



Vesalius College is a unique educational institution in Brussels and beyond – a transatlantic liberal arts-style college with an interdisciplinary perspective. As of 2017, the College will expand its academic offerings at graduate and life-long learning (executive training) levels.

The College is the oldest higher education institution in Brussels that offers Bachelor programmes taught exclusively in English. Thanks to the influence of our founders, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Boston University, we combine the strengths of both the American and European academic systems. We offer students an American-style curriculum with interactive teaching, small classes, personalised attention and guidance. We also offer a rich, stimulating and international environment distinctive of a college based in Brussels, the capital of Europe. Students from all over the world have been drawn to this unique environment: more than 60 different nationalities are represented among our student body.

Our professors have been educated at the world's leading universities, continue to excel in their fields as researchers or advisors and have a deep passion for teaching. Our classes are small and interactive, with dynamic class discussions and continuous assessment throughout the semester. Vesalius College not only offers a highly global and interdisciplinary education, but also an approach that carefully balances theory with practice. Students acquire the theoretical and academic knowledge needed for further studies or a career in their field, but also develop key transferable skills and networks for professional success. They also have the opportunity to do an internship in Brussels for academic credit at one of our many partner organisations, which include government institutions, think tanks, media organisations, international corporations and NGOs.

A distinctive and important characteristic of our Bachelor's programmes is what we call 'Theory-Guided, Practice-Embedded and Experiential Learning' (or TPEL for short). We make the most of our location in the Capital of Europe and out of our professors' extensive networks by 'bringing Brussels to the classroom'. This comprises not only an extensive variety of guest lectures and events with leading experts and practitioners, but also simulations, honours classes and unique partnerships with leading universities in Europe and the US. Taken together, this approach gives our students valuable insight into the practical aspects of their education and allows them to gather unique global experiences, which will help them to make better-informed choices for their future career or study paths.

We are pleased to announce that Vesalius College has signed a far-reaching agreement with Georgetown University's (Washington) Department of Government for cooperation in teaching, research and cooperation. We are excited about this new opportunity for our students at a time when transatlantic cooperation is undergoing profound changes.

Whether you intend to earn a degree, participate in our study abroad programme, or enrol in a summer course, at Vesalius College you will find a rewarding opportunity to prepare for the exciting professional and personal opportunities that await you. We hope that you enjoy discovering more about the College in this brochure.

Prof. Dr. Joachim Koops Dean



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About VeCo

A UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vesalius College (affectionately known as 'VeCo') is a tight-knit yet diverse college with a student body of approximately 350. With its low professor-to-student ratio, faculty members are very accessible and closely involved in all aspects of the students' intellectual and personal development. Classes kept small, but are intellectually diverse and marked by a highly dynamic, innovative and personalised teaching style.

BELGIAN-AMERICAN ROOTS

VeCo, founded by the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and Boston University in 1987 to offer undergraduate education in English in Brussels, is the first Liberal Arts College in the Benelux. Now, 30 years since its founding, the College offers the best of American and European education.

BRUSSELS: THE CAPITAL OF EUROPE

The city is home to the European institutions, NATO and numerous international organisations and multinational companies. Students can benefit from this international setting through Vesalius College's academic programmes and its strong European focus, the Vesalius Internship Programme which offers exciting professional opportunities at leading companies and organisations, or by attending guest lectures and workshops given by local practitioners and experts.

QUALITY INSTRUCTION, GUIDANCE & SUPPORT

The quality and accessibility of the faculty is at the very core of the academic experience at the College. Thanks to our low student-teacher ratio, professors take a personal interest in the individual success of each student. Professors take a humanistic and interdisciplinary approach to intellectual inquiry, encouraging students to not only learn skills and knowledge important for their chosen careers, but to also think critically and develop themselves personally and as ethically responsible citizens of an increasingly multicultural and globalised world.

RECOGNITION & ACCREDITATION

Vesalius College is registered with the Flemish government of Belgium as an institution for higher education. The Vesalius College Bachelor's degree is equivalent to a recognised Bachelor's degree awarded by a Flemish university. The four Bachelor programmes are accredited by the Dutch-Flemish Accreditation Organisation (Nederlands-Vlaamse Accreditatie Organisatie, NVAO). Vesalius College follows the Bologna Process, the reform effort designed to standardise higher education qualifications throughout Europe.

Why VeCo?



+60 NATIONALITIES

represented among the College's community of students and faculty.



HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI

working in leading companies and organisations such as UN, NATO, CESA's Leadership and Entrepreneurship Center and Bank of America Merrill Lynch.



OUTSTANDING LINKS

to Brussels' professional scene and leading universities such as Georgetown, London School of Economics and Political Science, Oxford, Cambridge and Yale.



DEDICATED & PROMINENT FACULTY

educated at world-leading universities and who bring the institutional knowledge to the classroom.



+50 STUDY ABROAD

partnerships with universities from North America, Europe, Latin America, Asia and Oceania.



60 INTERNSHIP PARTNERS

which range from multinational corporations, law firms and media houses to government institutions and NGOs.

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Honours Class with the Global Economic Symposium and the US State Department, Capstone, Model EU, etc.

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VeCo Style: Theory-Guided, Practice-Embedded & Experiential Learning (TPEL)

At Vesalius College we pursue a unique and specific approach to teaching, which combines the promotion of in-depth theoretical knowledge with 'practice-embedded and experiential learning.'

TPEL draws on the College's unique location and access to senior European and global policy-makers, business executives and entrepreneurs, legal experts and communication professionals. These experts are not only invited regularly to high-level guest lectures and weekend workshops, but they also form an important part of the College's regular curriculum throughout the three years of undergraduate education. Through the simulations of real-life problems in international politics, business case studies, communication campaigns and legal advocacy exercises in the classroom, students receive practical feedback from senior professionals from 'the real world' and learn how theories learned in the classroom are applied into real-life situations.

