Arrival & Orientation Information Sheet
International Summer School, Maastricht University
2016-17

Read completely and thoroughly! Leave one copy at home and take one copy with you abroad.

All program participants are responsible for making their own independent travel arrangements to the Netherlands for the start of the International Summer School program. The program begins on a set date and at a specific place and time (see below). If you fail to present yourself at the correct location on the established Official UCEAP “start date,” you are subject to dismissal from the Program – see the Student Agreement.

Arrival Information
Official UCEAP Arrival & Start Date: Friday, July 1, 2016
Time: No later than 3:00 pm
Place: International Student Guesthouse
Brouwersweg 100

Please see the CES website for more information on the first days of your program.

Airport Pick-Up Service
Students arriving at the Brussels National airport (Zaventem) in Belgium, or Amsterdam Airport (Schiphol) in the Netherlands, before 11 AM on July 1 are offered free pick-up service and transportation to Maastricht.

If you are not able to arrive in Brussels in time for the pick-up service, please see below for directions to Maastricht and the Guesthouse.

Directions to Maastricht
It is best to either fly into Brussels airport or to fly into Amsterdam Schiphol airport and take the train to Maastricht Central Station.

Brussels to Maastricht by train
The train trip also takes approximately two hours. A one-way ticket for people under 25 costs approximately 20 Euros. From the Brussels airport, take the train to Leuven where you can board the train to Liege. In Liege you need to change trains again to Maastricht Central Station. After arrival at Maastricht Central Station, you can take a taxi or bus to your arranged accommodations. For more information about the Belgian railway, consult a travel agent or surf to http://www.belgianrail.be/en/Default.aspx.

Amsterdam to Maastricht by train
The train trip takes approximately two and a half hours and costs 25 Euros for a one-way ticket. Trains usually run four times every hour, and there will be a transfer in Utrecht or Sittard. After arrival at Maastricht Central Station, you can take a taxi or bus to your arranged accommodations. A train timetable is available at: http://www.ns.nl/en/travellers/home (from: Schiphol; to: Maastricht).
From Maastricht Central Train Station to the Guesthouse
Once you arrive at Maastricht central train station, you can either take a taxi to the Guesthouse (Brouwersweg 100) or take city bus 1, 2, 5, 6, or 9 (get out at St. Annadal busstop and walk 5 minutes to the entrance of the Guesthouse).

If delayed while traveling to the Netherlands
*Students who are delayed or who have missed a flight, and are still in the United States:
Contact Kitty Christen at 805-893-4430, Monday – Friday, PST, 8am-5pm.
Or email: kchristen@eap.ucop.edu
The 24 hour emergency number is 805-893-4762.

*Students who are delayed or who have missed a flight, and are overseas:
Phone +31 (0) 43 388 5282
Prior to your departure you will receive the cell phone number for your Program Coordinator at the Center for European Studies. You can also call that number if you are delayed or need assistance.

If your flight is delayed past the Guesthouse check-in time
If your flight is delayed so that you will arrive after 5pm on the start date, please contact CES before 3pm, so they can contact the Guesthouse to leave your key at security.

Phoning Home
Parents often ask students to phone home upon arrival. You should let them know now that you will be preoccupied with getting to your final destination and getting settled in and you may not be able to phone home immediately. However, if you promise your parents that you will call, please do so as soon as possible after your arrival!

Prior to going abroad:

U.S. Department of State – Smart Traveler Enrollment Program
UCEAP highly recommends that all students register with the U.S. Department of State.

The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) is a free service provided by the U.S. Government to U.S. citizens who are traveling to, or living in, a foreign country.
STEP allows you to enter information about your upcoming trip abroad so that the Department of State can better assist you in an emergency.
STEP also allows Americans residing abroad to get routine information from the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Register online at https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/
(You will need your passport information at time of registration.)

IMPORTANT!!
As soon as you have your address in Maastricht, enter it, along with all your phone number while abroad into MyEAP.

There is a Contact Information tab on the left side in your MyEAP account. Go to Address Abroad While Participating in EAP to enter your information.

This is for emergency purposes only. If something happens either abroad or here at home, we need to be able to reach you!

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