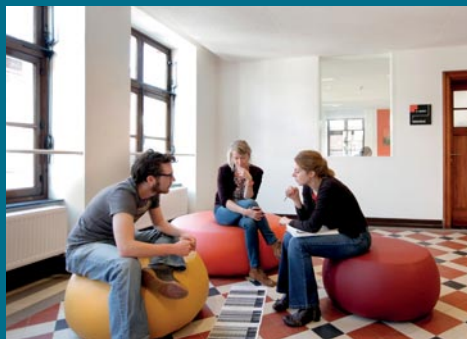


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TOP 100

KU Leuven consistently ranks in the top 100 universities worldwide in all major international rankings

LERU

KU Leuven is a founding member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU)



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University Hospitals Leuven, the university's network of research hospitals, receives 2 million patients each year



>150

More than 150 nationalities are represented at KU Leuven



KU Leuven

Vesalius, Erasmus, and Mercator all called KU Leuven home



The university works closely with imec, the world-leading nanoelectronics research centre headquartered at the university's Science, Engineering & Technology campus



>110

KU Leuven has launched more than 110 spin-off companies

Recent alumni include Herman Van Rompuy, the first President of the European Council, and Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director of the European Environment Agency



>20

KU Leuven has more than 20 international student organisations in addition to faculty unions and LOKO, the umbrella student organisation



Founded in 1425, the University of Leuven (KU Leuven) has been a centre of learning for almost six centuries. Today, it is Belgium's largest and highest-ranked university as well as one of the oldest and most renowned universities in Europe. As a leading European research university and co-founder of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), KU Leuven offers a wide variety of programmes in English. These programmes are supported by high-quality interdisciplinary research carried out at both the university and its internationally acclaimed hospitals. Boasting an outstanding central location in the heart of Europe, KU Leuven offers a truly international experience, high-quality education, world-class research, and cutting-edge innovation.

Why KU Leuven?

High-quality education

Excellence in education and excellence in research go hand in hand. KU Leuven's study programmes are research-based, which ensures that students acquire academic competences while also developing a critical and research-oriented attitude. Flexibility and state-of-the-art technology are integral to each study programme. A KU Leuven degree offers a significant competitive advantage and is highly valued around the world. The **ECTS quality label** guarantees that all credits obtained at KU Leuven are transparent and fully transferable.

 www.kuleuven.be/education

KU Leuven consistently performs well in the international rankings. It is currently ranked **35th** in the Times Higher Education World Rankings (2015-2016) and **79th** in the QS World University Rankings (2016-2017).



World-class research

KU Leuven boasts a strong international reputation for research excellence. As a comprehensive university, it pursues curiosity-driven and strategic frontier research as well as targeted and demand-driven research, all in an interdisciplinary environment. KU Leuven is a founding member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), a select group of distinguished research-intensive universities that sets the tone for research in Europe. KU Leuven has a strong record of securing funding from the most competitive research funds, including the prestigious ERC Grants awarded by the European Research Council. KU Leuven ranks sixth in total projects under the EU Horizon 2020 Programme after Oxford, Cambridge, University College London, Copenhagen University and Imperial College. Its total research output consistently ranks among the European top.

 www.kuleuven.be/research

Cutting-edge innovation and R&D

KU Leuven Research & Development (LRD) is the technology transfer office of KU Leuven. Established in 1972 as one of the first technology transfer offices in Europe, LRD has a long tradition of collaborating with industry, patenting, licensing, and creating spin-off companies. LRD is dedicated to valorising research, building bridges between science and industry, and transferring knowledge and technologies to the marketplace.

 www.lrd.kuleuven.be

International orientation

KU Leuven is home to a vibrant community of international students and staff members spread out over its various campuses. 16% of the university's **56,000 students** are international, representing **150 countries**. KU Leuven's Doctoral Schools provide internationally oriented PhD tracks for more than 5,000 doctoral students. KU Leuven works with a select number of top-level partner institutions worldwide and stimulates purposeful international mobility and intensive research cooperation. It continually strives to integrate the local and international student and research communities on all its campuses through a variety of programmes and activities.

