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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - What better way to examine the cuisine in Europe but to go there?

That is the philosophy behind a course being offered by Youngstown State University's Home Economics Department this summer.

The course is a 15-day tour of Brussells, Paris and London designed primarily so home economists, teachers and dieticians can examine how the culinary characteristics of France and England relate to the cultures.

Those registering for the June 16 to June 30 tour will be guided through such famous sights as the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, the Louvre, Westminster, Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace and many more.

But to prevent getting sore feet from all that sightseeing, the event also includes several hours of lecture and discussion on such topics as chef training, food preparation, French wines and cheeses and England's food industry.

Much of the instruction will be provided by Jean Hassell, Warren, an assistant professor in YSU's Home Economics Department.

Participants will also receive a unique behind-the-scenes look at the French and English food industries through tours of hotel food preparation, retail and food markets, London's Billingsgate Fish Market, a private French cooking school, and London's Bourveville Chocolate Center.

The public is invited to join the tour, which begins with arrival in Brussells, five days in Paris, six days in London and concludes again in Brussells before departure to the U.S.

The \$1,645 fee includes roundtrip airfare from New York, double occupancy in first class hotel accommodations, scheduled guided sightseeing excursions and admission fees, continental breakfast daily, and all transportation between cities. A \$200 deposit is due by April 20. Additional information can be obtained by calling YSU's Jean Hassell, at (216) 742-3344.

Students interested in taking the credit/no credit course for four academic hours in Home Economic's International Studies must pay regular registration costs of \$152 for undergraduate and \$172 for graduate credit in addition to the tour costs.

An optional seven day post-tour to Amsterdam, Brugge and Ghent is available for an additional \$395. These travelers will spend five additional days in Amsterdam exploring the dikes, windmills and world famous art museums. An additional day will also be spent in each of Brugge, the purest medieval city in-Europe, and Ghent, another artistically rich city.

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