

Master Classes on Brussels

You work in one of the European institutions or international organisations, you have been living in Brussels for a while and you want to learn about Brussels from a different perspective? Then the Master Classes "Brussels for Europe" are definitely something for you! The ramme is organised by the three Brussels universities (Université Libre de Le reside Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles) and consists of a series of high quality lectures, excursions, moderated panels and cultural visits. For three months the Master Classes will provide you with and far-reaching and alternative insight to Brussels and nurture your ideas about your role as a resident of the Capital of Europe.

Brussels for Europe was first conceived for European civil servants. Thanks to its success, each edition will now open a few supplementary places to people working in other international organisations. By following this course, you will gain an in-depth understanding of Brussels which will reinforce your relations with the city, its government and its civil society.

"Of all the courses I have followed during my long carreer at the EC (and it were many), this was definitely one the most interesting ones!"

"It was a pleasant surprise to discover speakers with such a thourough knowledge of the subject they presented, with a rich language and a vocabulary that was right and erudite."

"This course was excellent. I am very excited about living here now."

Practical

The next edition will start in February 2019 and will take place in English.

Duration: Three month / Organised twice a year, in French or English When: Wednesdays from 18:00 to 21:00 and three visits on Saturdays Where: Avenue d'Auderghem 63, 1040 Etterbeek (close to Schuman)

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Content of the Master Classes

Lectures:

- o Brussels, a small world city (Prof Eric Corijn, VUB)
- o Brussels economy and global city networks (Prof Christian Vandermotten, ULB)
- Spatial concentration of deprived neighbourhoods in Brussels (Prof Christian Kesteloot, KUL-ULB).
- o History of Brussels (Prof Claire Billen, ULB)
- o Institutional context of Brussels (Prof Caroline Van Wynsberghe, UCL)
- o Immigration in Brussels (Prof Andrea Rea, ULB)
- o Multilingual Brussels (Dr Rudi Janssens, VUB)
- o Planning Brussels as an urban ecosystem (Prof Pierre Vanderstraeten, UCL)
- o Mobility in and around Brussels (Prof Michel Hubert, VUB)
- Visual arts in Brussels in an international perspective (Gawan Fagard, VUB)
- A city is not a country (Prof Eric Corijn, VUB)
- o Branding Brussels as the Capital of Europe (Prof Eric Corijn, VUB)

Guided walks:

- o The historical centre of Brussels (Roel Jacobs, Visit Brussels)
- The centre of Molenbeek, Canal Zone and the Dansaert area (Prof Eric Corijn, VUB & Dr. Sofie Vermeulen, VUB)
- o The Nord station and the rue de Brabant in Schaerbeek (Tim Cassiers, VUB)
- o The Brussels periphery (bus tour) (Prof Christian Vandermotten, ULB)

Cultural visits:

We attend a performance (theatre, dance, music...) and visit an exhibition.

Moderated panel:

o Closing debate on the future of Brussels, in the presence of a number of Brussels politicians, moderated by Prof Philippe Van Parijs (UCL) and Prof Eric Corijn (VUB)