 **>56,000**
Students at
KU Leuven

 **>9,000**
International
students at
KU Leuven



Why Belgium?

As a student or researcher you will discover a country full of surprising contrasts. Belgium is a place rich in art, history, and architecture. You are treated to its local specialties in a friendly atmosphere. The country has much to offer to students: a cosmopolitan lifestyle, great sport facilities, libraries, bookshops, restaurants, cafés, and a dynamic cultural scene. It is also an ideal base for exploring the rest of Europe. London, Paris, Cologne, and Amsterdam are all a proverbial stone's throw away from Belgium, and can easily be reached by train and (budget) air travel. Belgium is the headquarters of many international organisations and companies and the beating heart of the European Union.

Belgium has three official languages – Dutch, French, and German – but English is rapidly becoming the business lingua franca. In daily life, as well, you'll find nearly everyone is able to communicate in English.

With a standard of living amongst the highest in the world, Belgians benefit from universal health-care, social security coverage, and an excellent education system. As an international guest, you might find Belgians initially reserved – an impression that will only last until your first visit to a Belgian home, where you will be warmly welcomed and well fed.

Leuven

Since its foundation, KU Leuven has been located in the city of Leuven in the region of Flanders, the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium. Leuven is a modern, bustling, and safe student city with a long and rich history. The city's beautiful, charming centre, which dates from the Middle Ages, is punctuated with stately colleges and historic buildings constructed over centuries by and for the university. Cultural and recreational opportunities abound.

Leuven's concentration of brain capital, its excellent infrastructure, and its convenient location create an exciting and creative climate for research and innovation. Leuven has established itself as one of Europe's technology hotspots and, together with Cambridge, Heidelberg and Maastricht, is part of Health Axis Europe, an alliance dedicated to stimulating innovation and competition in healthcare technology.



Campuses across Flanders

KU Leuven offers degree programmes at various campuses in **11 Belgian cities**. Among the English-language programmes are the BSc in Engineering Technology (Campus Group T, Leuven), the European Master of Food Science, Technology and Business (Technology Campus Ghent), the MSc in International Business Economics and Management (Campus Brussels), and the MSc in Architecture (Campus Brussels and Ghent).

 www.kuleuven.be/campuses



“The city of Leuven is wonderful, the cost of living manageable, the education top-level, the location for travelling exceptional, and the country beautiful.”

Sarah - KU Leuven student from Canada



11 cities
in Belgium



Brussels

Brussels is the capital of Belgium and a modern, multicultural city that offers many activities for residing students. Thanks to its cinemas, theatres, museums, and art galleries, Brussels is never dull. In addition, it welcomes a large number of international students every year, which gives the city a cosmopolitan feel.

Brussels is the beating heart of Europe. As a student, you'll be living and studying in a true business hub and decision making centre: the city hosts the EU and the NATO, as well as a diverse range of international finance and trade organisations. Hundreds of multinational corporations have their head offices here.



Ghent

The bustling city of **Ghent** offers you its hallmark *joie de vivre* and a comfortable home away from home. The scenic Graslei waterfront, the medieval Sint-Baafs Cathedral, Gravensteen Castle, and charming bars: Ghent may very well be Belgium's best kept secret. The numerous museums, music venues, and art studios give the city its artistic vibe.

Ghent is at once historical and contemporary, as its ambitious modern architecture and urban development strategy illustrate. With its elaborate educational network the city is also a hub of knowledge. Ghent is home to various institutions for higher education, innovative companies, and start-ups. The city appeals to international experts in many fields as well as to students.



Antwerp and Sint-Katelijne-Waver

Antwerp is a historical city of culture, architecture, fashion, and top-level gastronomy. The Antwerp harbour is the second largest in Europe. Antwerp's strategic location and its open-minded reputation attract many international investors and companies. The history of Antwerp is rich and fascinating. But for students, the city never grows old.

