

**KU LEUVEN**



# Study at KU Leuven





Europe's  
most  
innovative  
university



# A Belgian university in the heart of Europe



- Leuven
- Campus Groep T Leuven
- Technologiecampus De Nayer Sint-Katelijne-Waver
- Technologiecampus Geel
- Campus Sint-Andries Antwerpen
- Campus Carolus Antwerpen
- Technologiecampus Aalst
- Technologiecampus Gent

- Campus Sint-Lucas Gent
- Campus Sint-Lucas Brussel
- Campus Brussel
- Technologiecampus Oostende
- Campus Brugge
- Campus Kulak Kortrijk
- Technologiecampus Diepenbeek

# Inviting university cities



## Campus Leuven (main)

20 minutes by train from Brussels  
100,000 inhabitants and 40,000 students  
Small historical city center with traditional buildings

## Campus Brussels

Capital of Belgium  
Over 180 nationalities  
Campus at 5-minute walk from Central Station





# A shared history with UC Louvain

Founded in 1425

~ 600 years of university history

“One of the worlds oldest universities”

- 3 Nobel laureates (1909, 1958, 1974)
- Influential alumni with the inventor of the
  - Mercator World Map Projection (Gerard Mercator)
  - Big Bang Theory (Georges Lemaître)
  - Shazam Music app (Philip Inghelbrecht)



# A highly ranked university

**#1**

in the **Reuters** World Ranking of Most Innovative Universities in Europe

**#42**

in the **Times Higher Education** World University Ranking

**#70**

in the **QS** World University Ranking

**#87**

in the **ARWU** Shanghai Ranking

\*Last updated: March 2022



# Europe's most innovative university

## REUTERS TOP 10

Most innovative universities worldwide

1	Stanford University	USA
2	Massachusetts Institute of Technology – MIT	USA
3	Harvard University	USA
4	University of Pennsylvania	USA
5	University of Washington	USA
6	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill	USA
7	<b>KU Leuven</b>	<b>Belgium</b>
8	University of Southern California	USA
9	Cornell University	USA
10	Imperial College London	UK

OUR DISCOVERIES ADDRESS REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS,  
TRULY CHANGING PEOPLE'S LIVES FOR THE BETTER

VALUABLE  
CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO SOCIETY

7,988  
researchers  
& professors

6,386  
PhD  
researchers

€ 532 million  
in research expenditures

KU Leuven's approach to clinical research is built on exemplary **collaboration between KU Leuven researchers and doctors from University Hospitals Leuven.**

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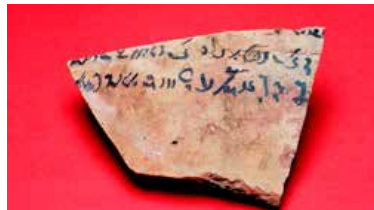
# KU Leuven: a catalyst for innovation



**The world's leading anti-HIV drug**



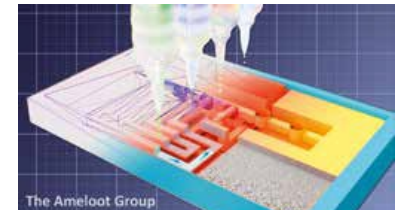
**Experimental hearing implant succeeds in registering brain waves**



**Trismegistos+, a digital pioneer in ancient history**



**Secure smartphones, pc, and internet infrastructure**



**3D printing lays the foundation for a new range of diagnostic tests**



# An international university with global reach

**12,577**

INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS

**+140**

NATIONALITIES

**1,787**

INCOMING  
EXCHANGE  
STUDENTS

**1,441**

OUTGOING  
EXCHANGE  
STUDENTS

**62**

UNIVERSITY-WIDE  
AGREEMENTS

**>2,300**

FACULTY  
AGREEMENTS

**>50**

PROGRAMME  
AGREEMENTS



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# Research-driven education



**TOP RESEARCHERS AS  
TEACHERS**



**INTERDISCIPLINARY  
APPROACH**



**RELEVANT GUEST  
LECTURES**



**NEWEST TECHNOLOGY**



**STIMULATING  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**



**ADVANCED FACILITIES**



# A global impact and engagement

## KU Leuven stimulates social engagement

- Supported community of engaged students, staff members and alumni

## A sustainable future

- A student-led Green Office supported by our staff members of the Sustainability Office



### STUDENT REPAIR HUB

You can borrow repair tools, repair your stuff and join workshops.

