Fact Sheet: Europe

Duke students and faculty members engage in a wide range of research, teaching and service activities in and related to Europe. These activities represent a full range of disciplines, including the arts, business, humanities, law, natural sciences and engineering.

Quick Facts about Duke and Europe

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<td>Current students from Europe:</td>
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Programs and Activities

Council for European Studies

Part of the John Hope Franklin Center, the Council for European Studies (CES) aims to encourage interdisciplinary study, debate and discussion regarding Europe. CES cultivates and supports all manner of intellectual life focused on Europe at Duke, acts as a catalyst for scholarship on Europe and provides a unifying community for scholars of Europe at Duke. CES sponsors and coordinates events and speakers, hosts visitors, and subsidizes European-focused scholarly activities at Duke and in Europe.

Center for French and Francophone Studies

The Center for French and Francophone Studies aims to promote research and debate across a variety of fields. It hosts and co-sponsors many activities, including workshops, colloquia and visits by distinguished and up-and-coming
critics, writers, journalists, theater troupes and researchers.

**Francophone Digital Humanities**

The Francophone Digital Humanities project is a multilingual initiative in research and teaching started in response to the need for resources available in French. The project aims to curate materials including literary manuscripts, poetry, criticism and film; to advance experimentation with digital media, methods and materials; and to enrich and diversity open-access digital resources in French.

**Global Education for Undergraduates**

Duke’s study abroad programs in Europe include semester and summer sessions in cities across the region, including Rome, Venice, Glasgow, Paris, Barcelona, Geneva, Berlin, St. Petersburg and Madrid. Among other European summer programs, Duke offers the Duke Intensive Spanish program in Alicante, Spain and two, two-course summer programs in London focusing on drama and finance. The university also coordinates a summer archaeological field practicum in Crete in association with the Department of Classical Studies and the Consortium for Classical and Mediterranean Archaeology.

**Venice International University**

Venice International University (VIU) is a collaboration among Duke and 15 other universities around the world who share a common campus on an island in the Venice lagoon. Together these universities offer study programs focused on today’s global challenges. Many Duke schools and centers maintain collaborative programs with VIU, including the Nicholas School of the Environment, Bass Connections and Duke’s Center on Globalization Governance and Competitiveness. Programs offered at VIU include a Global Education for Undergraduates semester in Venice, a summer research workshop, and a course on sea level rise taught by faculty from both Duke and Italian universities.

**Visualizing Venice**

Visualizing Venice is an interdisciplinary teaching-training-research initiative of Bass Connections and the department of Art, Art History and Visual Studies that teaches students to map and model the natural and man-made changes in Venice over time. Students can take courses and participate in research teams both at Duke and at VIU, where the Wired! team has created state-of-the-art
digital laboratories for mapping and modeling data and gathering information about the city and the lagoon.

**Nicholas School of the Environment**

Faculty members Sonia Silvestri, William Pan, Brian Murray, Brian Silliman and Nicolas Cassar, who are affiliated with the Nicholas School, teach an international class of students about sea level rise at Venice International University (VIU) for a two-week summer session. The Nicholas School also offered a semester abroad in Spring 2015, allowing students to study environmental sciences at VIU with professors and classmates from around the world. Courses offered in this program cover topics including coastal wetlands, satellite remote sensing of coastal environments, and globalization and sustainable development.

**Duke Law School**

**Duke-Geneva Institute in Transnational Law**

The Duke-Geneva Institute is designed to address the educational and professional needs of students and young lawyers with an interest in international and comparative law, as well as those with an interest in transnational practice. The academic program draws on the rich international community of Geneva—where the primary European seat of the United Nations is located—and is enhanced by special seminars that complement and enrich the classroom instruction.

**Duke Global Health Institute**

Many faculty members with the Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI) conduct research in Europe on issues ranging from air pollution to child health to infectious diseases. Ongoing projects in the UK include Sara Benjamin-Neelon’s work on population-level influences on dietary behavior and Keith Dear’s work on mortality from heat and cold.
DukeEngage

DukeEngage provides full funding for select Duke undergraduates to pursue an immersive summer of service in partnership with a U.S. or international community. Since its launch in 2007, more than 2,800 Duke students have volunteered through DukeEngage in 79 nations on six continents. DukeEngage programs in Europe include:

**DukeEngage in Ireland**

During their two months in Dublin, undergraduate students work in one of seven community-based organizations that focus on the needs of refugee and migrant communities, participate in a group project that addresses a need across the migrant/refugee sector, and actively participate in the transformation of Dublin into a richly diverse and multicultural city. In the past, DukeEngage in Ireland students have worked with organizations working on gender violence, public health, and education for adult and children migrants/refugees.