The green campus of **Sint-Katelijne-Waver** is a twenty-minute train ride away. The campus introduces you to state-of-the-art technologies. Antwerp is a convenient home base, as is art city Mechelen. Its historical centre may be compact, but Mechelen is welcoming and authentic.



“Every morning, I cycle to work, enjoying the green parks and it only takes 20 minutes to go from one place to another. Besides that, it is so easy to take the train and go visit other cities and even other countries without needing a visa.”

Haniyeh, Iran - PhD Biomechanics

Doctoral Schools

KU Leuven's three doctoral schools provide PhD students with high-quality instruction and support embedded in a stimulating international research environment. Under the guidance of one or more doctoral advisors, PhD students pursue a doctoral curriculum tailored to their research interests and professional goals. PhD students have access to excellent research facilities and student services. In addition to academic, research-related coursework, all doctoral curricula include transferable skills training in topics such as effective communication, entrepreneurial skills, and leadership. The three doctoral schools welcome a total of 5,200 PhD students, of whom 44% are international.



Arenberg Doctoral School for Science, Engineering and Technology

- **Goals:** Arenberg Doctoral School stimulates young researchers to acquire scientific and technological knowledge and provides them with the necessary guidance and assistance to carry out this scientific mission.
- **Fields of specialisation:** Life sciences, computing and information science, environmental sustainability, human settlements, agriculture, food research, genomics and biomaterials, nanoscience and nanofabrication, advanced materials, energy and optimisation
- **Careers:** Our PhD students become researchers with the confidence and pride of a professional. They conduct research and establish collaborations both within academia and with external private and public partners.

www.set.kuleuven.be/phd

www.shapetheworld.eu

Leuven International Doctoral School for Biomedical Sciences

- **Goals:** The Leuven International Doctoral School for Biomedical Sciences trains biomedical researchers to explore the fundamentals of living systems at all levels – from gene to cell, body and mind – and to translate that knowledge into improved health care.
- **Fields of specialisation:** 12 thematic programmes covering the broad areas of biomedical sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, rehabilitation sciences and kinesiology
- **Careers:** Our PhD students are prepared for a successful career in any professional sector requiring deep rigorous analysis, for instance academia, health care, research and management in pharmaceutical and biotech companies, teaching and consultancy.

www.gbiomed.kuleuven.be/phd

Leuven International Doctoral School for the Humanities and Social Sciences

- **Goals:** The Doctoral School for the Humanities and Social Sciences helps young scholars acquire an open, inquisitive, and critical worldview and prepares them to play a meaningful role in society both in and beyond the academic world.
- **Fields of specialisation:** 27 PhD programmes including philosophy, psychology, theology, law and criminology, canon law, educational studies, economics and business economics, arts and social sciences, anthropology
- **Careers:** Our PhD students go on to academic and professional careers in international business, public policy, NGOs, journalism, arts, communications, and elsewhere.

www.ghum.kuleuven.be/phd

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| Bachelor's programmes | | www.kuleuven.be/internationalprogrammes | |
| BSc in Engineering Technology | 180 | Campus Group T Leuven | kuleuven.be/ba/BAET |
| BA in Theology and Religious Studies | 180 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ba/BATHEOLOGY |
| BA in Philosophy | 180 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ba/BAPHIL |
| BSc in Business Administration | 180 | Campus Brussels | kuleuven.be/ba/BBA |