TPEL Activities



Capstone

Towards the end of their 3-year Bachelor studies, students are trained to apply their knowledge to a real-life problem. Utilising the College's unique access to Brussels-based circles and international organisations, students are entrusted with real-life case studies just as they enter the final semester of their Bachelor's degree and gain an initial experience of working life. For instance, the 2016 Capstone students of International Affairs made recommendations for strengthening the partnership between the EU and the UN in the field of peacekeeping to the United Nations Liaison Office for Peace and Security, whereas the theme of the 2017 Capstone class was EU-NATO cooperation.



VeCo BA's Academic Structure

Degree Structure

ST YEAR

Students take Global Ethics, Critical Thinking and Academic Writing and Introduction to Statistics.

ND YEAR

Students take Intermediate Qualitative Research Methods and, for Business, Communication and International Affairs majors Intermediate Quantitative Methods in addition.

RD YEAR

Students develop the ability to approach problems from different perspectives, learn how to be flexible, adapt to change and lead others by exercising intellectual judgment.

Major

- Academic subject in which the student specialises.
- Students take compulsory and elective courses related to the Major that are identified by the academic department.

Global Business and Entrepreneurship | Global Communication | International Affairs | International and European Law

Minor

- Secondary field of study or specialisation.
- In order to successfully complete a 'Minor' classification, students must pass at least four courses within their chosen Minor.
- Students choose from a wide range of topics.

Banking & Finance | Economics | European Law | European Peace & Security Studies | Business Law | European Union Studies | Global Governance | History | International Law | Media Studies | Strategic Communication | Strategic Management

Electives:

- Courses that are at the student's choice and may be taken to further specialise in the Major, to explore fields outside the Major, or develop language skills.
- Students can choose electives from Vesalius College's long list of elective courses, ranging from Law to Chinese or Psychology to Marketing.
- Students can also choose to take electives at one of the College's partner
 institutions, such as the Royal Military Academy (RMA) and the Vrije Universiteit
 Brussel (VUB).



BACHELOR OF ARTS

Business Studies -Global Business & Entrepreneurship-

The Bachelor of Arts in Business Studies -Global Business and Entrepreneurshipis a unique programme that invites students to embrace the world of management and entrepreneurship from an academic and practical perspective. Students learn how to handle and deal with the variety of challenges stemming from an ever-changing international business environment.

HIGHLIGHTS

Students will focus on contemporary and global issues and develop an analytical and critical mindset. They will understand how organisations are structured and managed, as well as how they function within the larger economic, social, legal and political context.

In addition to the Major courses where students obtain the necessary tools to analyse the global economy, the Vesalius BA in Global Business & Entrepreneurship also offers a solid preparation for several fast-developing areas such as digital economy, international finance, and the internationalisation of family businesses.

The programme mixes a rigorous business education with the excitement of starting and developing a business.

By participating in a series of innovative and structured activities, workshops, internships and real projects involving practitioners from multinational companies and consulting firms, students will acquire the set of skills that are increasingly important to the world of enterprise and business.

Students will be able to build up a network, learn how to do business in real life, develop an innovative business idea and act as entrepreneurs during exciting projects offered all over the world.

CAREER PROSPECTS

Students will be equipped with solid knowledge and competence in the functional areas of globally operating companies. With these foundations, our graduates are prepared not only for prestigious management positions, but also for leadership responsibilities and graduate studies.

Careers of our recent Business graduates include Investment Banking, Sales, Trade, Business Development, Online Marketing and Consulting.

Prior to entering the workforce, many of our Business graduates have gone on to pursue postgraduate studies at a number of prestigious universities, including Solvay Business School, IE Business School, Bocconi University, Boston University, ESADE Business School and King's College London.



'I am convinced that Vesalius College prepared me well to face the more difficult challenges that lie ahead, such as my Master's degree at IE Business School in Madrid!

Programme

ADEMIC CORF Global Ethics

Global Ethics, Leadership and Personal Development I
Global Ethics, Leadership and Personal Development II
Intermediate Qualitative Research Methods

Intermediate Quantitative Research Methods
Introduction to Academic Writing & Critical Thinking

Introduction to Statistics

BA Thesis in Business I (Advanced Research Methods)
BA Thesis in Business II (Senior Seminar)
Constant Rusiness I

Capstone Business I
Capstone Business II

Corporate Financial Management

Financial Accounting

Intermediate Macro-Economics

Intermediate Micro-Economics

Introduction to Entrepreneurship

Introduction to Global Business

Introduction to Economics

International Marketing

Mathematics for Business and Economics

Scenario Thinking

Social Entrepreneurship

Strategic Management

MAJOR STIVES

Big Data

Business Information System

Communication, Organisation and Economics

E-Business

Financial Markets and Investments

Business in China

Global Economic Governance

Global Practice of Corporate Communication

Marketing, Communication and Advertising in Global Context

Intercultural Communication

International Business Management

International Finance

International Political Economy

International Trade

Internship

Mergers and Acquisitions

Political and Financial Risk Analysis

Project Management

The European Economy

David Boujo, VeCo Alumnus

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Global Communication

The BA in Global Communication provides students with an in-depth understanding of how communication practices, theories and skills powerfully shape and inform the world we live in. The programme takes a global approach, which is crucial in a field where new technologies and forms of communication have shrunk time and space.

HIGHLIGHTS

The programme focuses on two key fields, namely media studies and strategic communication. Those are studied from a global angle that emphasizes intercultural differences and the global trends that shape them.

Students develop an understanding of human, mass and organisational forms of communication and their social, economic and political dimensions. In addition to their theoretical education, students are trained to acquire valuable practical skills including the ability to find, analyse, critique, organise, write, edit and present information aimed at different audiences.

Studying in Brussels offers students the opportunity to study in the world's top diplomatic city, and one of the world's largest business and media centres, home to the second-largest press corps in the world. Situated in this global hub, VeCo offers students the opportunity to learn from established scholars in their field.

Students also learn from experienced professionals heading from political institutions, media organisations and international corporations via guest lectures.

Moreover, the Global Communication Bachelor's degree enables students to gain practical experience thanks to the VeCo internship programme. This is invaluable by them to make use of the knowledge and training acquired during their studies.

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates of Global Communication at Vesalius are well prepared to play a leading role in the communication department of political institutions, corporations, lobbying firms and media organisations.

