

The Jewels of Europe

Integration of historical, social, economic, environmental and animal welfare issues as a comparative study of agronomy, horticulture, plant production and utilization, animal science, and leadership in Europe and the United States.

COURSES

HORT 475 (3 credits): The Jewels of Europe

HORT 675 (3 credits): The Jewels of Europe

ANSC 475 (3 credits): The Jewels of Europe

ANSC 675 (3 credits): The Jewels of Europe

LEAD 200 (3 credits): The Jewels of Europe

ACCOMMODATIONS

France, Germany, and the Netherlands

Types of accommodations: Hotels

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The course is an on-campus and seventeen-day travel abroad course involving a trip to The Netherlands, Germany and France with mandatory pre- and post-travel class meetings regarding the course subjects. An attempt is made to integrate historical, social, economic, environmental and animal welfare issues as a comparative study of agronomy, horticulture, plant production and utilization, and animal science in Europe and the United States. Various marketing and production sites will be visited. Emphasis will be on innovations on crop and livestock production/ animal products, as well as traditional methods of European agriculture. Further emphasis is placed on issues as a comparative study of leadership development and practice in Europe and the United States.

Horticulture specific Objectives:

- Compare agricultural variables between Europe and the US
- Develop an appreciation for horticultural preservation as it is practiced in Europe
- Determine the practices and problems of plant and animal production in Europe versus the US
- Distinguish between the value of plants grown in Europe as a raw crop and as value-added products; compare to the products of KY
- Describe the approach to landscapes and the variety of gardens seen in Europe
- Experience living in another culture
- Adapt knowledge learned to further success in your field of study

Animal Science specific Objectives:

- Apply animal science terminology.
- Compare and contrast EU/US livestock production and industry, including animal products.
- Compare and contrast EU/US livestock management practices including welfare aspects

Leadership specific Objectives:

- Students, at the conclusion of this course, will gain knowledge of leadership concepts, leadership theory, an understanding of leadership assessment, and will better understand their own leadership skills and abilities.

- Identify behaviors of effective leaders.
- Gain an understanding of applying leadership aspects to various situations and contexts
- Gain an overview of tools available for measuring and improving leadership effectiveness
- Experience living in another culture
- Adapt knowledge learned to further success in your field of study

PROGRAM DETAILS

LOCATION: France, Germany, and the Netherlands

ACADEMIC TERM: Summer 2014: June 12 – 28, 2014

ITINERARY (subject to change)

6/13	Fri	Nashville	Leave from Nashville airport for overnight flight to Amsterdam
6/14	Sat	Amsterdam	Arrive 8 a.m. (our arrival time is not confirmed yet), Meet Coach Floating Flower Mkt.(Almeer) Anne Frank House (Amsterdam) Canal Tour (Amsterdam) Cheese and town tour (Gouda) Overnight in Amsterdam
6/15	Sun		
6/16	Mon	Berlin	drive to Berlin, hop on/hop off bus tour, self-exploration Berlin Wall & Museum “efficient city farming” tour
6/17	Tue	Berlin	Day trip to Potsdam
6/18	Wed	Munich	drive to Munich, hop on/hop off deal for sightseeing
6/19	Thu	Munich	Brewery tour English Garden tour Butcher shops Sausage production Hofbräuhaus (need to see this at night)
6/20	Fri		7 a.m. leave for New Swan Stone , maybe also see Hohenschwangau Afternoon visit Kempton (dairy/cheese)
		Drive to Fussen (by Castles) Overnight	
6/21	Sat		morning visit Kempton (dairy/cheese) afternoon visit Horses in Gomadingen : Haupt- und Landgestüt Marbach
		Drive to Konstanz Overnight	
6/22	Sun		Isle of Mainau Tour Stone Age Dwellings on the lake open air museum (Culture heritage site that can be visited with a boat ticket from Mainau. Look at the link: Pfahlbauten)
		Konstanz Overnight	
6/23	Mon	Colmar	Route of 5 castles (visit Chateau de Hohlandsbourg: Medieval gardens & meal)
6/24	Tue	Colmar	visit town Overnight
6/25	Wed	Paris	We say goodbye to the Coach and take a train to Paris from Germany
6/26	Thu	Paris	visit Versailles & gardens
6/27	Fri	Paris	visit Gardens of Monet, Eiffle Tower, train to Amsterdam
6/28	Sat	Amsterdam	return flight

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

ELIGIBILITY

- Graduate student in good standing (Graduate Catalog p.30).
- Undergraduate students with 3.2 cumulative GPA, good standing in the Honors College, or permission of the instructor.
- Permission of instructor(s) is required.
- Current WKU student eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [visiting students](#).
- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure (parent/guardian permission for anyone under 18 at time of departure).
- Students must possess passport valid for at least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by Judicial Affairs.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment prior to departure is required.
- Students must complete the [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. We suggest you start this application process immediately and respond to all emails promptly

BASE PACKAGE

Cost: \$4,800

Included in Base Package

- Undergraduate tuition for 3 credit hours (\$1,090 value) or Graduate tuition for 3 Credit hours(\$1401 value).
- Fourteen-nights of accommodations in France, Germany, and the Netherlands
- Course-related ground transportation in Europe
- Course-related entrance fees in Europe
- Round-trip flight between Nashville and Amsterdam
- International medical insurance

Excluded from Base Package

- Transportation between your departure airport and your home.
- Independent travel (non-program travel).
- Meals, services, and beverages not included during course-related field programs.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access.
- Tips for guides and drivers not included in program-related activity.
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance. *Highly recommended.*
- Meals & Services and beverages not mentioned in the program
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight / program changes

Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts. Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.

Green Sheet subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

<p>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</p> <p>February 1, 2014 - Priority deadline for application with non-refundable \$250 deposit*</p> <p>February 1, 2014 – Program Fee will be charged to student’s TopNet account. Balance must be paid prior to program departure. Students applying after this date will be billed on a rolling basis.</p> <p>* Deposit paid by student directly with a credit card – NOT billed to student account.</p>	<p>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</p> <p>After February 1: 25% of program cost After March 1: 50% of program cost After April 1: 75% of program cost After May 1: 100% of program cost (No refund).</p> <p>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU’s Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</p>
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LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the program.

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