NUCARS
France, Angers

Application Deadline: Dec 16th, 2015
Leading Faculty: Prof. Elgie Bright
Program Dates: March 6 – 11, 2016
Program Price: $3000
Enrolment Limit: 10 students

To be eligible for this program, you must have:

1. Completed one semester at Northwood University
2. A cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 or above. Students on academic probation or disciplinary may not apply.

Program Overview and Schedule

Northwood University Computerized Automotive Retail Simulation (NUCARS) is a management training game that puts the automotive students as close to reality as possible in an academic environment. The simulation challenges student teams to cope with real life dilemmas in automotive dealership operations. Students will work with teammates and reflect on today’s management philosophy. Team members come from a number international universities as well as cultural and language backgrounds – requiring a higher level of understanding and cooperation to accomplish goals.

NUCARS 2016 will be held by ESSCA University in the beautiful city of Angers city in western France about 190 miles southwest of Paris. Angers has a rich cultural history and is home to the Val de Loire and the Loire Anjou Touraine regional park.

Dress Code

The dress code varies. You will want to have casual, business casual and business professional. One business suit will be necessary.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships available specifically for NUCARS.

The submission of NUCARS application form is the only document necessary in order to apply for the scholarship.

Please contact your campuses financial aid office for further details about the availability of financial aid.
Travel

All Northwood students participating in this program will depart from Saginaw, Detroit, or Flint Airport and return to the same airport. Roundtrip airfare to Europe is part of the program fee, and Northwood University will purchase air tickets for each student participating in the program.

Do NOT purchase your own airline tickets to Europe. However, note that individual students are responsible for getting to the departing and arriving airport regardless of your home campus.

You must have a valid passport to participate in this program. Obtaining a passport is YOUR responsibility. If you have not started the process, do it now. You must confirm receipt/acknowledge validity of your passport to Northwood University. Students need to have a passport that is valid for at least six months following the date of their arrival in Europe. Students who are American citizens will not need a visa to participate in this program. YOU MUST HAVE A PASSPORT by January 22nd, 2016 and you must provide a copy of your passport to the International Programs Office (intlprograms@northwood.edu) so that we can purchase your travel insurance.

Those who do not hold American citizenship should check with the International Programs Office (intlprograms@northwood.edu), about the need for a visa to travel to these European countries.

Costs

The basic cost for the program is $3000:

- $500 Deposit MUST accompany your application.
- $2,500 due on Jan 22nd (any financial aid & scholarships will be deducted from this payment)

The fee includes:

- flight to and from US
- accommodation
- breakfast, lunch and dinners
- planned group activities and excursions
- simulation registration

The fee does not include:

- travel to and from departing airport
- personal expenses such as souvenirs, clothing, etc.
- personal travel and activities

Applications and Deadlines

Your application will consist of:

1. the application form
2. a reference form
3. $500 deposit

Applicants will be notified in writing as to whether or not they have been accepted to the program.

Program admission will be done on a “rolling” first-come, first served basis as applications and initial payments are received. You will be notified upon receipt of your application whether or not you have been accepted to the program. If the number of applications exceeds spaces, a waiting list will be maintained based on the order applications are received. An application is enclosed with this packet.

Applications are available with your home institute’s International Programs Office.

The application along with the payment must be submitted no later than Dec 16th, 2015

Questions?

Questions may be directed to the Study Abroad office at intlprograms@northwood.edu or 989-837-4327.
NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY
NUCARS Application Form

I. Personal Information

Name: ______________________________________________Date of Birth: ____ - ____ - ________

Last                           First                           MI                           MM   DD   YYYY

Sex:          M          F

Student ID Number: ________________

Email address: _______________________

IMPORTANT: We can only use your Northwood email for communication.

Country of Citizenship: _______________________

Class year (during year of participation): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Local (Northwood) Address:
________________________________________________________________________________________

City: _________________________ State: ______ Zip Code: _________ Phone: _______________________

Cell phone (if applicable): _______________________

Permanent Home Address:
________________________________________________________________________________________

City: _________________________ State: ______ Zip Code: _________ Phone: _______________________

Please Give Parents’ Full Name and Address (es) (if address (es) different from permanent address above):
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Your major: ____________________________________________________________

Your minor: ______________________________________________________________

GPA: ________________

Are you a student athlete?     Yes     No

NOTE: If you are a student athlete, you must have Coach and NCAA Compliance Officer’s signature

Student Athletes:   Yes     No
If yes, what Sport _______________________

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Do you have any physical or mental conditions which might impact your ability to participate in an exchange program? If so, please list any pertinent details below:

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Do you have a passport? Yes No (If “no”, apply for one immediately) If yes, Passport number: ___________________________ Expiration Date: ________________

Are you fluent in any language other than English? If so, please list the language(s):

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III. Financial Aid

Do you plan to use any form of financial aid for this program? Yes No

Have you filed a FAFSA application for this academic year? Yes No

Have you applied for any Northwood University Private Donor Scholarships? Yes No

If you answered “Yes” to any of these, a copy of this application will be sent to the Financial Aid Office on your campus.

My signature below indicates my request for consideration of participation in the NUCARS program. In signing this application, I also understand that if I am accepted into the NUCARS program, I must adhere to all the terms specified in the acceptance packet and that there are additional costs, beyond the program fee, which are my responsibility. I also understand that I am responsible for obtaining a passport, and for consulting with a physician regarding any health concerns or requirements pertaining to living abroad, and for making travel and housing arrangements during the free travel time.

I accept the terms: _____ I do not accept the terms: _____

My parent’s signature (one parent is required to sign if student is not yet 21 years old) below indicates their awareness of this application, without which I cannot be considered.

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Parent /Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
To be completed by a Professor or Mentor

A nomination from Northwood University faculty/staff is required by students who are applying for this program.

NOMINATOR: At the request of a student applying for this program, please complete the following form and submit it directly to the Study Abroad and International Programs Office (Northwood University, 4000 Whiting Drive, Midland, MI 48640-2398) on the Michigan campus. (Please note that the student’s application for this program is not complete without this nomination--applications for which nominations are not received will be eliminated from consideration.)

Student Name ________________________________

Reference Name and Title ________________________________

Phone Number: ________________________________

E-mail Address: ________________________________

Please use the space below (and back of the form if needed) to address the following about the applicant:

1. How do you know the applicant?

   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________

2. Rank the applicant on the following (circle accordingly: 1= poor/low 5 = average 10 = excellent/high):

   Self-Control
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

   Maturity
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

   Eagerness to Learn
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

   Ability to Get Along With Others:
3. Do you have any reservations/concerns about this student participating in a study abroad program?

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4. Please provide any other comments.

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Faculty/Staff Signature: ____________________________ Date: ______________