[READ MORE](#)

### TAP IT UP CAMPAIGN

A campaign to stimulate drinking tap water.

[READ MORE](#)

## KU LEUVEN ENGAGE

Would you like to actively contribute to society? Engage as a student or staff member of KU Leuven. Make a difference for, together with and starting from people and groups in vulnerable situations.

### DISCOVER ENGAGEMENT FOR/BY

[STUDENTS](#)[STAFF](#)[ORGANISATIONS](#)[ALUMNI AND FRIENDS](#)

### NEWS

#### KOTengage is looking for engaged student residences

27-09-2021

Do you want to join forces with at least five students from your student residence to make a difference for people in a socially vulnerable situation? Starting from this academic year, we are supporting groups of students who live together to take up a civic engagement.

[READ MORE ABOUT KOTENGAGE](#)

#### Launch of Career Zone

30-06-2021

The Student Job Shop made way for a new platform that bundles everything related to work experience, such as vacancies, job events and application tips. In the database students will find, among other things, vacancies for volunteer positions. Organizations can now also post their vacancies on KU Leuven Career Zone.

### Calendar

OCTOBER 2021

- 18/10 - 24/10: [Civic Engagement Looking for Students](#)
- 29/10: Deadline [KOTengage](#) project applications

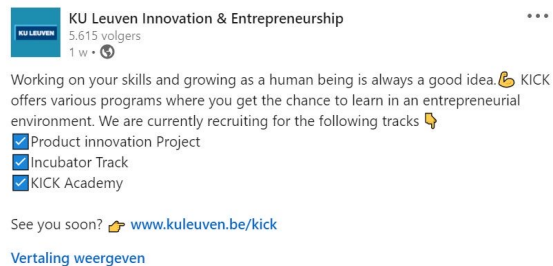


### NEED INSPIRATION?

Inspiring testimonials of engaged KU Leuven students and staff

[MORE...](#)

# Encouraging entrepreneurship



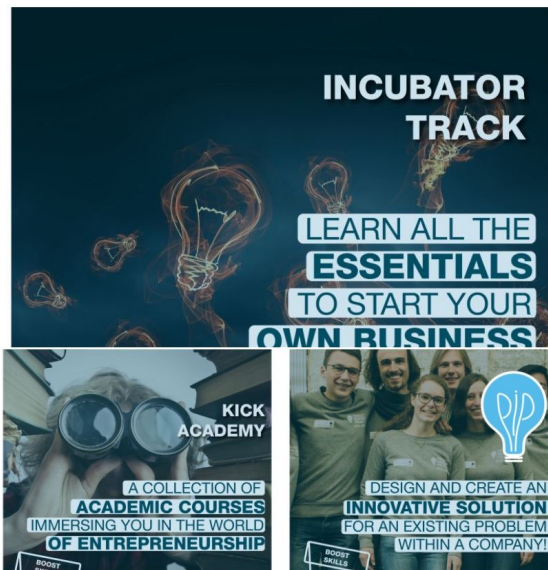
KU Leuven Kick is the one-stop shop for students, researchers, professors and alumni of KU Leuven who have questions related to entrepreneurial skills and entrepreneurship