Master's programmes www.kuleuven.be/internationalprogrammes

| Science, Engineering and Technology | | | |
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| MSc in Astronomy and Astrophysics | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MASTROL |
| MSc in Biology | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MBIOEL |
| MSc in Biophysics, Biochemistry and Biotechnology | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MBBBL |
| MSc in Chemistry | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MCHEMEL |
| MSc in Geography | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MGEOGEL |
| MSc in Geology | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MGEOLEL |
| MSc in Mathematics | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MMATHL |
| MSc in Nanoscience, Nanotechnology and Nanoengineering | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNNEL |
| MSc in Physics | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MPHYSL |
| MSc in Statistics | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MSTATL |
| ■ Erasmus Mundus Master in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNNEMML |
| ■ International Joint Master in Sustainable Territorial Development | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MSTDL |
| MSc in Biomedical Engineering | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MBIEL |
| MSc in Chemical Engineering | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MCEL |
| MSc in Electrical Engineering | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MELEL |
| MSc in Engineering: Energy | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MEENL |
| EIT-KIC MSc in Energy | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MEEITL |
| MSc in Engineering: Computer Science | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MECSL |
| MSc in Materials Engineering | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MMEL |
| MSc in Mathematical Engineering | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MMAEL |
| MSc in Bioscience Engineering: Human Health Engineering | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/HHE |
| MSc in Agro- and Ecosystems Engineering | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/ACE |
| MSc in Mechanical Engineering | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MMEEL |
| MSc in Engineering: Logistics and Traffic* | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MELATL |
| ■ Erasmus Mundus Master in Theoretical Chemistry and Computational Modelling | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MTCCML |
| MSc in Biochemical Engineering Technology | 60 | Campus Group T Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MBETL |
| MSc in Chemical Engineering Technology | 60 | Campus Group T Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MCETL |
| MSc in Electromechanical Engineering Technology | 60 | Campus Group T Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MEETL |
| MSc in Electronics & ICT Engineering Technology | 60 | Campus Group T Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MEITL |
| ■ European Master of Food Science, Technology and Business | 120 | Technology Campus Ghent | kuleuven.be/ma/MFSTBGT |
| MSc in Architecture | 120 | Campus Sint-Lucas Brussels | kuleuven.be/ma/MARCEBX |
| MSc in Architecture | 120 | Campus Sint-Lucas Ghent | kuleuven.be/ma/MARCEGT |
| MSc in Bio-informatics | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MBINFEL |
| ■ MSc in Food Technology | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/IUPFOOD |
| MSc in Molecular Biology | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MMBL |
| ■ MSc in Water Resources Engineering | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/IUPWARE |
| MSc in Digital Humanities | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MDHL |
| MSc in Space Studies | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMSSL |
| MSc in Artificial Intelligence | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMAIL |
| MSc in Conservation of Monuments and Sites | 90 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MCMS |
| ■ MSc in Human Settlements | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MAHS |
| MSc in Nuclear Engineering | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMNEL |
| MSc in Safety Engineering | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMSEL |
| MSc in Welding Engineering | 60 | Technology Campus Sint-Katelijne-Waver | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMWES |
| MSc in Urbanism and Strategic Planning | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMUSPL |
| Postgraduate Programme in Biomedical Engineering | 39 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/pg/PGBEL |
| Postgraduate European Module Spatial Development Planning | 30 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/pg/PGEMSDL |
| Postgraduate Programme in Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Engineering | 60 | Campuses Group T Leuven, Geel, Ghent, Bruges, Sint-Katelijne-Waver | kuleuven.be/pg/PGIEE |
| Postgraduate Programme in Research Valorisation in Engineering Technology | 60 | Campuses Group T Leuven, Geel, Ghent, Bruges, Sint-Katelijne-Waver | kuleuven.be/pg/PGRVET |
| Postacademic course in Offshore Wind Energy | 30 | Campus Bruges | kuleuven.be/pg/PAOWEB |

