests outside their major. Students can choose free electives within their major or from other majors than their own.

Besides the electives that Vesalius

College offers, students can also take elective courses with one of our partner institutions in Brussels. These partner institutions include:

- Brussels Institute of Contemporary China Studies
- Institute for European Studies
- Royal Music Conservatory Brussels
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel

4. Minor

An academic minor is a student's secondary field of study or specialisation during his or her undergraduate studies. As with a major, the college lays out a framework of required classes a student must complete to earn the minor.

Some students will prepare for their intended career with their major, while pursuing personal interests with a minor. For example, some students may major in Business and minor in International Affairs. Other students may pursue a minor to provide specific specialisation and thus make themselves more attractive to employers. For example, it is not infrequent for a International Affairs major to minor in European Peace and Security Studies.

Minors that are offered by Vesalius College include:

- Minor in International and European Economics
- Minor in International and European Business
- Minor in International and European Finance
- Minor in International and European Business Communication
- Minor in Media Management
- Minor in International and European Journalism
- Minor in European Union Studies
- Minor in European Peace and Security Studies
- Minor in International and European History
- Minor in International and European Law

Bachelor in Business Studies

About the Programme

Home to hundreds of international businesses and the European Union, Brussels is ideally situated to prepare students 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 around the globe.

The academic programme gives students a unique combination of theoretical and practical skills. Students at Vesalius College learn how businesses are organised and managed, as well as how they function within the larger economic, social, legal and political context. Students also become skilled at working in teams, collect and analyse quantitative information, write and speak effectively, and use information technology confidently. 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.

Graduating students are well-prepared to begin successful careers in large corporations or with start-ups. Alumni are also prepared for continued study at the graduate level in various business fields including accounting, administration, business administration, economics, and finance.





DEGREE REQUIREMENTS BUSINESS STUDIES (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)

Business Students choose five out of the list of courses below.

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 courses from the Communications and International Affairs programme may also be chosen as major electives.

For detailed course descriptions, we refer to the website:

www.vesalius.edu/academics

3-year Bachelor's Degree Business Programme, 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	Microeconomics	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	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, studying Communications in Brussels gives students unparalleled opportunities not available 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, European Parliament, NATO and other high profile organisations. In addition, Vesalius College students can take internships at hundreds of organisations to support their specific professional ambitions, meet and learn first-hand from thousands of industry experts and, crucially, develop contacts

and a professional network that will be invaluable as they advance in a career. These unique opportunities in Brussels provide students important competitive advantages 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 learn the function and organisation of institutions and industries and the social responsibilities of professional communicators.

In addition to a conceptual approach, students are trained in essential practical skills including writing, editing and presenting information across a variety of audiences.

Graduating students are well prepared to begin successful careers as communications professionals in journalism, public relations, media management, advertis-

ing, 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.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Communication Studies (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.

- Broadcast Journalism
- Scriptwriting for Radio and Television
- 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
- Internship

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

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3-year Bachelor's Degree Communications Programme, 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. 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.

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: 1815 to 1914
- or Evolution of the International System 1914-1989
- 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 Methods of Social Scientific Inquiry
- International Affairs Capstone

MAJOR ELECTIVES (48 ECTS)

- Chinese Foreign Policy and External Relations
- Comparative States and Political Institutions
- Comparative Public Policy
- Contemporary Political Debates: Dilemmas of European Integration
- European Peace and Security Studies – A Brussels Perspective
- The European Union's Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) in Theory and Practice
- The European Union as an International Actor: Civilian Approaches to Promoting Security and Development
- Evolution of the International System 1815-1914
- Evolution of the International System 1914-1989

- History: Methods and Problems
- History of the Middle East
- Military Approaches to Promoting Security
- 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
- Methods of Social Scientific Inquiry
- 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
- Understanding Contemporary Conflicts: Europe and Beyond
- Internship
- Honours Essay

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

For detailed course descriptions, we refer to the website:

www.vesalius.edu/academics



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

European Peace and Security Studies Certificate Programme

The European Peace and Security Studies (EPSS) programme provides in-depth and unique insights into the changing nature and fundamental challenges of contemporary security issues from a distinct Brussels perspective.

By pooling the combined expertise and resources of five leading educational institutions in Brussels - Vesalius College, the Conflict Studies Department of the Belgian Royal Military Academy, the Institute of European Studies (IES), The Global Governance Institute, as well as the University of Kent's Brussels campus - students are taught by prominent specialists in the field of civilian and military security issues in both theory and practice.