## SKILLS

- Product innovation project (PiP)
- Learning Garage
- KICK Academy

## COACHING

- Advice and coaching
- Locations
- Kick Challenge

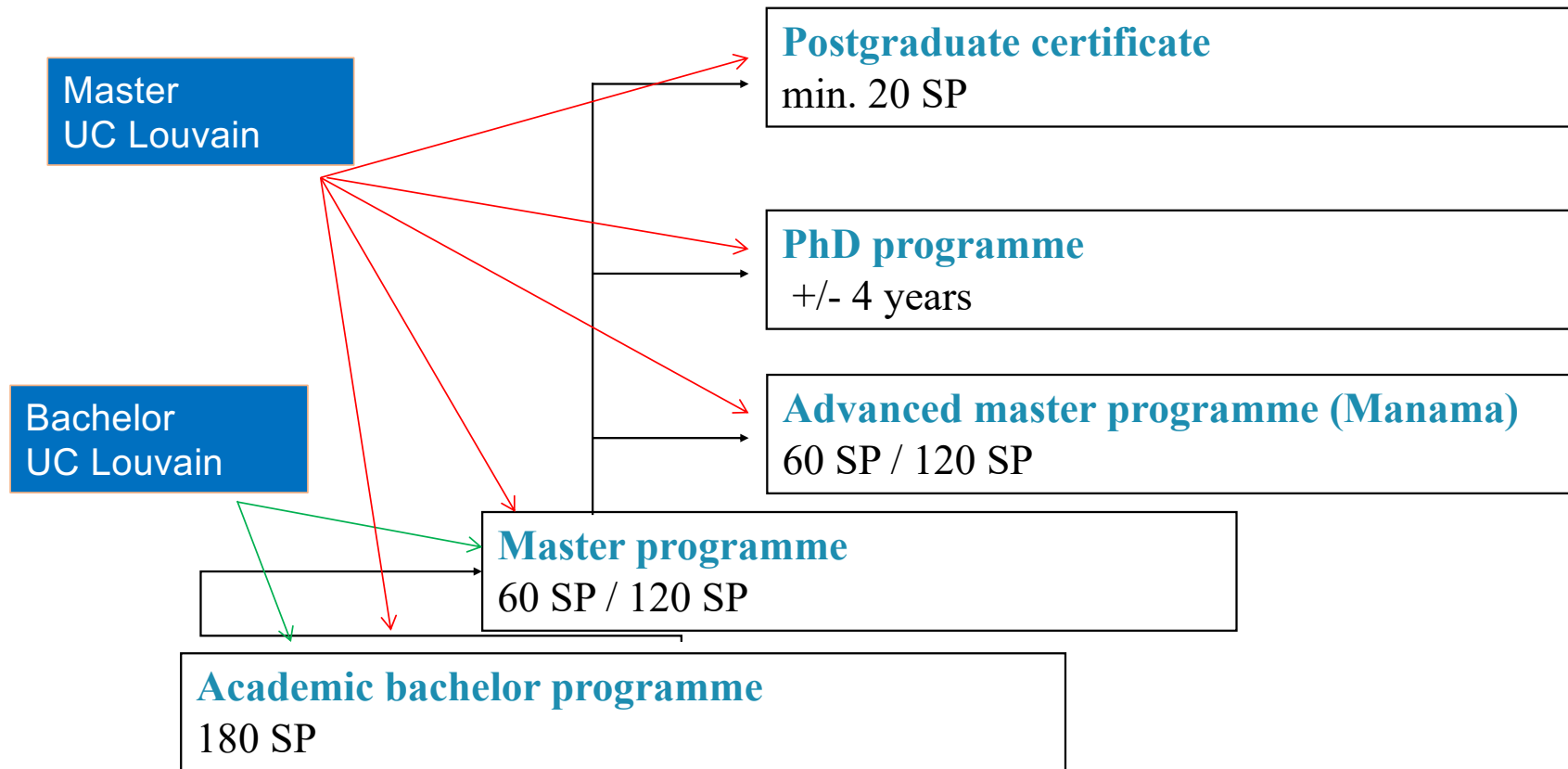






**DISCOVER OUR  
PROGRAMMES**

# Educational structure



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## General structure

- **Credit system ‘Diplomaruimte’:**
  - Model trajectory & tolerance credits
  - Deliberation at the end of the programme instead of at the end of each year
- **Language**
  - Dutch programmes
  - English programmes
- **Academic year**
  - 2 semesters
  - 2 + 1 exam periods



