

Partnership Overview: Engagement with Belgium

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Texas A&M University has developed and maintained multiple academic and research relationships with Belgian institutions of higher education and private industry.

Formal Academic Partnerships:

Name of Institution	Type	Start Date	Expiry Date	TAMU College
Université de Mons	MOA	04/14/2014	04/14/2019	Dwight Look College of Engineering

Incoming total of Belgian students to Texas A&M (including TAMUG & HSC):

Spring 2015	3
Fall 2015	3
Spring 2014	2
Fall 2014	3

Outgoing total of Texas A&M students to Belgium:

2010-2011	51
2011-2012	46
2012-2013	49
2013-2014	47

Study Abroad Opportunities for Texas A&M Students:

Program Title	Available Locations
A&M Belgium Environmental Science and Engineering	Leuven
A&M European Semester CIFE: Understanding Europe and the EU	Brussels
AIFS Summer Travel Program: Business and Politics in the European Union	Brussels
CIEE Advanced Liberal Arts Program in Brussels, Belgium	Brussels
CIEE Business, Communications, and Culture Program in Brussels, Belgium	Brussels
CIEE Summer Business, Communications, and Culture in Brussels, Belgium	Brussels
ISA Brussels, Belgium: Business, Communications, International Relations & Humanities - Semester/Academic Year	Brussels
ISA Brussels, Belgium: Business, Communications & European Politics - Summer	Brussels
SIT Study Abroad Switzerland: International Studies and Multilateral Diplomacy	Brussels

Number of Texas A&M Alumni in Belgium: (as self reported to Association of Former Students)

2016	21
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Research and Collaborative Projects:

Following are some of the past and current highlights of engagement.

- A&M System and Lisam Systems of Belgium announce joint formation of Lisam America Inc.: February 25, 2011 (<http://engineering.tamu.edu/news/2011/02/25/am-system-and-lisam-systems-of-belgium-announce-joint-formation-of-lisam-america-inc/>)
- Texas A&M collaborated with 17 Belgian companies to discuss the Research Valley Partnership: October 29, 2010 (<http://mitchell.tamu.edu/texas-am-system-celebrate-international-business-ties/>) These talks lead to the continued growth of the Research Valley with the establishment of a \$92 million influenza-vaccines manufacturing facility anchoring the Center for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing (CIADM) (<http://news.tamus.edu/am-system-partners-host-trade-mission-media-appreciation-event/>)
 - In 2010, AMOS, Advanced Mechanical and Optical Systems, launched Advanced Mechanical and Optical Systems Inc at College Station, Texas, in association with Texas A&M University
 - Pepite, S.A. of Belgium signed as a customer of the Research Valley International Gateway and The Research Valley Innovation Center. Their focus is data mining technology as it relates to scientific research and industrial development.
- Texas Aggies Go To War Exhibit in partnership with the Bastogne War Museum (<http://aggiesgotowar.tamus.edu/>)