Careers of our recent graduates include Policy Research, Media & Journalism, Political Communication, Communication & Public Relations, International Organisations (NATO, EU), and Marketing & Advertising

Moreover, many of our Communication graduates have gone on to pursue postgraduate studies at a number of prestigious universities, including the London School of Economics and Political Science, the University of St. Andrews, the University of Edinburgh, Boston University, Georgetown University, George Washington University, Bocconi University, and the College of Europe.



'What I valued most about VeCo is that the professors, the curriculum, and my internship helped me decide what I want to do in life. Both faculty and staff supported me in realising my post-VeCo path.' Programme

ACADEMIC CORE

Global Ethics

Global Ethics, Leadership and Personal Development I Global Ethics, Leadership and Personal Development II

Intermediate Qualitative Research Methods
Intermediate Quantitative Research Methods

Introduction to Academic Writing & Critical Thinking

Introduction to Statistics

MAJOR

Advanced Qualitative & Quantitative Communication Research Methods

BA Thesis in Communication I (Advanced Research Methods)

BA Thesis in Communication II (Senior Seminar)

Capstone in Communication Studies

Communication Audiences & Effects

Communication Effects Across Cultures

Communication Law & Policy

Comparative Media Systems

Comparative ivicula System

Global Advocacy

Global Communication

Global Politics

Human Communication

Intercultural Communication

Introduction to Economics

Mass Communication

Rhetoric

MAJOR -CTIVES

Convergence Culture & Transmedia Narratives

Global Practice of Corporate Communications & Public Relations

International Journalism

Internship

Lobbying in the EU

Marketing & Advertising in a Global Context

Political Communication and Public Diplomacy

Topics in European Film History

World Cinema: History, Theory and Narration

Photojournalism

Gamification

Lisa Hartmann, VeCo Alumna

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International & European Law

Unique in Belgium, the BA in International and European Law at Vesalius College provides the knowledge, skills and foundation needed for an international career related to the law. This programme is ideal for students who are interested in exploring international and European legal issues.

HIGHLIGHTS

Students gain an understanding of legal theories and processes in order to provide sound legal and policy analysis. The curriculum enables students to develop an understanding of legal systems around the world and how they interact, as well as the international system, the European integration process, and European and international law-making.

This programme offers a truly interdisciplinary approach where students can choose courses in an international and European legal context.

Brussels is home to countless multi-national corporations and organisations, including NATO and the European Union. There are numerous lobbying organisations, business federations, embassies and NGOs dedicated to analysing and responding to the policies and treaties established in the political institutions.

Through VeCo's extensive professional network, students can establish contacts and pursue opportunities that will be valuable throughout their careers. For example, students can choose from a variety of prestigious internships in the Brussels area where they can apply legal concepts and tools in a practical international and European working environment.

Students also learn from a wide range of experienced guest lecturers including legal experts, business leaders, lobbyists and lawyers.

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Public sector, the EU, the UN and other international organisations
- Diplomacy, public affairs and lobby organisations, NGOs and think tanks
- International businesses, banks and consultancy firms

Note: Students who wish to have access to traditional legal professions in a specific country should consult local requirements for entry qualifications.

Prior to entering the workforce, International and European Law graduates can pursue studies in a range of Master's programmes in various fields, such as Business Administration, Competition Law, Environmental Law, European Integration, European Law, Human Rights, International Business Law, IP & Information Law, Public Law.

Entry into traditional legal graduate programmes (leading to a profession as advocate, attorney, barrister, judge, etc.) is not guaranteed upon completion of the programme as such entry depends on national requirements.



'Studying at Vesalius College proved to be tremendously important for discovering my academic interests and guiding my future career path in international development.'

Masa Lekic, VeCo Alumna

Programme

ADEMIC CORE Global Ethics

Global Ethics, Leadership and Personal Development I Global Ethics, Leadership and Personal Development II Intermediate Qualitative Research Methods

Introduction to Academic Writing & Critical Thinking

Introduction to Statistics

MAJOR JUIREMENTS

Advanced Business Law

BA Thesis in International and European Law – Seminar I BA Thesis in International and European Law – Seminar II

Business Law

Capstone in International and European Law

Criminal Law

EU Constitutional Law

Global Politics

Human Communication

Human Rights

Introduction to Economics

Introduction to International and European Law

Introduction to Legal Principles and Theories Law of the EU Internal Market

Legal Aspects of Migration

Methods: Legal Analysis, Research and Writing

Rhetoric

MAJOR

Competition Law

Environmental Law

European Organisations

EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy

Humanitarian Law

Intellectual Property Law

International Commercial Arbitration

International Finance

International Organisations and Global Governance

Internship (including EU Rights Clinic)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

International Affairs

In an increasingly interconnected and complex world, students need to make sense of the underlying political, economic and legal processes that shape contemporary societies. The International Affairs programme equips students with the broad-ranging knowledge and skills needed to understand, analyse and assess the most pressing issues in national and global politics.

HIGHLIGHTS

The interdisciplinary curriculum is built on the disciplines of politics, economics, law and history and enables students to understand the complex dynamics, core debates, processes, institutions and major challenges of European and International Affairs.

Students not only acquire the knowledge needed for a career in International Affairs, but also develop strong analytical and critical thinking skills.

Students are prepared to apply theories and concepts learned during their time at Vesalius College to real-life problems.

In addition to being taught by dedicated professors, students benefit from the first-hand experience of senior European and international policy-makers, diplomats and practitioners.

By drawing on world-class academics and highly experienced policy-makers, students gain fundamental insights into both the theoretical and practical dimensions of politics, economics and law.

Prestigious internships at the offices of major Brussels-based institutions, NGOs and global think tanks complement and deepen the practical aspects of their studies.

CARFER PROSPECTS

- Diplomacy: international organisations (United Nations, EU, NATO) and ministries of foreign affairs
- Lobby organisations, NGOs
- Research, think tanks, journalism
- Civil service, political advising, politics

Prior to entering the workforce, many of our International Affairs graduates have also gone on to pursue postgraduate studies at a number of prestigious universities: Oxford University, King's College London, George Washington University, the London School of Economics and Political Science, the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, and SOAS, University of London.