# Master programmes

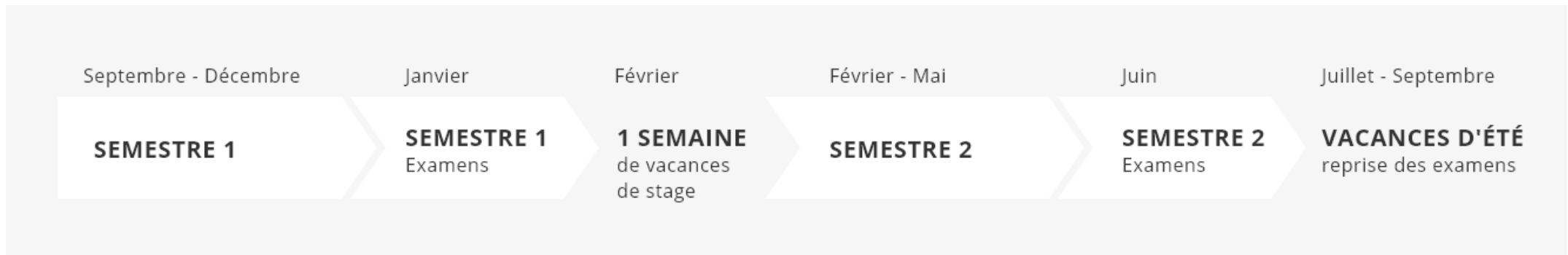
## UC Louvain

All master programmes are 120 ECTS credits

## KU Leuven

Master programmes can be 1 year (60 ECTS), 2 years (120 ECTS) or in case of medicine 3 years (180 ECTS).

# Academic year



# A comprehensive university



**FACULTIES**

**15**



**BACHELOR DEGREES**

**48**

(DUTCH)

**6**

(ENGLISH)



**MASTER DEGREES**

**138**

(DUTCH)

**72**

(ENGLISH)

**1**

(FRENCH)



**ADVANCED MASTERS**

**19**

(DUTCH)

**23**

(ENGLISH)

**1**

(SPANISH)

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# A comprehensive university: 15 faculties



## HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Institute of Philosophy
- Theology and Religious Studies
- Law
- Economics and Business
- Social Sciences
- Arts
- Psychology and Educational Sciences



## SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

- Science
- Engineering Science
- Bioscience Engineering
- Engineering Technology
- Architecture



## BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

- Medicine
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences

# 48 bachelor & 138 master opleidingen (NL)



## HUMANE WETENSCHAPPEN

- Hoger Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte
- Theologie en Religiewetenschappen
- Rechten
- Economie en Bedrijfswetenschappen
- Sociale Wetenschappen
- Letteren
- Psychologie en Pedagogische Wetenschappen



## WETENSCHAPPEN & TECHNOLOGIE

- Wetenschappen
- Ingenieurswetenschappen
- Bio-ingenieurswetenschappen
- Industriële Ingenieurswetenschappen
- Architectuur



## BIOMEDISCHE WETENSCHAPPEN

- Geneeskunde
- Farmaceutische Wetenschappen
- Bewegings- en Revalidatiewetenschappen

# 6 English Bachelor programmes



## Bachelor of Business Engineering

SAT Mathematics Lvl 2  
Test with min. 700

*Exceptions:  
EB/IB diploma, GCE*

IELTS: > 6.5  
(sub score 5.5)

TOEFL: iBT > 90  
(sub score 20)



## Bachelor of Business Administration

SAT Mathematics Lvl 2  
Test with min. 560

*Exceptions:  
EB/IB diploma, GCE*

IELTS: > 6.5  
(sub score 5.5)

TOEFL: iBT > 90  
(sub score 20)