**DukeEngage in Northern Ireland**

Students in this program work with NGOs in Belfast focused on human rights within the context of the conflict between the Protestant and Catholic populations. Previous partner organizations have included trauma centers, children’s welfare and rights organizations, and other groups with the mission of fostering human rights.

**The Fuqua School of Business**

The Fuqua School of Business maintains a physical presence in London, sharing office space with [Duke Corporate Education](https://www.dukece.com) (Duke CE), as well as in St. Petersburg. Students in Fuqua’s Global Executive MBA program conduct residencies in Europe, and the school’s European Business Club promotes European interests at Fuqua and Fuqua’s interests in Europe.
Sanford School of Public Policy

The Sanford School of Public Policy is home to a number of faculty members with expertise in Europe. The school provides opportunities for students to engage in and study matters of policy around the world.

Duke Center for International Development (DCID)

Since 1984, DCID has been advancing international development policy and practice through interdisciplinary approaches to post-graduate education, mid-career training, international advising and research. DCID offers a Master of International Development Policy graduate degree and intensive international Executive Education programs for senior development managers.

Geneva Program on Global Policy and Governance

The Duke Program on Global Policy and Governance prepares graduate and professional students from around the world to tackle the world’s most pressing policy challenges. Through summer internships and an intensive, one-week course, fellows gain unparalleled access to UN agencies and other leading Geneva- and London-based institutions. Students choose between four policy tracks: global health; environment, energy, and economics; humanitarian action; and global social innovation. Previous internship sites include the WHO and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. In summer 2015, the Geneva Program is piloting a program in London.

Duke in Glasgow

Together with the Global Education Office for Undergraduates, the Sanford School offers a program in coordination with the University of Glasgow. Offered each fall, the program begins with a visit to London, featuring meetings with members of Parliament and visits to key cultural and political institutions. Additionally, students typically travel to other sites of political and historical interest in Scotland. While at Glasgow, students on the program take a specifically-designed course on British policy and politics and three additional elective courses from the University of Glasgow’s regular offerings.
Trinity College of Arts & Sciences

History Department

Undergraduates majoring in history have the opportunity to focus their studies on Europe as a geographic concentration. The undergraduate history curriculum offers courses in Greek and Roman history, Italian cities, Global France and more. The department also offers graduate training in medieval and early modern Europe, modern Europe, and British empires.

Department of Germanic Languages and Literature

As the university’s center for the study of German culture and language, the Duke German department offers undergraduate and graduate programs in German language, literature, film and culture viewed in both historical and contemporary perspectives. Duke collaborates with UNC-Chapel Hill to offer the Carolina-Duke Graduate Program in German Studies, an internationally acclaimed center of excellence for graduate training research, teaching and scholarly exchange in German studies. The center also offers the Berlin Summer Research Fellowship Program in support of undergraduate research and inquiry in Germany’s capital city, as well as the Duke German club for students interested in German culture.

English Department

The English department at Duke offers a variety of courses focused on Europe, including Shakespeare, Chaucer, Theater in London, Renaissance British Literature and Women Writers of the Renaissance: Spain and England.

Political Science Department

In addition to many classes on international comparative politics, the department of political science offers a number of courses focused on Europe, including Germany Today, Comparative Government and Politics: Western Europe, Post-War Europe and Politics of European Integration.
Romance Studies

Duke’s Romance Studies department offers students a trans-cultural perspective on an increasingly fluid world culture and globalized economy. Graduate students can study romance studies, and undergraduate students can pursue majors and minors including Italian studies, French and Francophone studies and Spanish. Students engage in literature, film, history, critical theory, visual culture, linguistics and philosophy and develop spoken and written abilities fostering their enjoyment and critical understanding of the diverse places where these languages are spoken.

Slavic and Eurasian Studies

The department of Slavic and Eurasian studies offers a wide range of courses designed to train students in the languages, cultures and histories of Central and Eastern Europe, as well as Russia, Turkey and Central Asia. The department offers an M.A. degree in Slavic or Eurasian cultures, a graduate certificate in Slavic, Eurasian and East European studies, and six total majors and minors for undergraduates.
Photography

Duke in France students visit a museum in Paris

Alumni from all over Europe join President Brodhead and Duke Alumni Association for events in Geneva

Duke in Venice student travels to Murano, a small glass-making town outside of Venice

In Durham, students replicate the fall of the Berlin Wall