'Completing the Honours Essay was an invaluable experience which allowed me to gain confidence as an independent researcher. Most importantly, it bridged the gap between VeCo's interdisciplinary International Affairs program and the more narrow focus of a Master's degree.'

Brett Manzer, VeCo Alumni

Programme

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Global Ethics

Global Ethics, Leadership and Personal Development I Global Ethics, Leadership and Personal Development II Intermediate Qualitative Research Methods Intermediate Quantitative Research Methods Introduction to Academic Writing & Critical Thinking Introduction to Statistics

MAJOR QUIREMENTS

Advanced International Relations Theories BA Thesis in International Affairs - Seminar I (Advanced Research Methods)

BA Thesis in International Affairs – Seminar II (Senior Seminar)

Capstone in International Affairs Comparative Political Systems Global History since 1945

Global Politics

International Relations between the Wars

Humanitarian Law

Introduction to Comparative Regional Studies

Introduction to Economics

Introduction to International and European Law

Theories of International Relations

Regional History of International Relations

MAJOR

Economics and Politics of the European Union

Ethnic Conflict, Reconciliation and Post-war Reconstruction Global Advocacy

Global Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism and (De-)Radicalisation History of Genocide

History of Transatlantic Relations

International Approaches to State-Building,

Reform and Good Governance

International Organizations and Global Governance

Internship

Introduction to the European Union

Introduction to the Modern Middle East

Legal aspects of migration

Military Approaches to Promoting Security

NATO and Transatlantic Approaches to Security

Policies in the European Union

Political Institutions of European Countries

Russian Foreign Policy

Security, Migration and Cultural Diversity in Europe

Understanding Contemporary Conflicts in the

Euro-Mediterranean Region

US Foreign Policy

Emerging Powers in the Global Order

The European Economy

The EU's Approach to Democratisation and Human Rights

The EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)

The United Nations and Global Governance

MASTER OF ARTS

Global Peace, Security & Strategic Studies

Directed by Professor Jamie Shea (NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary-General for Emerging Security Challenges), this unique one-year Master's programme provides students and professionals with comprehensive knowledge and policy-oriented skills at the intersection of peace, security and strategic studies.

Designed, led and taught by a transnational network of leading international academics from top universities and think tanks as well as senior policy-makers from the United Nations, NATO and the European Union, this programme enables students interested in an international career in government, international organisations, think tanks or NGOs to gain unique theoretical foundations, practical skill-sets and high-level contacts.

With its strong links to the policy-making world and university/ think tank partners in Brussels, wider Europe, the US and around the globe, the programme offers students a truly global and transatlantic exchange between theory and practice.

Major scholars, think tanks, founders of the discipline of peace studies and senior strategists in security studies (including NATO specialists, the Royal Military Academy of Belgium and the Egmont Institute) are brought together in the partnership circle, advisory board and faculty of this programme to allow for a critical and balanced exchange between perspectives.

Graduates of this programme will be equipped to extract the insights, advantages and limitations of these perspectives and approaches to global peace, security and strategy.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Intensive full-time one-year Master's programme with flexible course formats; possibility of part-time modus of evening classes (two-years) or extended 120 ECTS credits option (16 months full-time or 32 months parttime)
- Innovative and interactive teaching, delivered by an outstanding faculty of scholars, practitioners and trainers
- Organised by Vesalius College in cooperation with three leading partners: Egmont Institute, Royal Military Academy and the Institute of Economics and Peace
- Unique bridge between the disciplines, perspectives of peace studies, security studies and strategic studies
- Strong link between theory and actual practice; strong link to policy-maker scene in Brussels
- Internship placement in international organisations, think tanks and NGOs
- Capstone course that exposes students to real-life issues and challenges of policy-makers and practitioners



PRESTIGIOUS INTERNSHIPS

As part of this MA programme, students will have the opportunity to partake in a tailor-made internship with one of our high-profile internship partners, where they will be involved in our partners' core activities from day one onwards. The programme has a wide range of agreements with international organisations to offer internships during the summer after the completion of the major coursework, allowing students to focus on their internship in addition to writing their thesis.

Structure and Courses

For students choosing the full-time 90 ECTS version, the modular structure is as follows:

← COMPULSORY COURSES

- The Theory and Practice of International Relations
- Theories and Applied Issues of Global Peace, Security and Strategic Studies
 - The Role of International and Regional Organisations (including UN, IMF, Word Bank, NATO the EU and other regional organisations)
 - Diplomacy and Foreign Policy Analysis
 - Research Methods

SKILLS TRAINING

 Networking and Professional Skills Training Workshops (Preparation for Capstone Course in Trimester 2)

- History of Global Conflicts and Global Security
- Global Perspectives on the History and Ideas of Peace
- History and Theory of Strategy
- Global Governance and Emerging Powers
- Geopolitics
- Mediation, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution in Theory and Practice
- Peacekeeping, Peacebuilding and Peace Enforcement
- Terrorism, Counterterrorism and (De-)Radicalisation
- Emerging Security Threats in Theory and Practice (incl. Cybers curity, Energy Security, Environmental Security)
- The Global Arms Trade
- The Nexus between Science, Technology and Global Peace & Security

AND/OR 1-3 ELECTIVE FROM THE DIPLOMACY AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE TRACK

- Brussels Graduate Internship (regular or extended version)
- Research Methods Seminar II (incl. MA Thesis Seminar)
- MA Thesis
- MA Capstone Practicum: Policy-Oriented Advising (regular or extended)

MASTER OF ARTS

Diplomacy & Global Governance

This unique one-year Master's programme provides students and professionals with comprehensive knowledge and policy-oriented skills at the intersection of diplomacy and global governance. Both diplomacy and global governance are important institutions of the international order; but they are also the institutions undergoing permanent processes of change in the modern and at times turbulent world.

We face a permanent challenge to govern ourselves beyond the territory of the nation state, and hence face the importance of understanding the expectations and limits of global governance and diplomatic skills.

The degree is designed and taught by a network of leading international academics from top universities and think tanks as well as senior policy-makers from international organisations, and provides both theoretical foundations and practical skill-sets for students interested in international careers in diplomacy, government, international organisations, think tanks and NGOs.