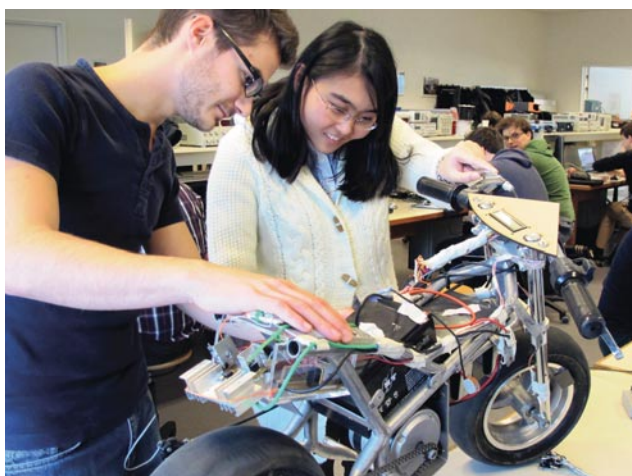
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| Biomedical Sciences | | | |
| MSc in Biomedical Sciences | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MBSL |
| MSc in Rehabilitation Sciences and Physiotherapy | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MRSPL |
| International MSc in Adapted Physical Activity | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/IMAPAL |
| ■ Erasmus Mundus Joint Master of Arts in Sports Ethics and Integrity | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MASEIL |
| MSc in Bioethics | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMBIOEL |
| MSc in Forensic Odontology | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMFOL |
| MSc in Deglutology | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMDEGLL |
| Postgraduate Studies in Advanced Medical Imaging | 57 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/pg/PGAMIL |
| Postgraduate Studies in Pharmaceutical Research | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/pg/PGPRL |
| Interuniversity Certificate/ Postgraduate Studies in Algology | 40 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/pg/PGALGL |
| Humanities and Social Sciences | | | |
| MA in Theology and Religious Studies | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MTRSL |
| Research Master in Advanced Studies in Theology and Religion | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MASTRL |
| MA in Philosophy | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MPHILL |
| Research Master in Philosophy | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/RMPHILL |
| MA in Society, Law and Religion | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MSLRL |
| MSc in Criminology | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MCRIMEL |
| Master in Law | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MLAWL |
| MSc in Business Administration | 60 | Campus Brussels | kuleuven.be/ma/MBABX |
| MSc in Business Administration | 60 | Campus Antwerp | kuleuven.be/ma/MBAA |
| MSc in Business Economics | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MBEL |
| MSc in Business Engineering | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MBENL |
| MSc in Business Engineering | 120 | Campus Brussels | kuleuven.be/ma/MBENBX |
| MSc in Economics | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MECONL |
| MSc in Information Management | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MIMEL |
| MSc in International Business Economics and Management | 60 | Campus Brussels | kuleuven.be/ma/MIBEMBX |
| MSc in Business and Information Systems Engineering* | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MBISEL |
| MA in European Studies: Transnational and Global Perspectives | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/EURSTUDIES |
| MSc in Social and Cultural Anthropology | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MSCAEL |
| ■ Erasmus Mundus Master of Science in Public Sector Innovation and eGovernance | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/PIONEER |
| MA in Cultural Studies | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MCSEL |
| MA en langue et littérature françaises | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MLLFL |
| MA in Linguistics and Literature: English | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MLLEL |
| MA in Western Literature | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MWLEL |
| MSc in Psychology: Theory and Research | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MTREL |
| MSc in Educational Studies | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MESEL |
| MA Canon Law (Iuris Canonici Licentiat) | 120 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMCLL |
| Master of Laws in European Social Security | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMESSL |
| Master of Laws in Intellectual Property and ICT Law | 60 | Campus Brussels | kuleuven.be/ma/MIPILBX |
| Master of Laws (LL.M.) | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/LLM |
| MSc in Advanced Studies in Economics | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMASEL |
| MSc in Financial and Actuarial Engineering | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMFAL |
| ■ MSc in Cultures and Development Studies | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/CADES |
| MSc in European Politics and Policies | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MEPP |
| MA in Advanced Studies in Linguistics | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMASLL |
| MA in Estudios Ibéricos e Iberoamericanos | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMEIL |
| MA in Medieval and Renaissance Studies | 60 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/ma/MNMMRSL |
| Postgraduate Programme in Specialised Translation | 60 | Campus Antwerp | kuleuven.be/pg/PGSTA |
| Postgraduate Executive Summer School Social Security | 20 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/pg/PGESSL |
| Postgraduate Studies in Big Data and Analytics in Business and Management | 20 | Leuven | kuleuven.be/pg/PGDABML |

* Awaiting approval by the Higher Education Commission and the Flemish Government.