The courses emphasise theoretical and practical analysis of the comprehensive, civil-military nature of contemporary conflict and crisis management from a NATO and EU perspective. Additionally, they focus on the history, institutional procedures, policies and interrelations of these two key organizations as well as on their interaction with a wide range of civilian and military partners. The programme also sheds light on the complex roots and causes of contemporary conflicts in Europe's periphery and beyond. Hence, at the end of the semester, students will have acquired an extensive knowledge of the institutional, theoretical and practical dimensions of contemporary issues and of the core actors in the field of European Peace and Security.

The programme includes a high-profile guest lecture series and symposium provided by academic experts and leading practitioners from the European Union, NATO, the United Nations and related security organizations. Students are actively encouraged to establish and maintain such contacts with key practitioners from Brussels-based institutions and from the wider international academic community.

Students who have successfully completed the EPSS certificate programme will receive a certificate. Both undergraduate students and those who have already earned their bachelor's degree may apply. The EPSS is open to Belgian and international students.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS (30 ECTS)

The EPSS Programme consists of five, closely interrelated courses, all taught during the fall semester (worth 6 ECTS credits each), Wednesday evening expert lectures and a final symposium during the last week of the Programme:

- European Peace and Security Studies – A Brussels Perspective
- The European Union's Common Security and Defense Policy (ESDP) in Theory and Practice
- Military Approaches to Promoting Security
- The European Union as an International Actor: Civilian Approaches to Promoting Security and Development
- Understanding Contemporary Conflicts: Europe and Beyond

For detailed course descriptions, please visit

www.vesalius.edu/academics/epsshome



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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.

Vesalius College is a member of the following professional associations:

- American Chamber of Commerce, Brussels
- American Colleges Overseas (ACO)
- Council of International Schools (CIS)
- European Association for International Education (EAIE)
- NAFA: Association of International Educators
- Overseas Association for College Admission Counseling (OACAC)
- 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 colleges and universities in the USA and other countries 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 College Life.

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

International Partners include:

Asia

- Chonbuk National University, Jeonbuk, South 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

- American College in Skopje, Skopje, Macedonia
- The American University of Rome, Rome, Italy
- Dublin Business School, Dublin, Ireland
- Ecole des Dirigeants et Créateurs (EDC), Paris, France
- IE University, 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
- University of Ljubljana – Faculty of Social Sciences, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Latin America

- CESA Business School, Bogotá, Columbia
- Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores (TEC) de Monterrey, Mexico City Campus, Mexico
- Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores (TEC) de Monterrey, Guadalajara Campus, Mexico
- Universidad de Especialidades Espiritu Santo (UEES), Guayaquil, Ecuador
- Universidad de las Americas (UDLAP), Puebla, Mexico
- Universidad de la Ciencias Empresariales y Sociales (UCES), Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Universidad Jesuita de Guadalajara Periférico Sur Manuel Gómez Morin (ITESO), Tlaquepaque, Jalisco, 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
- Council for International Educational Exchange (CIEE)
- Educational Programs Abroad (EPA)
- 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
- The Washington Semester at American University, Washington, D.C., USA
- University of Florida (UF), Gainesville, Florida, USA
- University of Hawaii at Hilo (UH Hilo), Hilo, Hawaii, 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 academic credit through the Vesalius Internship Programme (VIP). The VIP offers students a position with one of its many internship partners, which range from multi-national corporations and media houses to international government organisations and NGOs.

The VIP aims to benefit students and internship partners 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 partners 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

Internship partners that have participated in the Vesalius Internship programme include:

- Accessible Art Fair
- AGE-The European Older People's Platform
- (A)WAY Publications
- BigBentoBox
- Caravan Productions
- Citibank
- Conrad Brussels Hotel
- COPURA
- Direct Selling Europe
- European Center for Research in Asia, Africa and Latin America (ECRAAL)
- EggCentris
- Ernst & Young
- European Cooperative for Rural Development
- European Diagnostic Manufacturers Association
- European Journalism Centre
- European Youth Forum
- EUobserver
- FEDMA
- Fulbright
- Hewlett Packard
- Hill and Knowlton
- FORATOM
- ICAEW
- ICODA European Affairs
- ING bank
- Laffineur Law Firm
- Ludwig Von Mises Institute Europe
- Management Centre Europe (MCE)
- MasterCard Europe
- Media Consulta
- Permanent Mission of the Republic of Macedonia to the EU
- Mobistar
- MO Group International
- NATO Headquarters
- New Europe
- Paper Impact
- Proctor & Gamble
- RISI
- The British School of Brussels
- The International Post Cooperation
- The Loft
- Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the European Union
- The U.S. Commercial Service at the U.S. Mission to the European Union
- Time Warner
- TV Brussel
- United Nations
- UPS
- UTC Fire& Security (GE Security)

"Since our collaboration with Vesalius College in 2008, DSE has had the good fortune of working with more than ten Vesalius interns and each one has been a great addition to our team. DSE is a very small organisation and therefore the contribution of interns to the overall outcome is significant. At the same time, the interns feel at home at DSE as they are required to work independently and hold a great deal of responsibility. Because of these dedicated individuals DSE has been able to take full advantage of media coverage, social media, and modern updated communications. We rely on interns' contributions and they are essential to the good functioning of our organisation."

