European scholars at Duke consider Europe’s history, politics, society and culture as foundational for the West, but also view these themes critically and from the margins. In addition to European economics, art history and literature, Duke focuses on issues related to immigration, human rights and freedom of speech.

— Eve Duffy, Duke University

QUICK FACTS:

6,462 Duke students have studied abroad in Europe since 2003

717 European students currently enrolled at Duke (379 undergrad; 338 graduate)

40+ Partnerships with European universities and organizations

2,628 Alumni living in 43 European countries

190 Duke scholars with expertise related to Europe

191 Duke faculty members conducting research in or related to Europe

101 Fulbright scholars from 25 European countries have studied at Duke

186 Fulbright scholars from Duke have studied in 26 European countries
DUKE IN THE WORLD

Duke’s activities in Europe reflect a wide range of scholarly interests spanning the arts, business, law, natural sciences and engineering. The university offers more than 25 study abroad and civic engagement programs across the continent.

EDUCATION THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

Duke’s partners in Europe represent a full range of disciplines, including business administration, theology, architecture, economics, classics, history and law.

Duke has a longstanding partnership with the Free University of Berlin, dating back to 1988, before the fall of the Berlin Wall. The Duke in Berlin study abroad program is hosted at the Free University and the Humboldt University and helps students advance their language skills, deepen their understanding of German culture and broaden their grasp of the social sciences, humanities and technology in a German and European context.

The Duke Global Health Institute, in partnership with the Amsterdam Institute for Global Health, launched the Amsterdam Health & Technology Institute (AHTI) in 2014. The institute, located in Amsterdam, is cultivating a network of “living labs” across the world where experts from a variety of disciplines can develop, launch and test new technologies and innovations. AHTI is building this network based on existing partnerships, with labs currently in Nairobi, Shanghai, Amsterdam and Durham.
Duke-Geneva Institute in Transnational Law, a partnership of Duke and the University of Geneva, is designed to address the educational and professional needs of students and young lawyers with an interest in international and comparative law. The program draws on the rich international community of Geneva and is enhanced by special seminars that complement and enrich the classroom instruction.

Duke’s Fuqua School of Business also maintains a physical presence in London, sharing office space with Duke Corporate Education.

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

In addition to the above partnerships, many of which send students to countries across the continent to work with and learn from European partners, Duke sponsors a number of trips for students to experience the cultures and customs of Europe.

European countries are top destinations for undergraduates studying abroad. Global Education for Undergraduates (GEO) operates programs in Germany, Spain, Italy, Scotland, Greece, Switzerland, England and France. Economics students visit London’s booming financial district; philosophy students learn about classical Greek philosophy in Athens; and Spanish students get intensive language instruction in Alicante.

**Venice International University (VIU)** is a collaboration of Duke and 15 universities around the world who share a common campus on San Servolo Island. Together these universities offer study abroad programs, research workshops and courses focused on today’s global challenges. For example, Visualizing Venice is a research and training program that teaches students to map and model the man-made and natural changes in Venice over time.
DukeEngage, which provides funding for students to pursue a summer of immersive service learning in the U.S. or abroad, sends students to Dublin to work in community-based organizations focusing on the needs of refugee and migrant communities in Ireland.

Faculty members at the Nicholas School of the Environment team up to teach a sea level rise course to an international class of students at Venice International University. The Nicholas School has also offered a semester abroad at VIU, allowing students to study environmental sciences with professors and classmates from around the world.

Duke’s Geneva Program on Global Policy and Governance takes advantage of Geneva’s strong international community to prepare graduate and professional students from around the world to tackle global policy challenges. Past students have completed internships at UN agencies, the World Health Organization and other international NGOs, and a parallel program offers similar opportunities in London.

RESEARCH

Duke faculty members conduct research in or related to 34 European countries. This research spans eight of Duke’s ten schools and many of its institutes and centers.

Among Duke’s researchers exploring topics related to the European continent are:

- Michael Valdez Moses—on the politics of Irish literature
- **John Jeffries Martin**—on identity in Early Modern Europe and the history of religious dissent in Renaissance Venice
- **Malachi Hacohen**—on European intellectual history and Jewish history, and Jewish-Christian relations in the region
- **Caroline Bruzelius**—on Gothic architecture, urbanism and medieval sculpture in France and Italy
- **Philip Stern**—on the history of Britain and the British Empire, including early modern economic thought, colonization, overseas exploration and cartography
- **Carla Antonaccio**—on Mediterranean archaeology and the archaeology of identity

Professor **Sara Galletti** is a specialist of French architecture of the 16th and 17th centuries whose courses at Duke focus on Renaissance architecture in Europe. “I ask my students to use the Renaissance as an entry point to learn about social history, political history, religious history,” she says, “and how these played out in different cultural contexts.”

To find more Duke experts, visit [global.duke.edu/regions](http://global.duke.edu/regions) and search our Global Activities Map by school and country of interest.
EUROPE AT DUKE

The **Duke Council for European Studies** is the hub for study, debate and discussion regarding Europe at Duke, bringing together students, faculty and visiting scholars for events and lectures activities both at Duke and in Europe.

The **Center for French and Francophone Studies** is committed to developing exchange throughout the French-speaking world. The center hosts workshops and visits by distinguished and up-and-coming critics, writers, researchers and journalists surrounding issues facing France and Francophone countries. One of the center’s initiatives is the **Francophone Digital Humanities** initiative, which aims to compile open source digital resources in French focused on Francophone culture.

Together these initiatives help faculty and students build upon the knowledge gained in **more than 500 Europe-related courses offered at Duke** from departments including:

- Duke German department
- Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- Political Science
- Romance Studies
- Global Cultural Studies
- Slavic and Eurasian Studies
- The Center for Philosophy, Arts and Literature

Students have also organized several Europe-focused organizations on campus, including an East European Association, a European Business Club, a German Club and a Duke Greek Student and Scholar Association.

The **Duke German Club** commemorated the anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall by building a cardboard replica, where students and faculty wrote messages before tearing it down.