

European Module (30 ECTS) Entrepreneurial Spirit Improving European Welfare ESPIEW 2009 - 2010

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Howest, de Hogeschool West-Vlaanderen

Howest, University College West Flanders, is a higher education institution in the province of West Flanders, Belgium. Today Howest has an enrolment of more than 4500 full-time students pursuing one of our 40 Bachelors and Masters degrees covering a wide range of disciplines. Howest consists of five campuses located in Bruges, Kortrijk and Ostend. Students will find an open, vibrant, cosmopolitan and friendly environment that offers many educational opportunities, with emphasis on high quality and practice-oriented courses.

Howest has a growing international reputation, as are the opportunities it offers to students to do part of their studies abroad... and for students from abroad to study here. That is why we are continuously developing our curriculum in English.



We warmly welcome students from our partner institutions for an Erasmus exchange period. At this moment, Howest offers different English taught semesters to foreign students, each of them representing at least 30 ECTS:

- ▶ Digital Business Management (Sept-Dec)
- ▶ Tourism Management (Sept-Dec)
- ▶ ESPIEW – Entrepreneurial Spirit improving European Welfare (Sept-Dec)
- ▶ Multimedia Communication (Feb-June)

ESPIEW

Howest is the coordinating partner in the LLP ERASMUS Multilateral Curriculum Development Project **ESPIEW - Entrepreneurial Spirit Improving European Welfare**. The project is the result of a successful proposal to the Lifelong Learning Call for Proposals 2008, approved by the EACEA (European Union).

ESPIEW will stimulate the entrepreneurial potentials of young Europeans especially in the field of Social Work and Health Care.



Most of the EU countries are going through a period of economic and demographic changes while new EU members are facing the challenges of a transforming social economy. If Europe wants to be socially and economically successful its policy has to stir competitiveness, job creation, creativity, innovation and growth. Entrepreneurship is one of the keys to achieve those goals.

This ESPIEW project assumes an important role stimulating the entrepreneurial potentials of young Europeans especially in the field of Social Work and Health Care.

This project brings together creative professors and persons active in the field of social welfare. They take the opportunity to enhance entrepreneurial spirit by elaborating together a module for training students' skills and developing essential characteristics for successful entrepreneurship within a European context and based on an interdisciplinary approach. The ESPIEW module will bring them into contact with persons having the same drive, but a different nationality and cultural background.

Entrepreneurs participate actively in this project, which focuses on theoretical and practical activities coached by experienced staff.



Howest offers a powerful “ tailor made ” interdisciplinary European module training the skills of well-grounded future social entrepreneurs to improve European welfare. This project intends to anticipate the impact on social responsible citizens from the cooperating European countries and will activate a cross-pollination between groups of participants resulting in an upstream of the entrepreneurial spirit in the sector of European welfare.

More information about the ESPIEW Project on:

<http://www.espiew.eu> & <http://www.howest.be/english>

The course concept

The European module “Entrepreneurial Spirit Improving European Welfare” is composed of **5 sub-modules**:

- ▶ A course introduction and introduction to Belgian culture and the Dutch language (3 ECTS)
- ▶ Ethic and law aspects in entrepreneurship in European welfare (6 ECTS)
- ▶ From business ideas to welfare entrepreneurship (6 ECTS)
- ▶ Entrepreneurial competencies in welfare (9 ECTS)
- ▶ Integration in the field (6 ECTS)

At first, the emphasis will be on lectures. During the semester the courses move towards learning-by-doing and teamwork. The last sub-module “Integration in the field” is partly spread over the first four sub-modules and partly foreseen as a practical work placement in the home country.



The aim is to integrate students from abroad with Belgian students and stimulate teamwork, the entrepreneurial spirit and international communication and co-operation. During the semester company visits are arranged, so that students will learn about the Belgian corporate culture.

The course overview

Module	HTC*	n-TC	SL	ECTS
Course introduction	15	60	75	3
History, definitions, mission and vision, entrepreneurship analysis, company visits, survival course Dutch, cultural visits, personal SWOT				
Ethic and law aspects in entrepreneurship in welfare	30	120	150	6
Ethical awareness and reflection Identity European ethical and law standards Improving social responsibility & participation Challenge unjust policies Ethical problems and dilemmas in practice				
From business ideas to welfare entrepreneurship	30	120	150	6
Market research in Welfare European entrepreneurship Business plan & simulation Performance management				
Entrepreneurial competencies in welfare	50	175	225	9
Networking Intercultural communication Negotiations skills Leadership skills e-Business management				
Integration in the field	10	140	150	6
Preparation to integration (spread over 4 sub-modules – 1,5 ECTS) Integration – Practical placement (home country)				
TOTALS	135	615	750	30

*Legend:

HTC = Hours of teaching and coaching during the semester

n-TC = non-teaching and coaching hours per semester

SL = total Study load per semester

Is this course for me?

The European module is meant for both bachelor and master students. The international semester is interesting for students of different study programmes, especially in the sectors of health care and social work.

This semester will surely add value to your degree and your career opportunities as your team working, entrepreneurial and communication skills will improve.



Academic recognition

Howest, de Hogeschool West-Vlaanderen awards 30 ECTS to students who successfully conclude this semester. All students will receive a certificate.

Timing and location

The module is organised in Bruges, from **September 1st** until **December 18th 2009**. The last two weeks of the semester are examination weeks.

The courses take place at the following address:



Howest – Campus Simon Stevin
Rijselstraat 5
8200 St. Michiels – Brugge
(3' walking from the back of the railway station of Bruges)

Prerequisites

- Minimum 2 successfully completed semesters in a Bachelor Health Care or Social Work programme or an equivalent of 60 ECTS. This will need to be confirmed by means of an official certificate, a survey of completed courses, or a signed letter from the sending university.
- Sufficient command of the English language (both oral and written communication). This will need to be confirmed by means of a signed letter from the sending university.
- It is recommended to bring your own laptop with integrated wireless card to attend the courses!

Tuition Fee?

For Erasmus exchange students this course is free of tuition.

Non-Erasmus European students pay a fee of € 298,8*

(*€ 8 per ECTS credit x 30 = € 240 + € 58,80 administration cost – this is the 2008-2009 fee – subject to increase for 09-10)

Non-European students: please contact the International Office.

The fee does not include course or other materials, the cost for cultural visits (transportation, museum entrance ...). Those have to be paid cash on location.

Accommodation

Students can stay:

- at the student residence Art Hostel in Bruges, where we dispose of some rooms.
- at the “hall of residence” (called “Peda De Zwaan”) in Bruges, next to the Howest campus Simon Stevin.

-there are possibilities for accommodation in private student homes in the city centre.

-you can also find accommodation via KOTWEST (www.kotwest.be), which however is mostly in Dutch for the time being.

Of course the International Office at Howest will help you to find accommodation. If your application reaches us before the deadline.

Registration

The registration deadline for Entrepreneurial Spirit Improving European Welfare ESPIEW is **26th June 2009**. All applications are subject to approval by the ESPIEW team. Because of the international nature of this semester, we strive for a well-balanced composition of the project teams. This balance will be taken into account during the selections. Priority is given to students from ESPIEW partner universities.

Send your typewritten Howest Application Form to Howest International Office. You can download the Application Form at www.howest.be/english.

Contact and more information

For more information about the content, contact Marcel Desaegher, the ESPIEW Project Manager: international.office@howest.be

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