

Winter in Belgium

Dec 29, 2024 - Jan 18, 2025

Brussels, Belgium

As the political capital of Europe and home to the European Union, Brussels is one of the most international cities on the continent. With three official languages, it is not uncommon to hear French, Dutch, or German spoken on the streets. This multi-cultural city is packed with cafes and some of the best shops for 'frites', waffles, and world-famous Belgian chocolates. The magnificent Grand Palace and iconic Manneken-Pis have become emblems of the city. Located only 1.5 hours by train from both Paris and Amsterdam, Brussels truly serves as a European hub.

Housing

While abroad, you live with a host family, enabling you to engage in cross-cultural conversations about Belgian and American lifestyles while practicing your language skills. Most meals will be provided through the host family.

Course

Students take one course through Siena Italian Studies (SIS), detailed below:

Belgian Food and Ingredients (3 credits)

This course explores the origins and global influence of Belgian culinary delights like fries, beer, and pralines. Students will delve into cultural and historical aspects, including Belgium's colonial past and the importation of cocoa from the Congo. Classes are interactive, with cooking classes and excursions to breweries, beer factories, fries museums, and chocolatiers for guided visits and tastings.



Application Deadline: October 1st

Application Process

Applications open on September 3rd. The application link will be emailed to all students who have met with a study abroad advisor in the Center for International Programs and expressed interest in J-Term 2025 programs. Students who have not met with an advisor can email international@siena.edu to schedule a meeting. Students must have met with a study abroad advisor to be eligible to apply.

The application consists of short-answer questions in which students detail their program choice, course choice, and why they wish to go abroad to their selected country.

Applications close on October 1st, and students will receive a decision on their application within 1-2 days *after* this deadline. Decisions will be based on capacity limits for certain program locations and courses.

Students will have until October 9th to confirm their acceptance and participation in the program. Once confirmed, students will be sent instructions to complete further paperwork.

Program Cost: \$3,050

Billing & Withdrawal

Program cost covers tuition, housing, meals, international insurance, and cultural visits as part of the course. All fees will be posted on students' accounts by the Office of Business Services. An initial \$500 deposit will be placed on accounts on October 10, 2024, due immediately. The remaining fees will be charged on November 15, 2024, due at the beginning of December.

Accepted students will have until October 9, 2024 to withdraw from the program with no financial penalty. Withdrawals after this date may be subject to non-recoverable deposits and fees.

Additional Expenses

In addition to the program cost above, students are responsible for roundtrip airfare and all personal expenses (souvenirs, independent travel, etc). Suggested flights will be provided to all program participants in mid-October.