With its strong links to the policy-making world and university/ think tank partners in Brussels, wider Europe, US and Asia, the programme can offer students a truly global exchange between theory and practice.

By deliberately bringing together key practitioners with scholars from these fields, graduates of this programme will be equipped to extract insights and advantages of the various perspectives and approaches at this turning point in the history of diplomacy and global governance.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Intensive full-time one-year Master's programme with flexible course formats; possibility of part-time modus of evening classes (two-years) or extended 120 ECTS credits option (16 months full-time or 32 months parttime)
- Innovative and interactive teaching, delivered by an outstanding faculty of scholars, practitioners and trainers
- Organised by Vesalius College in cooperation with senior officials from the European Union and national diplomatic communities
- Strong links between theory and actual practice
- Internship placement in international organisations, think tanks and NGOs
- Strong link to policy-maker scene in Brussels
- Capstone course that links students to real-life issues and challenges of policy-makers and practitioners



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Structure and Courses

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COMPULSORY COURSES

- The Theory and Practice of International Relations
- The Theory and Practice of Diplomacy and Global Governance
- The Role of International and Regional Organisations
- Foreign Policy Analysis
- Research Methods I

SKILLS TRAINING

 Networking and Professional Skills Training Workshops (Preparation for Capstone Course in Trimester 2)

>> ELECTIVE COURSE MODULES

- Global Economic Governance I: Trade
- Global Economic Governance II: Financial Governance after the Crisis
- Transnational Network Diplomacy and Global Public Policy
- The Design, Successes and Failures of Global Governance
- Diplomacy, Global Development and Humanitarian Aid
- Social (In-)equality, Human Rights and Global Justice
- The Global Governance of Migration
- Cultural, Science and Innovation Diplomacy
- The EU as a Global Diplomatic Actor (including participation in Model EU simulation with the State University of New York)
- International Law for Diplomats
- Transatlantic Approaches to Global Peace, Security & Diplomacy (in cooperation with Georgetown University
- Diplomacy and the Challenge of Climate Change: Agents, Actors and Diplomatic Break-throughs
- Public Diplomacy and Strategic Communication in the era of social media
- Honours Class: Global Problem-Solving and Social Entrepreneurship (in cooperation with the Global Economic Symposium) – part-time students and 120 ECTS option students only

AND/OR 1-2 ELECTIVE FROM THE GLOBAL PEACE, SECURITY AND STRATEGIC STUDIES TRACK

- Brussels Graduate Internship (regular or extended version)
- Research Methods Seminar II (incl. MA Thesis Seminar)
- MA Thesis
- MA Capstone Practicum: Policy-Oriented Advising

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

European Peace and Security Studies (24 ECTS)

The European Peace and Security Studies (EPSS) certificate programme is a semester-long programme that provides in-depth and unique insights into the changing nature and fundamental challenges of contemporary security issues from a distinctly Brussels perspective.

The interdisciplinary curriculum built on the disciplines of politics, economics, law and history enables students to understand the complex dynamics, core debates, processes, institutions and major challenges of European and International Affairs.

By pooling the combined expertise and resources of five leading educational institutions in Brussels - Vesalius College, the Conflict Studies Department of the Belgian Royal Military Academy, the Institute of European Studies (IES), the Global Governance Institute, as well as the University of Kent's Brussels campus - students are taught by prominent specialists in the field of civilian and military security issues.

The courses emphasise a combined theoretical and practical analysis of the comprehensive, civil-military nature of contemporary conflict and crisis management from NATO and EU perspectives complemented by assessments of the only global collective security organisation, the United Nations.

Additionally, they focus on the history, institutional procedures, policies and interrelations of these three key organisations as well as on their interactions with a wide range of civilian and military partners. The programme also sheds light on the complex roots and causes of contemporary conflicts in Europe's periphery and beyond.

The programme includes a high-profile guest lecture series and symposium featuring academic experts and leading practitioners from the European Union, NATO, the United Nations and related security organisations.

Structure and Courses

The programme consists of four closely-interrelated courses, all taught during the fall semester, as well as the EPSS seminar which hosts high-level guest speakers.

- Understanding Contemporary Conflicts in the Euro-Mediterranean Region
- Security, Migration and Cultural Diversity in Europe
- NATO and Transatlantic Approaches to Security
- Military Approaches to Promoting Security

Students who have successfully completed the EPSS programme will receive a Certificate in European Peace & Security Studies Some speakers of the previous EPSS Lectures are:

- STEVEN VANACKERE, former Foreign Minister & Deputy Prime Minister, Belgium
- JOHAN GALTUNG, Founder of Peace and Conflict Studies
- ANTONIO COSTA, former Under-Secretary-General and Director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), former Secretary-General of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, former Under-Secretary-General, OECD
- AGOSTINO MIOZZO, Managing Director, Crisis Response Department, European External Action Service and former General Director, Italian Civil Protection Department
- JAMIE SHEA, Deputy Assistant Secretary-General for Emerging Security Challenges. NATO
- FERNANDO ANDRESEN GUIMARAES, Head of the Russia Division, European External Action Service
- JEFFREY FRANKS, Director of the IMF Europe Office and Senior Resident Representative to the European Union

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

European Business Communication (EBC)

The European Business Communication (EBC) Programme is intended for non-degree seeking students to acquire fundamental communication skills such as academic writing, presentation and conversation skills. Upon successful completion of the programme, students will be awarded a certificate in European Business Communication. This programme provides the best possible academic and practical preparation for a subsequent Master's programme and a career in business.

This programme offers a unique opportunity to network and gain in-depth communication skills in the capital of Europe. As part of the programme, students will visit the European institutions, multinational companies, think-tanks and non-governmental organisations to gain first-hand experience in how to communicate with managers and policy-makers. The programme thus enables students to build expertise in the above-mentioned fields and also to transfer their skills from their native language into English.

Furthermore, students become more familiar with European culture which is a great asset to those who want to work in an international environment in the future. To ensure the best possible academic performance, students can rely on small classes, dedicated professors, career advice services and a personal academic advisor who closely monitors the learning process and provides support in academic as well as administrative matters.

