

# GLOBAL HEALTH: BELGIUM

INTERNSHIP SPRING 2024



This innovative new internship location, in collaboration with the Belgian Center for Occupational Hygiene (BeCOH) provides excellent opportunities for international learning as students focus on environmental and occupational health analysis. Students will work directly with chemists and technicians at BeCOH focusing on sample analysis using cutting-edge equipment and technology, results interpretation, data entry and analysis and the occasional fieldwork projects. Students will also have the opportunity to attend various environmental and occupational health classes at the historic KU Leuven (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven).

## **DATES**

29 April – 22 June approximately. Official dates to be announced.

## **HOUSING**

Students will be responsible for arranging their own housing local apartments or hostels in Leuven, Belgium, near BeCOH. The cost of housing is the personal responsibility of the students and is not included in the program cost.

## **COURSES**

Students in the program are required to take a minimum of 6 credits from this list of courses: IAS 399, HLTH 403, HLTH 481, HLTH 492, HLTH 491, or LFSCI 199.

Note: LFSCI 199 is for Life Sciences majors only and requires prior approval.

Students may be interested in investigating the local culture by taking IAS 380 Cultural Proofs for 1–3 credit hours. This self-guided course allows students to do independent intercultural research, interview locals, and experience local culture.

## **COST**

Students pay Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition for 6 credits (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), which covers the cost of international health insurance coverage, coordination of program with the BeCOH, and on-site coordination and support.

Does not include international airfare, accommodation, preparation course tuition, passport, visa(s), immunizations, personal expenses, local transportation, meals, or cell phones/international data plan.

The cost for accompanying spouses is 1 credit hour of BYU Latter-day Saint undergraduate tuition.

## **TRAVEL**

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent.

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## **PREPARATION**

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 369R, 1 credit hour) during the second block of the winter 2024 semester.

Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program. Spouses also will need to apply online and take the preparation course.

**Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.**

## **FUNDING SOURCES**

Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see [kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships](http://kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships)).

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate.

Complete the online application at [kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply](http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply).

A nonrefundable \$35 application fee is required.

Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete.

Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program.

First payment due upon acceptance

**Priority Deadline: 1 November 2023**

**Application Deadline: 1 December 2023**

## **FACULTY**

**Dr. Steve Thygerson**, Professor of Public Health is the faculty director for the program. This is an independent internship, Dr. Thygerson will not be in Belgium for the program, but will be distance teaching students during the experience.

## **SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**

Students will be in country for 4 weeks. Students will also be required to complete academic assignments prior to this time and upon returning home from the program.

## **INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT**

International Study Programs

or

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## **PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS**

ISP reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost estimates due to conditions beyond its control. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU Financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.