- Master's programme
- Advanced master's programme
- Postgraduate programme
- Erasmus Mundus master's programme
- International course programme

ECTS credits?

One ECTS credit represents 25 to 30 hours of study (including attendance of lectures/class). In the course of one academic year, students are usually expected to complete 60 ECTS credits. Programmes of 120 ECTS credits will normally take two academic years to complete.



“The type of research that we do in Leuven is actually quite similar compared to what I have been doing in America. And there are large collaborations with many different international people. The biggest difference in Belgium is that you're actually interacting with these international people face to face. And so you get a lot of different cultures interacting. And it's interesting to see how the different cultures come with different ideas for research projects.”

Spencer, USA - Bachelor Biology

Short-term education opportunities

Exchange programmes

When you are a degree student at another university outside of Belgium, it may be possible to come spend some time at KU Leuven. You would still be a student at your home university, but also an **exchange student at KU Leuven** for a period ranging from a couple of months to a full academic year.

You can become an exchange student via European exchange programmes such as ERASMUS or via bilateral agreements between your university and KU Leuven.

 www.kuleuven.be/exchange

Summer schools

KU Leuven offers several top-level **summer courses** that are open to students, researchers, and professionals from all over the world. A significant share of the short programmes offers advanced insights into academic subjects and is intended to supplement the regular curriculum. With an exciting range of options in the heart of Europe, you will not only enjoy high-quality classes, but also truly experience the European lifestyle.

 www.kuleuven.be/summerschools

Academic career path

Academic calendar



1st semester:

3rd week of September → end of January
(exams in January)



2nd semester:

2nd week of February → July
(exams in June)

www.kuleuven.be/academiccalendar

“In Leuven, I never have the feeling that I am living in a country where people’s first language isn’t English. Everybody is happily speaking English. Leuven is an ideal place for international students.”

Sajjad, Pakistan - PhD Climatology

Bachelor’s programmes

KU Leuven offers **79 bachelor’s programmes**, 4 of which are taught in English.

Bachelor’s programmes consist of 180 ECTS credits and can be completed in 3 years.

Master’s programmes

You can choose from **201 master’s programmes** at KU Leuven. 60 of them are completely in English, 1 of them in French. Programmes will take 1 year (60 ECTS credits) or 2 years (120 ECTS credits) to complete.