Students follow a pre-selected, well-balanced certificate programme to guarantee their learning success. Some of the courses, such as presentation skills and academic writing, are offered exclusively to the EBC students while students also have the opportunity to take courses together with regular VeCo Bachelor's students.

Structure and Courses

The European Business Communication Programme consists of 5 non-credit courses for one semester or 10 non-credit courses for two semesters. The curriculum gives students a combination of theoretical and practical skills:

COURSE SCHEDULE - FALL SEMESTER

- Practical Business Communication
- English for International Communication Skills I
- English Level 2/3/4/6
- 2 Elective Courses*

COURSE SCHEDULE - SPRING SEMESTER

- EU-China Economic and Trade Relations
- English for International Communication Skills II
- Business in China
- 2 Elective Courses*

*Students can select any courses offered at Vesalius College.

EXECUTIVE COURSE

Global Risk Analysis & Crisis Management

The Executive Course in Global Risk Analysis & Crisis Management, jointly organised by Vesalius College, the Institute for European Studies (IES) and the Global Governance Institute (GGI), provides participants with unique insights and the fundamental skills required for mastering the field of global risk analysis, early warning and the management of major man-made and natural disasters.

HIGHLIGHTS

Held during ten intensive weekend modules, the course involves a unique mixture of intensive 'hands-on' training courses and comprehensive analytical and institutional lectures taught by a renowned faculty of senior officials from major international organisations (such as the EU, NATO and the UN), NGOs and leading security scholars.

The course allows participants to gain in-depth knowledge and a wide range of practical tools for identifying and analysing global security risks and advancing effective responses to humanitarian, military and political 'complex crises'.

Participants will not only benefit from the unique course content, but also from exchanges and contacts with a broad network of leading security specialists. Close interaction between the participants themselves and with guest lecturers is strongly encouraged, and the weekend modules provide ample opportunity for course participants and instructors to exchange ideas and experiences in an informal setting.

An online option is available to enable participants to follow the modules regardless of where they live.

Modules

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RISK ANALYSIS AND EARLY WARNING

Module 1: Understanding Risks, Grasping Uncertainty

Module 2: Analysing Risks, Preparing for Uncertainty

Module 3: Open Source Intelligence: Tools and Techniques

Module 4: A New Information Environment: Media, Conflict and Crisis Communication

Module 5: Global Crisis Monitoring, Conflict Analysis and Early Warning

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CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND CRISIS RESPONSE

Module 6: Understanding the Crisis Cycle and Complex Crises

Module 7: Understanding the Main Actors in Crisis Response

Module 8: Political, Humanitarian and Military Approaches: Towards a Comprehensive Approach

Module 9: Preparing for the Field: Facing Reality on the Ground

Module 10: Core Debates, Lessons Learned, Best Practices and Future Challenges



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STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMME

Vesalius College students may study abroad either at one of our partner institutions or at an approved college or university of their choice. When studying abroad with a partner institution, all grades and credits earned with the host university transfer directly to the student's Vesalius College transcript. When studying with an approved non-partner institution, course credits can transfer directly to the student's Vesalius transcript while grades will not transfer.



^{*} Courses taken abroad may be applied towards curriculum requirements, including core, major or free electives and major requirements.

Partners

Auburn University - Alabama, USA Beloit College - Wisconsin, USA

Birmingham Southern College - Alabama, USA Chatham University - Pennsylvania, USA College of Staten Island - New York, USA Covenant College - Georgia, USA

Doane College - Nebraska, USA Hawaii Pacific University - Hawaii, USA

Hobart and William Smith Colleges - New York, USA

Marymount University - Virginia, USA Oglethorpe University - Georgia, USA Rutgers University - New Jersey, USA St. Louis University - Missouri, USA

State University of New York at New Paltz - New York, USA The American University of Washington - Washington DC, USA

University of Denver - Colorado, USA University of Hawaii at Hilo - Hawaii, USA University of Illinois Springfield - Illinois, USA University of Mississippi - Mississippi, USA University of Memphis - Tennessee, USA University of Missouri - Missouri, USA

America

Latin CESA Business School - Colombia Tec de Monterrey, ITESM- Mexico Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente, ITESO- Mexico

> Universidad de Ciencias Empresariales y Sociales - Argentina Universidad de Especialidades Espiritu Santo (UEES) - Ecuador Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola - Lima, Peru

Universidad Casa Grande - Ecuador

Europe Césine Business School - Santander, Spain Dublin Business School - Dublin, Ireland IE University - Madrid/Segovia, Spain

International University of Monaco - Monte Carlo, Monaco

London School of Economics (LSE) - London, UK

Koc University - Istanbul, Turkey

Richmond, The American University of London - London, UK

Saint Louis University Madrid - Madrid, Spain

UBIS University - Geneva, Switzerland

The American University of Rome (AUR) - Rome, Italy

The Anglo-American University of Prague - Prague, Czech Republic

University of Derby - Derby, UK

University of Ljubljana - Ljubljana, Slovenia University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw, Poland

Asia

Aieenkva DY Patil University - India Akita International University - Japan Chonbuk National University - South Korea

Hallym University - South Korea

Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics - China

Kansai Gadai University - Japan Konkuk University - South Korea Kyung Hee University - South Korea Peking University HSBC -China

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University - Japan Shanghai Lixin University of Commerce - China Singapore Institute of Management (SIM) - Singapore

University of Nottingham - China Waseda University - Japan

Oceania Bond University - Queensland, Australia

MULTIPLE US AND NON-US DESTINATIONS THROUGH CONSORTIUM PARTNERS:

- **BCA Study Abroad**
- Council for International Educational Exchange (CIEE)
- International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP)
- International Studies Abroad (ISA)

^{*} Please contact the International Programmes Department for more information on which type of agreement Vesalius has with individual or consortium partners and on the different fee structures.

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INTERNSHIPS & CAREERS

Internship Programme

Students have the opportunity to gain professional experience in Brussels while earning academic credit through the Vesalius Internship Programme (VIP). The VIP offers students a position with one of its many internship partners, which range from multinational corporations, law firms and media houses to government institutions and NGOs.