*Marc Pouw
Direct Selling Europe*

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*

"World Natural Care has been accepting students from the Vesalius Internship Programme for three semesters now and we couldn't be more pleased with the results. The Vesalius Internship Programme gives dimension to traditional methods and approaches teaching through experience that ultimately manifests into growth and knowledge. Each student brings a new perspective that fuses with our team to create a brilliant collaboration. The students have a rich international outlook that makes a learning experience for both parties."

*Stan Idelsen
World Natural Care*

Vesalius College offers students a unique summer experience. Lasting just six weeks, the Vesalius Summer Programme gives students a targeted academic programme and the opportunity to experience and explore the best of European culture and travel.

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

A selection 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
- Mathematics for Business and Economics
- Internship

Requirements and Applications

Degree seeking students at Vesalius College need to complete a registration form for the Summer Programme.

New students have gained a secondary school diploma and will 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.





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 Vrije Universiteit Brussel, 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 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 both 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, and experiencing exam pressure are just a few of the major changes that students may experience in college. Vesalius offers free psychological counseling to students who would like to talk to a professional about missing home,

exam pressure, or other challenges they might face.

Food Services

Every day, the VUB campus cafeteria serves a wide selection of warm and cold dishes, 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.

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

Health Services

The medical 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: the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, the Universite Libre Bruxelles, Kent University, and Boston University. Together, they 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, live entertainment venues, organised athletic activities, and state-of-the-art sports facilities.

student ambassadors at events such as orientation, open day and recruitment fairs. If you would like to connect to the VSG or our students, you can check out their facebook page 'VSG friend'. They are very willing to give you information about Vesalius College from a student perspective.

Sports and Outdoor Activities

Vesalius students have full access to the athletics facilities of the VUB. The 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 m² 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

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 governance of the College, and regularly meets with the Dean on matters which affect the students at the College. The Student Government also holds a very important social role. It organises welcoming activities for new students, sports activities, seasonal parties, drama evenings and other social activities throughout the year. The members act as



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

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.

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, and students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. But the large number of universities and higher education institutions in Brussels mean that 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. 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.

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. 30% of the Brussels population is comprised of foreign nationals, so 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 home 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 touring bands. 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 many museums and art galleries ranging from classical to modern art. The city also houses a national symphony, opera and theatre. In addition, Brussels 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 graduates decide to further their 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 pursuing an extraordinary variety of careers in every corner of the globe.

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.

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

- 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, Italy
- Boston University, USA
- Cambridge University, UK
- Cass Business School, UK
- College of Europe, Belgium
- Colombia University, USA
- Cranfield University, UK
- Dalhousie University, Canada
- Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Austria
- Ecole de management Grenoble, France
- EAP Madrid, Spain
- Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
- Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
- Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland
- Hebrew University, Israel
- IE University, Spain
- John Hopkins University, USA
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
- Kent University, UK
- London School of Economics, UK
- Lund University, Denmark
- Monach University, Canada
- McGill University, Canada
- Oregon State University, USA
- Pepperdine University, USA
- Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Chile
- Simon Fraser University,
- Solvay Business School, Belgium
- University of St Andrews, UK
- 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
- MTV Networks
- MasterCard
- NATO
- Nokia
- PepsiCo
- Procter & Gamble
- PriceWaterhouseCoopers
- Putnam Investments
- Royal Bank of Scotland
- Saatchi & Saatchi
- Save the Children Fund
- Siemens
- The Bulletin
- Toyota Europe
- TVBrussel
- United Nations
- UPS
- World Bank
- World Customs Organization





Admissions

Applying to Vesalius College

Vesalius College seeks students who are able to meet the challenges of its academic programme 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.

Applicants for admission must have graduated from a secondary school prior to beginning their studies at Vesalius College. 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 for admission.

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);
- Two letters of recommendation (from persons familiar with the candidate's academic work, for example, teachers, professors, guidance counselors, or school directors);
- A non-refundable application fee of Eur. 50.00;
- 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. The College requires the TOEFL or IELTS test;
- 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 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.

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).

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.

Bank Details:

Dexia Bank
Account number: 068-2410268-39
IBAN number: BE 13 068-2410268-39
Swift code: GKCC BE BB
Vesalius College vzw
Pleinlaan 2, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium

Detailed information about the methods of payment can be found the website: 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

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 spring 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

Fall Semester 2012

22-24 August
Orientation and registration for new students
27 August
First day of classes
27 Aug – 01 Sept
Late registration for all students
15 December
End of fall semester



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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