## Bachelor of Engineering Technology

SAT Mathematics Lvl 2  
Test with min. 700

*Exceptions:  
EB/IB diploma, GCE*

IELTS: > 6.5  
(sub score 5.5)

TOEFL: iBT > 80  
(sub score 19)



## Bachelor of European Studies

Degree of sec.  
education

IELTS: > 6.5

TOEFL: iBT > 90

CEE: > 176  
(sub score > 169)



## Bachelor of Theology and Religious Studies

Motivation letter  
CV

Written assignment

IELTS: > 6,5 - 7

TOEFL iBT: > 79-80



## Bachelor of Philosophy

Reading and writing  
assignment

IELTS: > 6.5

TOEFL iBT: > 90  
(sub score 18)



# 72 English Master programmes



## HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Institute of Philosophy
- Theology and Religious Studies
- Law & Canon Law
- Economics and Business
- Social Sciences
- Arts
- Psychology and Educational Sciences



## SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

- Science
- Engineering Science
- Bioscience Engineering
- Engineering Technology
- Architecture



## BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

- Medicine (limited)
- Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences

# 23 English Advanced Master programmes



## HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Law & Canon Law
- Economics and Business
- Social Sciences
- Arts
- Psychology and Educational Sciences



## SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

- Science
- Engineering Science
- Engineering Technology



## BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

- Medicine (limited)
- Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences

# PhD Degrees

## THREE DOCTORAL SCHOOLS



**DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF  
HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES**



**DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF  
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES**



**ARENBERG DOCTORAL SCHOOL  
OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING &  
TECHNOLOGY**



# Admission requirements (English programmes)

KU Leuven complies with Flemish government legislation regarding admissions to higher education in order to guarantee the legitimacy of its diplomas.

- **Equal opportunity of access** to higher education for qualified students who have obtained a requisite Flemish diploma.
- In principle, KU Leuven applies **the same policy to students who have obtained their diplomas elsewhere**, although some additional requirements designed to maximise their chances of success may be prescribed.



# Admission requirements (English programmes)

## PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH:

IELTS MIN 6.5 – TOEFL IBT MIN. 79

## OTHER CONDITIONS:

VARIABLES BY PROGRAMME, FOR EXAMPLE GMAT/GRE TESTS MIGHT BE REQUIRED

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# Admission requirements (Dutch programmes)

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## Requirements:

- **PROFICIENCY IN DUTCH:**  
Min req. level: B2 (or C1)  
Mandatory ITNA-test or min. 1 year ed. In Dutch  
Optional language courses
- **OTHER CONDITIONS:**  
Mandatory tests (“ijkingstoets”)  
Medicine and dentistry





# Admission deadlines

## Bachelor's and (advanced) Master's Programmes:

*No strict deadlines, but advised to apply as soon as possible ~ applications on a rolling basis*

### Advised data

- Non-EEA citizens: 1 March
- EEA citizens: 1 June

## PhD Programmes

*There is no application deadline*





# LIFE AT KU LEUVEN





# Study costs



## Tuition fees

Public funding for **all national and international students**

Real cost per student > €10,000 / year (excl. tuition fees)

- Tuition fees KU Leuven: between € 960,90 / year
- Fees depend on the programme and EU-nationality.  
Some advanced masters have higher tuition fees

Check [www.kuleuven.be/tuitionfees](http://www.kuleuven.be/tuitionfees)



Read on to find proven strategies and ideas to decrease your study abroad costs.

Check out our additional articles, tips, and guides to help you make the most of your student experience abroad without going broke in the process.

- [15 Low Cost Study Abroad Programs](#)
- [8 Proven Ways to Lower Your Study Abroad Costs](#)
- [Study Abroad for Free in 2019—Here's How](#)
- [10 Cheapest Places for Study Abroad](#)
- [7 Ways to Study Abroad for Cheap](#)

Keep researching for more tips on lowering your study abroad costs. You can find [dozens of study abroad scholarships](#) (even some for [summer study abroad](#)), and can use resources like [FundMyTravel](#) or good old fashioned [fundraising](#) to help foot the bill.