Whether having full responsibility for a project, or working as a team member within a bigger enterprise, students have the opportunity to exercise their skills and to provide the host organisation with high-quality results.

The internship counts as an academic course during the semester, and can be taken as a Major Elective. Degree-seeking students can earn 6 ECTS credits (3 US academic credits) for the 'single' internship option.

Study Abroad students may also choose to extend the internship in order to work more hours per week. This 'double' internship option is worth 12 ECTS credits (6 US credits).

By doing an internship at undergraduate level, students distinguish themselves from the competition, especially from students who have no professional experience at the time of graduation. Students show that they are able to balance their academic and professional commitments, and that they are hardworking and self-motivated. Moreover, for students who are not originally from Belgium, working in a foreign country will further help them to set themselves apart.

Career Counselling

To assist students with life after college, Vesalius College offers students in their final year the opportunity to attend career seminars and individual coaching sessions. This free service aims to help graduates gain a competitive advantage on the job market after graduation.

This is achieved by helping students determine their career objectives in addition to acquiring the skill set necessary to achieve their professional goals. The workshops range from CV and cover letter writing to information on networking and how to apply for various internship programmes offered in Brussels. For those planning to continue their education, assistance in choosing the right graduate programme is also on offer.

Internship Partners

- Citi Belgium
- Edelman Brussels
- EUobserver
- European Cooperative for Rural Development
- European Parliament
- European Security Round Table
- EY (Formerly Ernst & Young) Belgium
- Fulbright Belgium
- Global Governance Institute
- ING
- International Crisis Group
- Laffineur Law Firm
- Mastercard Europe
- NATO Headquarters
- New Europe
- The Jane Goodall Institute Belgium
- Time Warner
- United Nations
- UPS
- Various embassies (Honduras, Macedonia, etc.)
 And many more!



VeCo Student Services

Vesalius College offers students the best of both worlds: the personal attention and community environment of a small college, as well as access to the resources of major universities. The College shares relevant academic events and guest lectures, and also participates in faculty exchanges with the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, the Université Libre de Bruxelles, the University of Kent in Brussels and Georgetown University, among others.



RESEARCH AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Students at Vesalius have access to extensive resources for research at three major libraries: the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, the Université Libre de Bruxelles and The Royal Library, Belgium's national library. Together, they provide students with access to over five million books. In addition, students have access to a wide variety of online resources including thousands of journals and newspapers, library catalogues and databases.



COMPUTER RESOURCES

Computer and internet access is an essential part of student life. The Vesalius College computer lab is equipped with PCs and Apple computers as well as facilities for students with laptops to connect to the College's computer network. Students also have access to the extensive computer resources at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, including the free campus-wide wireless network.



ENGLISH & MATH WORKPLACE

Strong English and writing skills are crucial for academic achievement, as well as professional success. The English & Math Workspace aims to help students develop their ability to efficiently and effectively communicate their ideas in writing, in English. The Workspace also provides tutorial sessions for math and statistics courses. The Workspace directors offer students individual help on topics such as text structure, style, clarity and grammar in a relaxed and friendly environment to develop their writing skills.



PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELLING

Moving to a new country, living alone, and facing the pressure of exams are just a few of the major changes that students may experience. Vesalius offers free psychological counselling to students who would like to speak to a professional about missing home, exam pressure, or other challenges they might face.



HEALTH SERVICES

The medical centre on the VUB campus provides medical assistance to students and staff. This includes consultation in case of illness, accidents, minor medical procedures, vaccinations, preventive care, etc.



HOUSING

To help students get settled in Brussels and ready to begin classes, the College provides them with links to help find suitable off-campus housing. With the large number of universities and higher education institutions in Brussels, student rooms are widely available. For off-campus housing, rates and availability, students can refer to www.brik.be/en. Vesalius College students also have access to VUB on-campus housing. For more information, visit www.u-residence.be. Study abroad students who join Vesalius College for one semester have the opportunity to stay with a local host family. This type of accommodation offers the student a unique experience that gives insight into the everyday life of Belgian families, culture, and social norms.



FOOD SERVICES

Every day, the VUB campus cafeteria serves a wide selection of warm and cold dishes, snacks, sandwiches and drinks - all at student-friendly prices. Students pay a fixed price depending on the dish chosen. The set menus include soup, a main course and a dessert. There are daily vegetarian and vegan options The cafeteria was awarded the MSC Sustainable Seafood Certificate in 2013 and also sources many of its ingredients from organic farms.

The Cafeteria also serves breakfast, sandwiches and drinks. Students can also find two snack bars on campus: 't Complex and Opinio.



SPORTS AND OUT-DOOR ACTIVITIES

VeCo students have full access to the sports facilities of the VUB. The facilities include two large multipurpose sports halls, one martial arts hall, three squash courts, a swimming pool and one climbing wall. Students also have access to a state-ofthe-art fitness complex. Next to its indoor facilities, the VUB Sports Department also has outdoor sports fields, including one synthetic soccer field and an athletics track and rugby pitch. A membership fee and/or usage fee (discounted for students) applies. With numerous spacious parks and a vast forest within a stone's throw of the city, students also have many opportunities for practising outdoor sports.

VeCo Student Life in Brussels

Vesalius College is part of a broader student community in Brussels that consists of three other universities: the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, the Université Libre de Bruxelles and the University of Kent. Together, they support a vibrant student lifestyle. Easily accessible by bus, train, tram, or metro, the area has everything to meet students' needs including affordable housing, two on-campus cafeterias, libraries, banks, shops, markets, restaurants, bars, live entertainment venues, organised athletic activities, and state-of-the-art sports facilities.

Vesalius College encourages students to work hard to reach their academic potential, but also to live a full life away from books and classes and enjoy everything that Brussels has to offer.

Although the international business and political world form an important part of Brussels' culture, students quickly discover that it is vibrant and cosmopolitan with a warm, friendly charm. The quaintness of its cobblestone streets and rich variety of beer, chocolate and lace give the city a festive ambiance. 30% of the Brussels population is comprised of foreign nationals, so the city has something for every taste and culture in the areas of music, dancing, cuisine, art, associations and much more.

