



The MAY TERM 2010 in The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

The May Term is an intensive academic program during May/June shared by Clark University and The College of The Holy Cross. It is open to students from Clark University, Holy Cross and other institutions. The program provides an opportunity for students to spend nearly four weeks, right after the spring semester, in The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, in the heart of western Europe. Surrounded by France, Germany, and Belgium, Luxembourg is uniquely situated to give students a varied and stimulating experience of Europe. The May Term is also ideal for students whose academic program or personal circumstances will not allow them to spend a semester off campus or who would like to add an intensive summer program to their international experience.



Luxembourg City- The Grund

The May Term 2010

May 17 to June 11, 2010

How to get application forms: see page 3

COST: \$4,900 for students from Clark University and The College of The Holy Cross.

\$6,300 for students from other universities.

Includes tuition for one full-credit course, a roundtrip ticket from Boston to Europe (voluntary group flight), accommodations, meals (except on Friday evenings and weekends), and all course-related field trips within Luxembourg and neighboring countries.

The May Term is subsidized by our Luxembourg sponsor, the Henry J. Leir Foundation. Modest financial aid is available to academically qualified students on the basis of need.

Application Deadline: January 27, 2010.

Courses during May Term 2010 are:

1. Cultural Psychology of Urban Living.

A psychology course taught by Professor Jaan Valsiner, Clark University.

2. Beyond Armageddon: Enmity to Amity in Europe.

A history course taught by Professor Bill Green, Holy Cross College.

3. Imagining Europe: Space, Borders, And Cultural Identities.

An English course taught by Professor Steve Levin, Clark University.

See page 2 for course descriptions and perspectives/designations.

Informational Meetings:

At Clark: **Wednesday, November 4 at 4:00 p.m., Dana Commons ("Fishbowl", 2nd fl)**

At Holy Cross: **Tuesday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m., Hogan Center, Room #304**

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All courses are introductory courses, there are no course prerequisites.

All courses are taught in English and are open to first year students.

Students can enroll in one of the three courses listed below:

Cultural Psychology of Urban Living

(Psychology 157) will be taught by Professor Jaan Valsiner of Clark University's Psychology Department. Its focus is to provide students with skills of observational research and semiotic analyses of culturally structured open spaces in urban settings—streets, parks, functional activity centers, etc. Research tasks will be set up for students in four cultural contexts--German, French, Flemish and Dutch (based on field trips). During the Luxembourg stay in the Spring, the students will carry out their individual observational studies of public conduct in culturally structured activity settings, and will write a research paper based on their work.

This course carries Global Comparative Perspective credit at Clark University. At Holy Cross, the course fulfills the elective requirement for the psychology major.

Beyond Armageddon: Enmity to Amity in Europe

(History 006) will be taught by William Green, Professor Emeritus, Holy Cross College. The course concentrates on the international history of Europe, commencing with the unparalleled disaster of the Great War, 1914-1918, and the ensuing, even more costly Second World War, 1939-1945. Paramount attention will be given to the conduct of warfare in the territories of Northern France, Western Germany, Belgium, and Luxembourg (scene of the Battle of the Bulge). The class will visit sites of warfare undertaken in this region, some of them commemorative, some grisly, all of them important, including Verdun, the Maginot Line, and several military cemeteries--French, German, and American. The post war reconstruction of Europe, the onset and development of the Cold War, and the process of reconciliation among former wartime enemies, particularly France and Germany, will be treated. Consideration will be given to the creation of the European Community, and its remarkable expansion at the end of the 20th century. A visit will be made to Strasbourg, home of the European Parliament, crossroads of French and German culture, and principal city of Alsace.

This course carries History Perspective credit at Clark University. At Holy Cross, it is approved for the historical studies common area requirement and counts as a European history course toward the history major.

Imagining Europe: Space, Borders, And Cultural Identities

(English 004) will be taught by Stephen Levin, Assistant Professor of Clark University's English Department. Questions raised in this course include: What is "Europe"? Is it defined primarily by its cultural values? Geographic boundaries? A shared history? A commitment to a set of political ideals? Who decides? This course examines competing ideas of Europe in the contemporary period through readings in journalism, literary fiction, poetry, philosophy, and political criticism. We will be especially interested in how Europe "remembers" the past in its public museums, monuments, and heritage sites; the inclusion or exclusion of Europe's internal "others" (Jews and Muslims particularly); and the globalization of European languages by "migrant" writers. Field trips are planned to Belgium and Germany.

This course carries Language and Culture Perspective credit at Clark University. At Holy Cross, it is approved for the literature common area requirement.

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May Term 2009 saw 38 students from Clark University and the College of the Holy Cross enrolled in: “Comparative Courts and Law” (taught by Prof. Mark Miller, Government Department, Clark University); “From Total War to European Union” (taught by Prof. Theresa McBride, History Department, College of the Holy Cross); “Seeing the Light: At the Crossroads of Art & Science (taught by Prof. S. Leslie Blatt, Physics Department, Clark University). Field trips were taken to various sites in Luxembourg, Belgium, France, Holland and Germany. The students participating were:



Gibson Banta (HC), Lyndsey Boekenkamp (HC), Sean Brimmer (HC), Mikal Brotnov (CU), Alyssa Carboni (HC), Viennie Chanthachack (HC), Jong Whan Choi (CU), Andrew Cox (HC), Emily Cross (CU), Joseph Darcy (HC), Meghan Doherty (HC), Courtney Doyle (HC), Audrey Fox (CU), Michelle Gebele (CU), Grace Gomez (HC), Elyse Hara (HC), Samantha Horn (CU), Maxie Kalish (CU), Victoria Kim (CU), Peter Laub (HC), Casey Lee (HC), Breanna Lembitz (CU), Theresa Lindboe (CU), Ann-Sophie Lundqvist (CU), Kathryn MacDowell (CU), Elizabeth Magier (CU), Brian McDermott (HC), James McNamara (HC), Kaitlin Merseles (CU), Elana Nemerson (CU), Carol-Anne Rutkiewicz (CU), Eli Smedsrud (CU), Brendan Sullivan (HC), Lynsey Teulings (HC), Andrew Veale (HC), Meghan Ward (CU), Kristina Xega (HC), Qingyi Zhou (CU).

Contact with these students can give prospective May Term participants a student viewpoint of the program.

For Application Forms for May Term 2010 contact:

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Luxembourg's Location in Europe

Students in the May Term have taken weekend trips on their own expense and risk to destinations like Lucern (Switzerland), Amsterdam, Paris, Brugge, Brussels, London, Cologne (Germany), Munich, and Strasbourg. A number of students stayed in Europe after the program and took trips to Germany, Italy, Greece, Great Britain, Switzerland, France, The Czech Republic, and Poland. Distances from Luxembourg City to major European cities are indicated on the map. Excellent public transportation makes all of these sites readily accessible.

