

KU Leuven – International Office	
Location	Antwerp, Brussels and Leuven in Belgium
Erasmus Code	B LEUVEN01
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Central International website	https://www.kuleuven.be/english/kuleuven/

Exchange students from partner institutions select their campus based on the degree programme they follow at their home university.

Focus of the different campuses of KU Leuven's Faculty of Arts:

Antwerp Campus	Applied Language Studies Languages of instruction: Arabic, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Flemish Sign Language
Brussels Campus	Applied Language Studies Languages of instruction: English, German, Spanish, French, Dutch
Leuven Campus	Linguistics and Literature Languages of instruction: mostly English and Dutch. For some language courses: French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Latin Linguistics and Area Studies Chinese studies, Japanese studies, Arabic and Islamic studies History Art history Archeology Musicology European Studies Cultural Studies

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Incoming exchange student information for all campuses	
Academic system	Semester system
Academic year dates (exams included)	Semester 1: 21/09/2026 – 30/01/2027 Semester 2: 08/02/2027 – 26/06/2027
Orientation Days (mandatory)	Semester 1: Orientation Days: 14-20 September 2026 Semester 2: Orientation Days: 1-7 February 2027 Dutch summer courses available.
Scholarships for international students?	☐ Yes ☒ No
Internships for international students?	☐ Yes ☒ No
Visa and insurance	Immigration & residence & Insurance
Approximate costs (in Euro - €)	Life at KU Leuven – Money Matters Study material: around €40-80 per month Food: around €100/week
Transportation	By train: NMBS. By bus/tram: - Buses and trams are run by "De Lijn" all over Flanders. A 1-hour ticket costs around €3 and a seasonal ticket "Buzzy Pazz" (18-24 years) costs €96 for 3 months. - Within Brussels, buses and trams are run by STIB/MIVB. A one trip ticket goes for €2,50. By bike: You can also rent a bike at student-friendly prices. Check Velo for more information about renting a bike in Leuven. Check Transportation for more information (Antwerp campus). By car: - Taxis in Belgium are very expensive! - The city centers of Antwerp and Brussels are Low Emission Zones. More information on our website

Incoming exchange student information: Antwerp Campus	
Nomination	All nominations by completing our online form.
Academic level(s) offered to exchange students	According to our inter-institutional agreement ☒ Undergraduate ☒ Graduate Undergraduate students are allowed to take postgraduate courses if they meet the course prerequisites and have a percentage of at least 60%. An interview with the professor might be required.
Language of instruction	Arabic, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Flemish Sign Language
Can one start learning a new language from scratch?	☒ Yes: Dutch ☐ No Dutch is the only language for which we offer a course for absolute beginners (Summer Course Dutch I). The summer course alternately takes place at the campus in Brussels and Antwerp. In 26-27, it will be offered in Brussels. The Brussels Campus also has a Dutch course for absolute beginners that runs throughout the 1st semester and can be attended by students from Antwerp: Dutch I. Students with a good knowledge of Dutch can also start learning Spanish, Russian, Italian, Arabic, Polish or Flemish Sign Language as absolute beginners.
Dutch language course	At the campus in Brussels: Summer Course Dutch I Dutch I
Compulsory language requirements for exchange students	☒ Yes: B2 level* ☐ No *Students will be asked to upload a certificate upon registering through the KU Leuven application form. A declaration by the home university or transcript of records can be accepted as proof of language proficiency.
Do you offer translation courses for students who don't know any Dutch?	☐ Yes ☒ No All of our interpreting courses require a sound knowledge of Dutch. The same goes for all translation courses in the regular curriculum. The notable exception are two practical courses from our Master in Translation: "Introduction to subtitling" (3 ECTS, 1st term, language combinations to be discussed) and "Multilingual Translation Project" (4 ECTS, 1st term, all languages offered at our campus). More information about courses can be found here.

Student organizations	Erasmus Student Network: http://www.esnantwerp.org/ Calesa: https://www.calesa.be/
Housing information	No KU Leuven halls of residence in Antwerp. More information on housing options can be found here and on Kotweb . Start your search well in time!

Incoming exchange student information: Brussels Campus	
Nomination	All nominations by completing our online form.
Academic level(s) offered to exchange students	According to our Inter-institutional agreement ☒ Undergraduate ☒ Graduate Bachelor students who have taken 120 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) or more at their home institution can register for some master courses on condition they meet the course prerequisites. All MA courses are open to incoming MA students if they meet the course prerequisites. More information on Your exchange at the Faculty of Arts in Brussels — Faculty of Arts
Language of instruction	English, German, Spanish, French, Dutch* (Students with a good command of Dutch can also choose Dutch-taught course at the Faculty of Arts via Onderwijsaanbod KU Leuven)
Do you offer any preparatory language courses?	Summer Course Dutch I (3ECTS): end of August/beginning of September-beginning Orientation Week
Compulsory language requirements for exchange students	☒ Yes: B2 level* ☐ No A declaration by the home university or transcript of records can be accepted as proof of language proficiency. Students should be able to reach this level to be able to follow courses.
Student organization	Follow them on Instagram:  esn.kulbrussels Contact: esnkulbrussels@gmail.com
Housing information	STUVO STUVO Brussels MyKot brussel@stuvoplus.be We strongly recommend to secure housing before you arrive in Brussels.

Incoming exchange student information: Leuven Campus	
Nomination	Please nominate your student by sending an email to stoff-mobility-leuven@kuleuven.be Please send us the full name of your student, the level of study (bachelor, master, phd) and the year of study upon arrival.
Academic level(s) offered to exchange students	According to our inter-institutional agreement ☒ Undergraduate ☒ Graduate For all graduate courses, students are expected to have experience with academic writing, have a C1 level of English and their bachelor/major must be in the corresponding field of study.
Language of instruction	<u>Languages offered at our Campus in Leuven:</u> English, French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Italian, Arabic, Greek, Latin, Chinese, Japanese <u>Courses mostly taught in English</u> (The language in which the course will be taught, can be found under the title of each course). <u>Courses taught in Dutch</u> (Students with a good command of Dutch can also choose any Dutch-taught course at the Faculty of Arts.)
Compulsory language requirements for exchange students	B2 in English for undergraduate courses. C1 in English for graduate courses. Some courses from the Language and Literature programme (English, French, German, Spanish and Italian) are taught entirely in the language of study. The precise language proficiency requirements for these courses can be found online in the entry requirements section for each course description. Please note that these courses are officially registered in Dutch, and you will have to click on the English translation button on the left-hand side of the webpage to read the course descriptions.
Do you offer translation courses for students who don't know any Dutch?	☐ Yes ☒ No
Student organization	KOCO INTERNATIONAL KOCO Letteren

Housing information	We strongly recommend to secure housing before arrival. Student housing in Leuven Private market: Most exchange students stay in individual rooms with shared facilities in houses on the local private housing market. Information regarding private accommodation in Leuven for exchange students can be found on ‘KOTWIJS’ University Residence Halls (early application deadline!)
Useful websites	Living, studying and working in Leuven Welcome at KU Leuven – Campus Leuven (Orientation Days) Pangaea: Where worlds meet (Intercultural meeting centre) Faculty of Arts – information for incoming exchange students Faculty of Arts course programme.