

Dear SEC Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Belgium Environmental Science and Engineering Program offered by the Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department at Texas A&M University.

Through Texas A&M University's membership in the Southeastern Conference (SEC), we look forward to you joining us on the Belgium study abroad program. The SEC has an Education Abroad Cooperation Agreement that allows students from SEC schools to participate in study abroad programs from other SEC member schools at the same rates and fees as the host university's students.

The first step in the process is to apply online to the A&M Belgium Environmental Science and Engineering Faculty-led program at: <http://abroad.tamu.edu>. After your application has been reviewed and you have been accepted into the program, the next step will be to apply to Texas A&M as a Summer Program – Transient student at <http://admissions.tamu.edu/nondegreeseeking>. This will allow you to enroll in the courses offered on the Belgium program, and receive transfer credit for the courses. SEC students participating on this program will be charged the same program fees and related expenses as TAMU students.

Please note that you will not be considered as a participant on the Belgium Environmental Science and Engineering Faculty-led program until you have been:

- 1) accepted into the study abroad program,
- 2) admitted to Texas A&M as a Summer Transient Student, and
- 3) confirmed your participation via the Texas A&M [Education Abroad Portal](#).

After you have been admitted to Texas A&M as a Summer Transient Student, and confirmed your participation on the program, you will receive an invoice for expenses associated with the Belgium program.

The **Education Abroad deadline for applying as a transient student is March 1st, 2021**, rather than the general April 1st deadline. Information about the Belgium program and details about how to apply as a Texas A&M Summer Transient Student follows.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Clyde Munster (c-munster@tamu.edu), faculty leader, or Ami Vázquez Vargas (amaris.vazquez@tamu.edu), Education Abroad advisor.

Process for SEC Students Joining the A&M Belgium Environmental Science and Engineering Program

This process is for students from SEC schools who wish to participate in the Texas A&M Belgium Environmental Science and Engineering Faculty-led program based in Leuven, Belgium.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligibility Criteria

- ☐ Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- ☐ Good academic standing.
- ☐ Be a rising junior (sophomore moving to junior classification in the fall semester after the program), a junior, or senior.
- ☐ Have communicated with faculty member leading program and obtained his approval to participate.
- ☐ Able to attend all April orientation sessions via video conference.

Program Materials

- ☐ Program Overview
- ☐ Program Tentative Costs

Application Steps

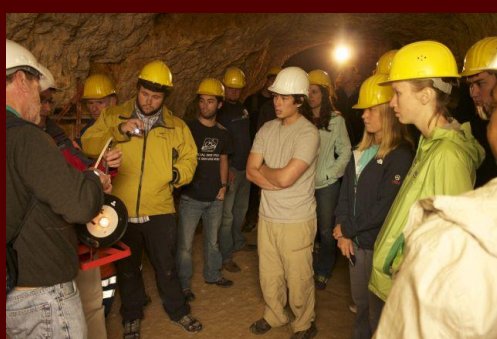
- ☐ Interested students should contact Dr. Clyde Munster (c-munster@tamu.edu) to discuss the Belgian program, academic expectations, and fulfillment of the eligibility criteria.
- ☐ Consult with your academic advisor about the appropriate course substitutions at your home university for the Belgium study abroad classes.
- ☐ Discuss program with the study abroad office and financial aid office at your home university.
- ☐ Discuss program with your parents as well (if applicable).
- ☐ Complete the online Belgium program application [here](#) as a Non-Texas A&M user.
- ☐ After the Belgium Study Abroad program application is completed and approved by the faculty leader, your application will be listed as **"Complete"** until you have been admitted to Texas A&M as a Summer Transient Student (\$75 application fee).
- ☐ After admitted as Summer Transient Student, Belgium Study Abroad program application status will be updated to **"Approved"**. You must then log back into the application portal to **Confirm** or **Decline** participation on the program.
- ☐ SEC Summer Transient Students will receive invoices for the program fee (tentatively estimated at \$2,900) plus the Texas A&M tuition and fees through the Howdy portal. Students may be billed in installments and will be notified via email when a bill has been posted.

Pre-Departure Materials – Completed via Texas A&M Education Abroad Portal

- ☐ Upload Color Copy of Passport to Profile
- ☐ Upload Flight Itinerary
- ☐ Submission of the Final Budget Statement and Payment Schedule Acknowledgement
- ☐ Read Required Orientation Information: Pre-Departure Orientation
- ☐ Successfully Complete Pre-Departure Phase Orientation Quiz

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July 6st - August 13th, 2021

Leuven, Belgium

About

The Belgium Environmental Science and Engineering Study Abroad Program provides undergraduate engineering students with an opportunity gain international experience and at the same time take two Texas A&M University courses for six hours of transfer credit.

Courses will be taught at the Katholieke University of Leuven, in Leuven, Belgium, which is only 30 km east of Brussels. Classes are taught on Tuesday and Wednesday with field trips on Thursday. The field trips are day-trips to visit interesting water and wastewater projects unique to Europe. This schedule provides students with 4-day weekends to travel and explore Belgium and/or other countries. Belgium is centrally located in Western Europe with quick and easy access to the Netherlands, France, Germany, Luxemburg and England.

Credit

All students must register for 6 credit hours.

Engineering Courses

- **BAEN 465:** Design of Biological Waste Treatment Systems (3 hours)
- **BAEN 477:** Air Pollution Engineering (3 hours)

Non-Engineering Courses

- **AGSM 337:** Technology for Environmental and Natural Resource Engineering (3 hours)
- **AGSM 489:** Special Topics in Air Pollution Control (3 hours)

BAEN 465 and **AGSM 337** provide an overview of the processes involved in wastewater treatment, especially small, on-site wastewater treatment systems. **BAEN 477** and **AGSM 489** study the design of air pollution abatement systems and review federal and state air quality regulations

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- Have met via telephone with the faculty member leading the Belgium program and obtained approval to participate.
- Able to attend ALL orientation sessions in April.



Tentative Costs

Estimated Program Fee (subject to change) – billed to Texas A&M University Account		\$3,100
KUL Student Housing	\$750	
Excursions & Cultural Site Visits	\$150	
In-country transportation	\$500	
CISI International Health Insurance	\$50	
Education Abroad Administrative Fee	\$400	
Miscellaneous Program Expenses (printing, wire transfer fees, on-site support, bike rental, other)	\$600	
Portion of Faculty Expenses	\$650	
Additional Expenses – not included in Program Fee		\$4,665+
Texas A&M Tuition & Fees (in state undergraduate resident for 6 hrs)	\$2,200+	
Texas A&M Summer Transient Application Fee	\$75	
Texas A&M Transcript (order post program)	\$10	
Textbooks & Supplies	\$100	
International Airfare	\$1,500	
Most meals	\$625+	
Passport and Pictures	\$155	
Personal Spending	Varies	
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST		\$7,565+