The city is home to an excellent music scene, with clubs and numerous festivals where almost any genre of music can be found from local musicians to the biggest touring bands. Brussels also has many museums and art galleries, ranging from classical to modern art, and also houses a national symphony, opera and theatre. In addition, Brussels has a rich variety of architecture including Baroque buildings from the 1600s, classic Flemish, art deco, art nouveau, and the modern architecture of the European Union buildings.

Finally, no description of Brussels would be complete without mentioning its renowned fine gastronomy. Ranging from prize-winning haute cuisine to the tastiest chocolate, beer, mussels and fries in the world, there is surely a dish for everyone.

Beyond Brussels

Studying in Brussels affords students the unique opportunity to go on some great (as well as quick and inexpensive) travels and getaways. Belgium's inter-city trains provide quick access to the coast of Flanders, Medieval Bruges, Antwerp (the diamond capital of the world), and the wooded hills of the Ardennes. Looking beyond Belgium, Brussels is the ideal base from which to visit the rest of Europe. Paris is a short 90 minutes by fast train and London, Cologne and Amsterdam are just two and a half hours away. In addition, most major European cities are two hours or less away by plane.



Admissions

Vesalius College seeks students who are able to meet the challenges of its academic programme and who are willing to participate fully in the intellectual and social life of the College in a spirit of openness and tolerance. Admission to the College is selective. Applicants must have graduated from a secondary school and/or obtained an undergraduate diploma prior to beginning their studies at VeCo.

All candidates must submit:

- A completed application form (available online). BA applicants can also apply via the Common Application platform;
- Academic credentials and transcripts (showing courses and grades) from all secondary schools and universities attended, including public examination results and official results of any national or regional examination;
- A non-refundable application fee of €50;
- Proof of identity in the form of a photocopy of either a passport or a national identity card;
- Candidates should contact the Admissions Office to determine whether they must take an English proficiency examination (TOEFL / IELTS / Cambridge English) or submit official SAT/ACT scores;
- In addition MA applicants must submit a motivation letter and a recommendation letter.

Deadlines

Vesalius College processes applications on a rolling basis. Applications are considered as long as places remain in the class to which students are applying for admission. However, students who require a visa to study in Belgium should submit their application well in advance since the time it takes to obtain a student visa may vary from one to several months depending on a variety of factors.

For more information, please visit www.vesalius.edu.

Fees

BA Tuition Fees

» Bachelor's degree full-time € 5,900/semester (all students)

MA Tuition Fees (for the entire programme)

90 ECTS (12-month)

» € 13,000 (EU students)

» € 16,000 (non-EU students)

» € 21,300 (non-EU students)

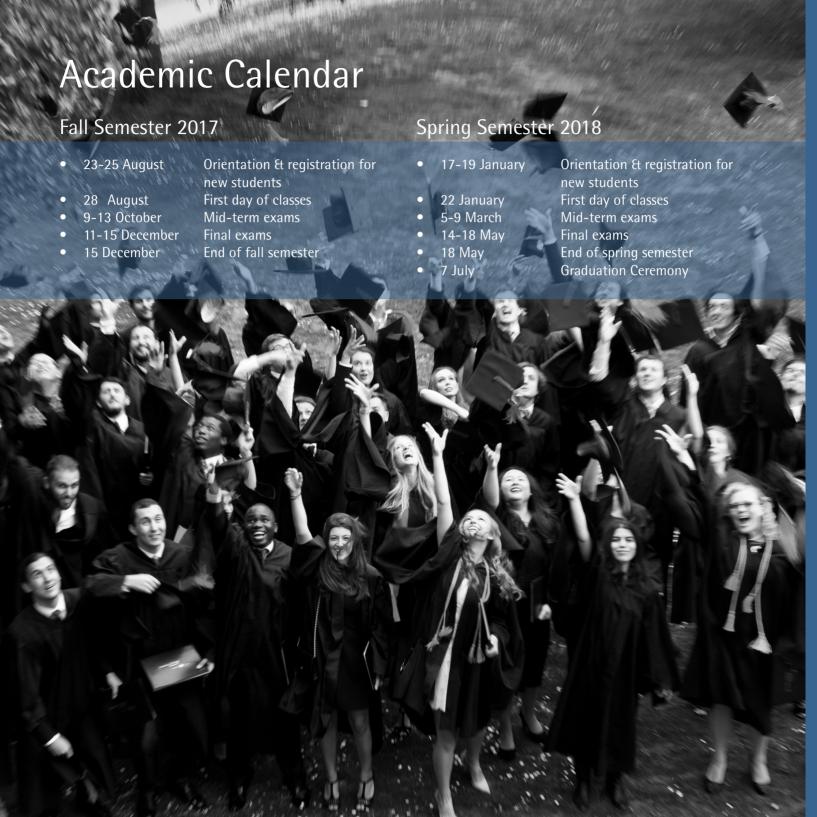


Vesalius Academic Excellence Scholarship Fund

The Academic Excellence Scholarship (AES) Fund rewards students who have outstanding academic records. This merit-based financial assistance can provide up to a 50% reduction in tuition. Other factors include extra-curricular achievements, a letter of recommendation and (in certain cases) standardised test scores.

Students who would like to be considered for the AES must submit a separate application form for the scholarship. Please note that BA students must have been accepted into a Bachelor programme as a full-time, first-year student enrolling in the fall semester and must have submitted their AES application form by 15 April. These scholarships will be renewed if the student maintains superior academic performance during each semester of their 3-year Bachelor programme.

For more information on scholarship requirements and eligibility, please visit our website at www.vesalius.edu/admissions.



Visit Us

Vesalius College encourages potential applicants to visit the campus, where you will have the opportunity to take a tour of the facilities, meet with current students and speak with an admissions advisor who will review your credentials and answer your questions.

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Join Us

In the fall and spring semesters, we organise an Open Day for prospective students and their parents to visit the campus and speak to students as well as members of our faculty and administration. We can also arrange for you to have a 'student-for-a-day experience' and observe an actual class to experience the Vesalius College learning environment first-hand.

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