Advanced master’s programmes

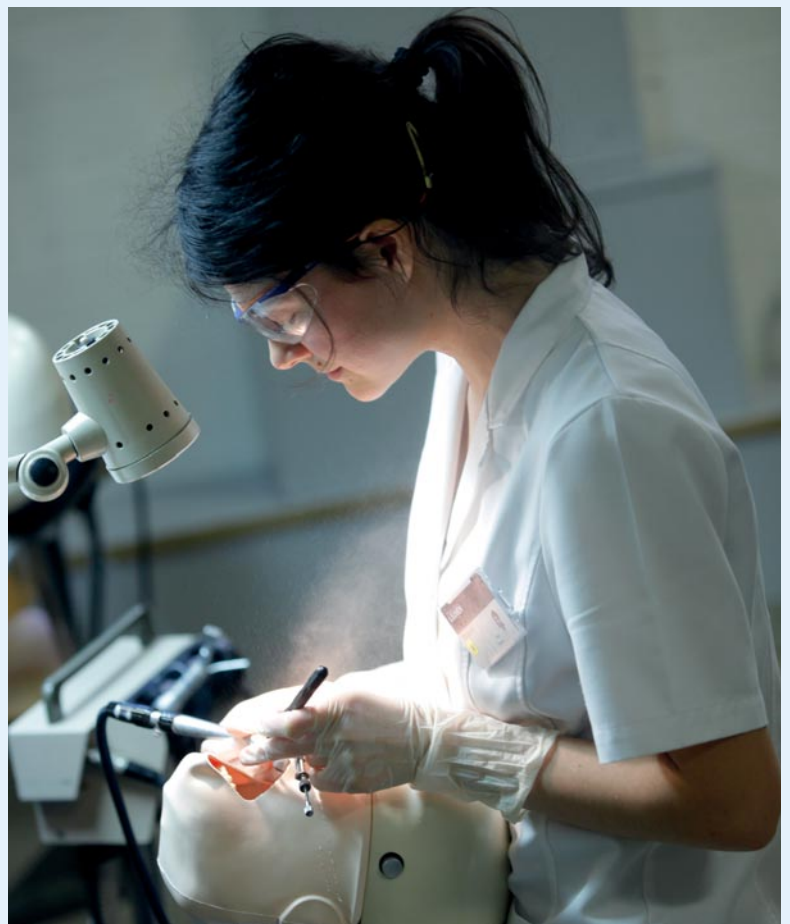
Advanced master’s programmes are aimed at students who already have a master’s degree. They provide training at an advanced level. KU Leuven offers **22 advanced master’s programmes** in English and 1 in Spanish. The curricula are strongly linked to top research domains of KU Leuven. Programmes usually take 1 year (60 ECTS credits), but 2-year programmes also exist.

Postgraduate programmes

Postgraduate programmes are advanced programmes of 20 ECTS credits or more. They target students who have already obtained a bachelor’s or a master’s degree. Postgraduate programmes help you expand your knowledge and provide opportunities for further specialisation. Upon successful completion of the programme, you receive a certificate.

Doctorate

Full-time doctoral programmes usually take a minimum of 3 to 4 years. You will tackle fundamental or applied topics to make an innovative contribution to your field of study.



 **79**
bachelor’s
programmes

 **201**
master’s
programmes



Practical information

Admission requirements

Graduate study programmes at KU Leuven are divided into three categories: **initial master's programmes**, **advanced master's programmes**, and **doctoral studies**. Degree requirements vary by category and programme.

- In most cases, to qualify for admission to an initial master's programme, you must hold an appropriate undergraduate degree (usually a bachelor's degree) consisting of at least three years of full-time, university-level studies.
- To qualify for admission to an advanced master's programme, you are expected to hold a master's degree.
- To qualify for admission to a doctoral programme, you must hold a master's degree and have a doctoral advisor (in Dutch, a 'promotor') willing to supervise your doctoral studies.

Final admission decisions are made on a per-programme basis by the board responsible for that particular programme. Students must meet the admission requirements specific to their chosen programme of study.

www.kuleuven.be/internationalprogrammes

Students are expected to be proficient in English. All non-native English speakers are required to submit proof of English proficiency. KU Leuven currently accepts TOEFL (iBT) and IELTS test scores. Minimum language requirements vary by programme, so it's best to consult the language requirements specific to your chosen programme for more information.

Application procedure and deadlines

Application deadlines can be found at

www.kuleuven.be/application

Some programmes have a limited number of places and are very selective. We therefore recommend that you apply as soon as possible.

KU Leuven begins accepting applications for the 2017-2018 academic year on 1 November 2016.