## A summary of GoAbroad's study abroad cost analysis

Studying abroad in Europe will cost you roughly \$16,000, while the average cost of studying in Asia is around \$9,000. For any semester program abroad, you can expect to fork out about \$15,000. More cost effective places include Latin America and Africa, but you'll want to steer clear of Australia if you're on a tight budget. At the end of the day, the cost of your study abroad program should reflect a clear intersection of value and cost. Focus on your goals, your preferences, and the level of services that you want before shopping based on price tag.

# Cost of living

Country	City	Student accommodation average / month	
Belgium	Leuven, Brussels	€ 350 / month	€ 4,200 / year
France	Paris	€ 830 / month	€ 10,000 / year
Germany	Berlin	€ 750 / month	€ 9,000 / year
United Kingdom	Oxford	€ 950 / month	£ 9,500 / year
Netherlands	Amsterdam	€ 550 / month	€ 6,600 / year
United States	<i>National average</i>	€ 670 / month	\$ 9,000 / year



## Affordable cost of living in Belgium

- Housing
- Public transport
- Food
- Study materials
- Social security

# Accommodations: dorms in Flanders

## PRIVATE ACCOMODATIONS

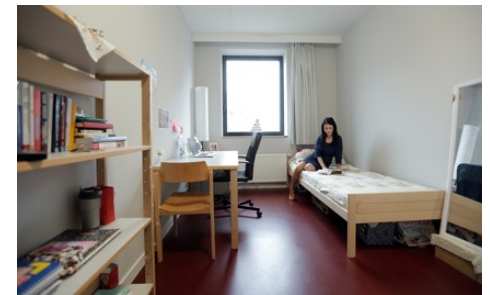


- Small scale
- 3 to 10 students
- Large variety
- Variable rates
- Shared common areas

## UNIVERSITY DORMS



- Large scale
- More than 100 students
- Similar rooms
- Fixed rates
- Shared common areas





# Language

## Excellent location to speak and learn English

- Flanders in **top 10 of regions ranked by spoken English skills**
- People speak and understand **English in shops, bars, cinemas...**
- Large **international community** of students, expats, migrants etc.
- Large number of **international companies** and jobs



## Opportunity to learn Dutch

- During your programme and/or in your **social life**
- **Multilingualism** asset on the job market

Belgium in top 10 of countries ranked by spoken English skills



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While the three official languages of Belgium are French, Dutch, and German, the Belgians also seem to be doing well when it comes to speaking English. This is reflected in a report by the language learning service Education First (EF), which ranked 100 countries according to the skills of its citizens in speaking the language of Shakespeare.

More than a million people around the world consider English to be their second language. Hundreds of millions more consider it as a third or fourth language.

However, the level of language skills in the different countries where one learns English and where it is not an official language differs greatly. Some 54 countries have English as the official language while for others, their exposure comes from learning it at school, by oneself or while travelling.

When it comes to speaking English, the Belgians can be proud of themselves since they rank ninth in the EF ranking of 100 countries. Belgium even ranks among those where there is a "very high competence" in speaking English.

# Student services



## Student services office at each campus

We are here for you with information, advice and tips on your student life. KU Leuven Stuvo, your one stop for student services.

## Support in self development

- Online modules
- Workshops and training

## Support when and where needed

- Health & well-being
- Welcome activities
- Student counselling
- Housing, food, transportation, money matters...





**EXPLORE YOUR  
OPTIONS**

# Yearly Online Open Day

## Discover our programmes

- Talk to students & staff
- Get more details about each of our programmes
- Chat with our admission officers



## **KU LEUVEN ONLINE OPEN DAY 1 DECEMBER**

Discover Europe's most innovative university.

Learn more about our international programmes,  
admissions, housing and much more.



