

GLOBAL HEALTH: BELGIUM

INTERNSHIP SPRING 2025



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 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

28 April – 17 July, 2025 (approximately.)

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: HLTH 492, HLTH 491, or HLTH 496.

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 LDS undergraduate tuition for six credits, which covers 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.

Cost for accompanying spouses: \$300-400. Includes BYU Latter-day Saint undergraduate tuition for 1 credit and international health insurance coverage. Does not include preparation course tuition, airfare, personal expenses, or meals.

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 at: BYU Travel | 280 HRCB | 801-422-6293 | travel@byu.edu

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 2025 semester.

International study programs are physically, emotionally, and mentally taxing and you must be in good health to participate. These programs often take place in international locations that do not have the same level of safety and services in terms of transportation, living conditions, residential accommodations, food, public behavior, and policing that you may be used to on campus. If you have further questions or concerns on this, please see <https://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-travel-policy>.

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).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at 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.

Application Deadline: 1 December 2024

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
101 HRCB
kennedy.byu.edu/isp

or

Dr. Steve Thygerson
2031 Life Science Building
steven.thygerson@byu.edu

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.