For detailed instructions on compiling your application, see

www.kuleuven.be/application

www.kuleuven.be/admissions

Tuition fees

The Flemish government's generous co-financing system ensures that tuition fees for most bachelor's and initial master's programmes remain relatively low: €890 per academic year (subject to change without notice). In most cases, international students pay the same tuition as Belgian students. Fees for advanced master's programmes range from €1000 to €8000 (subject to change without notice). Programmes with increased fees can be consulted at www.kuleuven.be/specialfees

🔗 www.kuleuven.be/tuitionfees

Visa and permits

EEA students don't need a visa to enter Belgium. After registration, they will have to present themselves at the city hall of their place of residence in Belgium to obtain a residence as EAA student. The following items have to be presented to complete the registration

- **Registration certificate**
- **Valid ID card or passport**
- **Proof of health insurance**

Non-EEA students need a visa for their study stay in Belgium. After obtaining the admission letter from KU Leuven, they can start the visa procedure at the Belgian consular post in their country of residence.

🔗 www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/travelling/visa



Scholarships

For certain programmes eligible candidates can apply for an Erasmus+ or VLIR-UOS scholarship. The EU-funded Erasmus+ programme aims to enhance quality in higher education through scholarships and academic cooperation. VLIR-UOS, the Flemish Interuniversity Council for Development Cooperation, awards scholarships to students from developing countries to follow one of the International Course Programmes (ICPs) offered at KU Leuven.

🔗 www.kuleuven.be/international

🔗 www.vliruos.be/scholarships

For general information on scholarship opportunities, visit

🔗 www.kuleuven.be/scholarships

Living expenses

You will need **between €750 and €1350** a month (rough estimation) to cover your living expenses in Belgium, depending if you are travelling with or without family members. This includes study necessities, housing (including rent, heating, water, electricity), meals, clothing (including washing), medical expenses and insurance, others (e.g. recreation, grocery store, transport ...)

🔗 www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/budget

Working while studying

The Student Employment Service provides guidance for international students wishing to work part-time and facilitates placements with potential employers. Depending on the country of which you are a citizen you might require a work permit.

🔗 www.kuleuven.be/studentemployment

"It's a great opportunity to have a choice from so many majors, minors and electives. I could tailor my study choice to my interests. KU Leuven also has a great reputation internationally and the professors are top-notch."

Nikita, KU Leuven student from Russia

Student Services in Leuven

Housing

Leuven offers a wide range of housing options at reasonable prices. Most students choose to rent a room (in Dutch, 'kot') in a privately-owned student house with shared common spaces and facilities. The KU Leuven Housing Service offers assistance regarding housing. The university owns and manages a number of student residences. A limited number of low-rent rooms is reserved for international students holding specific scholarships.

 www.kuleuven.be/accommodation

You can also browse the Housing Service's online database:

 www.kotwijs.be/english

Welcome to Leuven

Leuven is a student-friendly city. Meeting new people is easy. To help you settle in to your home away from home, KU Leuven organises a full programme of welcome and orientation activities.

 www.kuleuven.be/welcome

Other student facilities include the Study Advice Service, a full staff of faculty-specific tutors and counsellors, the Social Service, Student Legal Services, the Student Employment Service, Student Health Centre, and various student restaurants.

 www.kuleuven.be/studentsservicesleuven



Libraries and study centres

KU Leuven's extensive library network is spread across the university's various faculties and campuses. Together they form the University Library. You can also find a place to study at the AGORA Learning Centre, which offers a fully-equipped space for students and staff, with a focus on collaboration and new technologies.

 www.kuleuven.be/universitylibrary

 www.kuleuven.be/agora/english

The university also offers a wide range of cultural activities as well as fully-equipped sport facilities:

 www.kuleuven.be/culture

 www.kuleuven.be/sports



Student Services in Brussels, Ghent, Antwerp and Sint-Katelijne-Waver

When you are a student at one of our campuses outside of Leuven, student services are available on site. More information for each campus is available at

 www.kuleuven.be/studentsservices

"Studying in a metropolitan city such as Brussels is challenging. You do not only meet different cultures, but get the possibility to learn and practice various languages. I chose this programme because it offers an international learning environment in an international city!"

Pal, KU Leuven student from Norway





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 www.kuleuven.be/english

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 www.masterskuleuven.be/publications

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