

FACT SHEET

Student exchange programmes

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Belgium

As a multicultural university, international relations is a daily reality for the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), just like the city of Brussels itself, one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities. Our campuses provide a stimulating environment, offering our students a wide range of activities (sports, exhibitions, events, student circles, etc.). Its outward-looking position with regard to Europe and the world has resulted in a number of agreements, collaborations and special partnerships being set up with some of the world's top universities. As a French-speaking university, most of the courses are delivered in French. However, a growing number of Master degrees are partly or entirely delivered in English. The ULB has 12 faculties that cover all the disciplines.

CONTACTS / WEBSITES

For Incoming Students

- › Incoming NON EU students
- › Practical information

For Partners

- › Partner universities
- › Institutional Mobility Coordinator/Head of

Student Mobility Office: Gaël VANDERBROUCKE,
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CAMPUS LOCATION

The ULB has 4 campuses and 4 sites in Brussels and the Charleroi region.

- › Maps and directions

The ULB logo is a dark blue triangle pointing to the right, containing the white text 'ULB' in a bold, sans-serif font.

ACADEMICS

Academic Calendar

Semester 1: September to January

Semester 2: February to June

Full academic year: September to June

Academic structure

Bachelor (120 ECTS): 3 years

Master (180 ECTS): 2 years

PhD (300 ECTS)

Fields of Study

Letters, Translation and Communication / Psychology / Sciences / Law / Engineering / Economics / Medicine / Translation and Interpretation / Architecture / Philosophy and Social sciences / Motor sciences / Pharmacy

Credits and Grading System

The ULB uses the European Credits Transfer System (ECTS)

The credit is the unit that expresses the time devoted by the student, within a study programme, to a learning activity (attendance at lectures, study time, completion of assignments, etc.).

1 credit = 30 hours

The grading system goes from 0 to 20:

10 to 20 = pass

0 to 9.99 = fail

After completing an exchange stay at ULB, students can access their transcripts by logging on to the platform MonULB.

Welcome and Orientation sessions

At the beginning of each semester, the faculties organise a Welcome session, during which they will introduce you to the university, courses, activities and student life in Brussels.

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) organises some days before each academic start, various activities for the incoming students:

- › [Facebook.com/esnulbbussels](https://www.facebook.com/esnulbbussels)

NON ERASMUS+ CONTACTS, NOMINATION & APPLICATION PROCEDURES

CENTRALISED FACULTIES

- Engineering
- Law
- Letters, Translation and Communication
- Motor Sciences
- Pharmacy (CIVIS only)
- Psychology
- Sciences

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Nomination procedure

Partner institutions have to submit their nominations through our online form by the following deadlines.

Semester 1 and full academic year: 11 APRIL

Semester 2: 15 OCTOBER

Application procedure

At the end of the nomination period, students will receive the link to the online application form. The deadlines to send the application form and required documents are the following.

Semester 1 and full academic year: 1 MAY

Semester 2: 1 NOVEMBER

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DECENTRALISED FACULTIES

The contact persons for the decentralised faculties will inform you directly of their nomination and application procedures.

- Architecture

Zohra CHENTOUF / intarchi@ulb.be

- Philosophy and Social Sciences

Isabelle BEAUCHAMP / pipsin@ulb.be

- Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management

Anne GEORGES / anne.georges@ulb.be

- Translation and Interpreting (ISTI-Cooremans)

Nathalie BREMEELS / erasmus.ti.ltc@ulb.be

- Medicine

Kristela BABIC / erasmus.medecine@ulb.be



Nomination procedure:

Semester 1 and Semester 2: 15 MAY

Application procedure:

Semester 1 and Semester 2: 1 JUNE



Nomination procedure:

Semester 1 and full academic year: 15 MAY

Semester 2: 15 OCTOBER

Application procedure:

Semester 1 and full academic year: 1 JUNE

Semester 2: 1 NOVEMBER

TRAINEESHIP request (op to 3 months)

Nomination and written authorization from the ULB promoter will have to be provided:

At least 6 weeks before the traineeship starts

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EXCHANGE-RELATED INFORMATION

Calendar 2023-2024

› [Link to the academic calendar](#)

Recommended arrival dates

One week before the beginning of the academic term.

Courses

› [Link to the Course catalogue](#)

Language of instruction

Courses are mostly taught in French. However, a growing number of Master degrees are partly or entirely delivered in English.

Language requirements

For non-native French speakers, a minimum level of **B1 (DELF, TCF)** is required for courses in French. However, a B2 level is **recommended** by most faculties. No certificate is requested.

For non-native English speakers, a minimum level of **B1 (DELF, TCF)** is recommended for courses in English.

A proof of language proficiency might be requested by the faculties.

French courses

The University offers a wide range of French courses available for international students (free of charge), prior to and during the academic year, to help its international students improve their language skills:

› [French courses](#)

Accommodation

Erasmus students can search for accommodation on this page:

› [Partner residence and platforms](#)

If necessary, the Housing Office can advise on many aspects of student housing:

› office.du.logement@ulb.be

Health insurance

Students are required to subscribe to a health insurance before their arrival in the host country. The health insurance must cover them for the whole duration of their stay. Students hosted at ULB will not be granted a visa if they cannot provide a proof that they are covered by a suitable health insurance.

Disability services

Students with disabilities, disabling illnesses, etc. can benefit from a special status at ULB:

› [EBS-ESH status](#)

Visa

Non-European citizens studying in an European country need a visa for their mobility in Belgium. Once you have received your acceptance letter from ULB, please contact the Belgium Embassy:

› diplomatie.belgium.be

Blocked account

In order to obtain a study visa in Belgium, a non-EU national must provide proof of sufficient financial resources to cover their living, study, health care and repatriation expenses for the entire duration of their study stay (academic year or term). The ULB offers the blocked account service to all its students and future students:

› [Information about a "blocked account" for visa or residence permit renewal - ULB](#)

Cost of living

- Student private accommodation (off campus): from 500 € to 800 € per month
- Food: 250 €/month
- Public transport: stib-mivb.be

Students under 25 years:

Annual travel pass = 12 €

Student over 25 years:

Annual travel pass = 600 €

Monthly travel pass = 60 €

Student services

Sport

A wide range of sports activities are organised on the different campus of ULB. An annual card (€60) will give you access to collective sports lessons and a reduced price for sports equipment.

› www.ulbsports.eu

Buddy Programme

The Buddy programme enables European and international students to find their "buddy": a ULB student who will welcome and help them with the formalities and to better adopt their new environment.

› esn_ulb_brussels@esnbelgium.org

› [Facebook.com/esnulbbrussels](https://www.facebook.com/esnulbbrussels)

For your info

› [International Student guide](#)



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