# Ontdek onze website (NL)

Toekomstige studenten


Home Opleiding zoeken Infomomenten Openlesdagen Diensten voor studenten Contact


## Studeren aan KU Leuven

Op de infodagen kun je rondleidingen volgen, de gebouwen en labo's bezoeken. Professoren, studiebegeleiders en studenten staan klaar voor vragen en advies.

Heb je al een bachelor- of masterdiploma en wil je nog verder studeren? Ontdek de Verderstudeerbeurs op 19 maart.

[Live infodagen >](#) [Verderstudeerbeurs](#)






### Een opleiding zoeken

KU Leuven biedt tal van initiatieven die je kunnen helpen bij je studiekeuze.

- > Opleidingen >
- > Campussen >
- > Opleidingsbrochures >
- > Infomomenten en openlesdagen >
- > Wegwijs in het hoger onderwijs >
- > Studiekeuzetips >
- > Online voorproefas en oriëntatie >



### Vorbereitung

Naast de zoektocht naar een opleiding zijn er nog andere zaken die je moet uitklaren voor je start aan KU Leuven.

- > Voorkennis en voorbereiding >
- > Op kot >
- > Kosten en financiële ondersteuning >
- > Praktische brochures >
- > Inschrijvingsvoorwaarden >
- > Belg zonder Vlaams diploma >

## Belg, maar geen Vlaams diploma?

Behaalde je je diploma secundair onderwijs in Frans- of Duitstalig België, aan een International School of in het buitenland, en ben je geïnteresseerd in een opleiding aan KU Leuven? We zetten hier alle nuttige informatie op een rij.



### Toelatingsvoorwaarden

De Vlaamse overheid stelt diploma-, taal- en verblijfsvoorwaarden voor wie wil starten aan het Vlaamse hoger onderwijs.

- > [Diplomavoorwaarden](#)
- > [Taalvoorwaarden](#)
- > [Verblijfsvoorwaarden](#)

### Studiekeuze gemaakt?

Lees alles over de deadlines en verschillende stappen die je moet ondernemen om je in te schrijven.

[Aanvraag indienen](#)



### Startersdagen

Maak kennis met de inhoud en opbouw van je lessen, de aanpak en de studiemethoden. Leer je medestudenten, studentenkring en de sfeer op campus kennen en voel je vanaf dag één thuis.

> [Ontdek de Startersdagen](#)



### Studeren aan KU Leuven

Met meer dan 135 master- en 48 bacheloropleidingen aan 15 faculteiten op 10 locaties is KU Leuven de ideale omgeving om je verder te ontplooiën.

- > [Opleidingen](#)
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- > [Studentenvoorzieningen](#)
- > [Campussen](#)
- > [Academische kalender](#)

# Explore our website (English)

Prospective students


★ Home Choose your programme Student services Campuses Admissions

## Studying at KU Leuven

Scientific curiosity is at the basis of our programmes. Let yourself be inspired by the top-level researchers who'll be sharing their insights with you.

KU Leuven. Inspiring the outstanding.

[Discover our programmes >](#)



### Discover our programmes

KU Leuven offers a wide range of disciplines organized by 15 faculties. Each of these disciplines is ranked in the top 100 of its field according to the THE World University Rankings by subject.

> [Discover our programmes](#)  
> [Download a brochure](#)

### Open Days




KU Leuven hosted an Online Open Day in December. You can still watch the presentations and read the information available, but the chat sessions are finished. Or you can attend one of our live open days in the spring.

> [Online Open Day](#)  
> [Live Open Days](#)

### Admission requirements & tuition fees

KU Leuven admission requirements and tuition fees vary by programme. Consult the relevant admission requirements on the page of the programme in question.

