

## Objectives

The Transatlantic dual-degree program will prepare students for highly skilled 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs that place a premium on managing a diverse multicultural/multidimensional workforce, innovating new business processes that leverage global information technology networks, and orchestrating global collaboration for competitive advantage. To prepare students for the next phase of globalization, this program intends to do the following:

1. Offer a dual-degree program through mutual recognition and transfer of academic credits; students may select from three majors in Information Technology in the U.S. while also earning a degree with a major in Business Administration from the E.U. to create a personalized transatlantic dual-degree.
2. Improve students' ability to collaboratively manage multicultural teams and international projects by becoming proficient communicators in English, given that English remains the global language of international business and commerce.
3. Develop U.S. and Swedish students' proficiency in French through intensive language courses in France to enhance their understanding of French culture. We will also develop French and U.S. students' familiarity with the Swedish language and culture.

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## **Transatlantic Dual-Degree Program**

**\$1200 monthly  
stipend while  
studying in Europe**

(for 10 months)

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Earn a  
European Bachelor's Degree  
and a  
WIU Bachelor's Degree  
in One Unique Program



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ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY

## The Program

The Atlantis program, designed by four partner institutions: Western Illinois University (WIU, Macomb, USA), DePaul University (DePaul, Chicago, USA), Ecole de Commerce Européenne (ECE, Lyon, France) and Linköping University (LiU, Linköping, Sweden), offers a new transatlantic dual-degree. Through this program, U.S. students have the unique possibility of earning a Bachelor of Science with a major in Business Administration from Linköping University in Sweden in addition to earning their Bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University. \*

## Language

In addition to earning dual-degrees, students will participate in intensive courses in both Swedish and French language and culture, designed to develop their ability to communicate effectively with business partners from other countries and cultural backgrounds.

## Schedule

During the first two years of their study, all students will take basic undergraduate courses at Western Illinois University. All students will then spend the fall semester of their third year at ECE in Lyon, France, and the spring semester at Linköping, Sweden. Successful completion of this year's program of study earns all students a European Bachelor's Degree. For their fourth year, all students will return to WIU. After completing this year, they will receive their WIU Bachelor of Business Degree.

## Costs

During the exchange period academic tuition and fees will be paid to the home institution while the student is abroad. Course-work taken at a host institution will be awarded credit by that institution and be considered "shadow credit" at the student's home institution. Examinations passed at one institution will be fully and automatically recognized by partner institutions on the other side of the Atlantic. Each student is responsible for their own housing and travel expenses.

Transatlantic dual-degree: International Business and Information Technology		
Year 1 and 2	Year 3	Year 4
100 ECTS General Ed / Basic Business WIU, USA	French 15 ECTS	English 15 ECTS
107 ECTS Liberal Studies/Basic Business DePaul, USA	30 ECTS Int. Bus. Advanced Courses	General 10-20 ECTS
120 ECTS Basic Courses ECE, France	All Students at ECE, France	50 ECTS Information: Management, Systems, or Technology Advanced Courses
120 ECTS Basic Courses LiU, Sweden	Swedish 5 ECTS 30 ECTS Int. Bus./ Thesis Advanced Courses	
All students located at Home Institution	All Students at LiU, Sweden	All students located in US

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