> [Consult the admission requirements](#)  
> [Tuition fees](#)



## Where to start

- Prospective students
- Life at KU Leuven
- How to apply

## Basic information available in:

- English
- Dutch
- **French**
- German
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Japanese
- Arabic
- Russian

# Information rudimentaire en français

## Etudier à la KU Leuven

Partir à l'étranger dans le cadre de vos études est une opportunité fantastique, mais tout d'abord il faut décider où vous allez étudier. Nous comprenons qu'il s'agit d'un choix difficile à faire. Voilà pourquoi nous avons regroupé les informations dont vous aurez besoin pour commencer votre voyage au sein de notre université.

[DÉCOUVREZ-EN DAVANTAGE >](#)



"Etudier à KU Leuven ? C'est profiter d'un master international au cœur de l'Europe, rencontrer des étudiants de tous les horizons, de tous âges, visiter de nouvelles villes ou musées, ... C'est une expérience unique et enrichissante !"

Solène Riga

[Parler avec nos étudiants internationaux](#)

## Faits sur la KU Leuven

- > Fondée en 1425
- > Classée au 45e rang mondial (classement THE)
- > Université la plus innovante d'Europe (Reuters)
- > 15 facultés
- > > 60 000 étudiants
- > > 10 000 étudiants internationaux

Étudier à la KU Leuven

Introduction à la KU Leuven

Pourquoi choisir la KU Leuven

## Découvre

- Etudier
- Introduction
- Pourquoi KU Leuven
- Droits d'inscription et financement
- L'enseignement supérieur
- Vie étudiante
- Postuler et commencer
- Recherche


# Talk to our student ambassadors

Levels

Area Of Study

Country/Region


Brazil ×



**Maira**  
Bachelor of Business Engineering

Chat with Maira

I COME FROM

Rio de Janeiro, State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 

PREVIOUS QUALIFICATION

Bachelor's Degree

ABOUT ME

Hi all! I'm a Business Engineering Bachelor student.  
I am Brazilian bu...

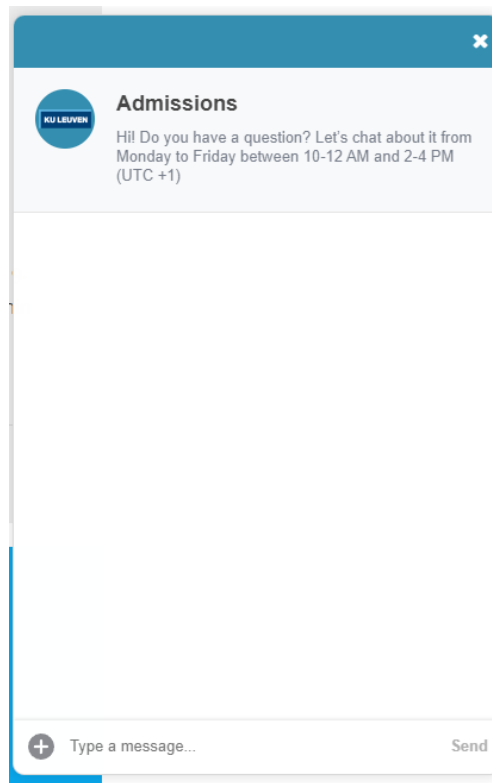
Read more about Maira ...

**Almost 150 student ambassadors available!**

You can ask questions about student life in Belgium, life at KU Leuven or more information about a specific course or programme...



# Contact us with your questions



## General questions

[internationalprogrammes@kuleuven.be](mailto:internationalprogrammes@kuleuven.be)

## Admissions



**University Hall**

Naamsestraat 22 box 5410

B-3000 Leuven

[Book an appointment](#) for a visit from Monday to Friday between 9-12:30




[Send us an email](#)



[Chat with us](#) from Monday to Friday between 10-12 AM and 2-4 PM (UTC +1)



**Call us** from Monday to Thursday between 9-12:30 AM and 2-5 PM (UTC +1) and on Fridays between 9-12:30 AM and 2-4 PM (UTC +1): **+32 16 32 43 44**  (calling from abroad) or **016 32 43 44** (calling from within Belgium)

**WHY**

**KU LEUVEN**

# www.kuleuven.be



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