Introduction

Welcome to the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (FEB) of Ghent University!

In this brochure we briefly present ourselves, our goals and ambitions.

The FEB stands for a vibrant learning community of around 450 scholars and more than 5,700 students. Each year more than 1,000 new alumni graduate from our various master programs. Over the years they have taken up diverse responsibilities in society at large as (prime)minister, ambassador, governor of the national bank, CEO of national and multinational firms, consultant, mayor, public administrator, … Ghent University and the FEB offer research-based education from inspiring teachers who are actively engaged in the wider community. We aim for ever increasing quality both in our scientific work and in our classes. We aim to prepare our students for the society and the economy of tomorrow. Thus we put high emphasis on innovative teaching methods, on fostering an international mindset, on openness to the outside world, on internationalisation and multiculturalism, on the societal relevance of our teaching and our research. Our programmes are inspired by the work experiences of our alumni and our external stakeholders in the economy and in the society at large.

We actively search for the active collaboration of our students to the faculty management in our faculty board and in the numerous advisory bodies that guide our decisions. We are committed to accessibility, as well as to excellence, and to providing opportunities for every student willing to work hard.

While our official language of instruction is Dutch, the language of Flanders, many of our classes and some of our programs are taught in English. In fact, today English is unofficially the second language of the Flemish population and the city of Ghent. Thus the many international students studying at our university are fully integrated in all our scholarly activities and in university life at large.

The city of Ghent provides us with an attractive environment. More than 60,000 young people study at Ghent University and at its associated University colleges. They bring life and color to our historical city, situated only at 50 km from Brussels and the EU headquarters. Ghent is a city where arts meet the people, a city of music, cultural experiences, innovation and creativity,… A city where the good life, typically Flanders, is at its best.

I hope you will consider the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of Ghent University as the place to learn and to develop yourself, and have some fun along the way.

Good luck!
Prof. dr. Marc De Clercq
Dean
The Faculty

History

From 1896 on the Faculty of Law organized economic education at Ghent University. In 1906 a Higher School for Business and Economic Science was founded. It lasted until the 1st of October 1968 before the business school became a full faculty. The current Faculty of Economics and Business Administration was established on 1 October 1998.

Today more than 5,700 students study at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration. Last year almost 1 in 5 master students of Ghent University graduated at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration. Nowadays the faculty is the second largest of Ghent University.

The Faculty consists of 9 Departments and is managed by the Faculty Council, which is chaired by the Dean and composed of elected representatives of the staff and the students. The Advisory Board, which consists of important alumni, advises the faculty on strategic matters.

Overview departments

- Department of General Economics
- Department of Financial Economics
- Department of Social Economics
- Department of Accounting, Corporate Finance and Taxation
- Department of Marketing
- Department of Business Informatics and Operations Management
- Department of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Service Management
- Department of Public Governance, Management and Finance
- Department of Human Resource Management and Organizational Behaviour

Mission statement

- We provide extended academic programmes based on scientific research
- We perform fundamental and applied scientific research
- We deliver graduates who belong to the European top
- We contribute on international scientific forums as a respected partner in priority scholarly fields
- We are international oriented in the field of research, education and services
- We involve all members (including students) in faculty decision-making
- We are a partner for our alumni

Did you know?

With more than 41,000 students and almost 9,000 staff members Ghent University (UGent) is one of the major universities in the Dutch-speaking region of Europe. 11 faculties offer a wide range of courses and conduct in-depth research in both exact and social sciences.

Founded in 1817 as a Latin-speaking State University by William I, King of the Netherlands, Ghent University is a relatively young university. After its independence in 1830, the Belgian State was in charge of the administration of Ghent University; French was the new official academic language. In 1930 Ghent University became the first Dutch-speaking university in Belgium. The Decree of 1991 assigned great autonomy to the university. Ghent University is ranked number 70 in the worldwide Shanghai Ranking and number 90 in the Times Higher Education Ranking.
The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration offers 5 bachelor programmes, 9 master programmes with different main subjects, and 3 postgraduate studies. More than 5,700 unique students are subscribed at the faculty.

Bachelor’s programmes comprise 180 ECTS credits (3 years) and all master’s programmes comprise 60 ECTS credits (1 year), except for Business Engineering which comprises 120 ECTS credits (2 years).

To respond to the demands of the labour market and its increasing international dimension, and to promote the interaction between foreign students and Flemish students, the faculty decided to offer a significant number of courses in English. However, the official language of instruction is Dutch.

The subsequent masters Banking and Finance and Marketing Analysis are fully taught in English, as well as the masters in Business Economics and in Business Engineering.

The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration maintains a high standard of education. An internal Education Quality Assurance Unit supports the highly skilled staff to maintain or improve this standard by applying innovative teaching methods and using the newest support technology.

**Did you know?**

*Ghent University meets international benchmarks. It was among the first universities in Europe to successfully apply for the ECTS-label (2004), that is awarded by the European Commission. That proves that Ghent University is doing great efforts to guarantee academic recognition and to facilitate the transfer of learning experiences.*

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**Education**

**5 bachelor programmes**

- Bachelor of Science in Business Economics [Dutch]
- Bachelor of Science in Business Engineering [Dutch]
- Bachelor of Science in Commercial Sciences [Dutch]
- Bachelor of Science in Economics [Dutch]
- Bachelor of Science in Public Management and Public Policy [Dutch]

**9 master programmes**

- Master of Science in Business Economics [English]
- Master of Science in Business Engineering [English]
- Master of Science in Commercial Sciences [Dutch]
- Master of Science in Economics [Dutch]
- Master of Science in Public Management and Public Policy [Dutch]

**3 postgraduate studies**

- Bachelor of Science in Public Management and Public Policy [Dutch]

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**Master programmes**

- Master of Science in Business Economics [English]
- Master of Science in Business Engineering [English]
- Master of Science in Commercial Sciences [Dutch]
- Master of Science in Economics [Dutch]
- Master of Science in Public Management and Public Policy [Dutch]

**Complementary studies**

- Bachelor of Science in Business Economics [Dutch]
- Bachelor of Science in Economics [Dutch]

**Subsequent masters**

- Advanced Master of Science in Banking and Finance [English]
- Advanced Master of Science in Marketing Analysis [English]

**Postgraduate studies**

- Arts and Culture Management [Dutch]
- Complementary International Studies in Management [English]
- Social Profit and Public Management [Dutch]
Problem Based Learning

This format is a student-centered pedagogy in which students learn about a subject through the experience of problem solving. During a tutorial students discuss and solve a business case in a particular role, i.e. chairman, spokesman, etc. A tutor observes the interaction between the students. Alternatively, students get trained into communication skills, negotiation, presentation and evaluation. The Problem Based Learning approach is used in our master programmes.

Master in Business Economics
main subjects: Accountancy – Corporate Finance – Marketing

The Business Economics programme is conceived for students who are interested in the business scene. It prepares them for the active and flexible fulfilment of a wide range of tasks in the financial, industrial, trade and service departments of companies and social profit organisations. Students become acquainted with almost every functional aspect of the business world: how and why a company is established, how it is financed, how it organises itself administratively, how it produces goods and services, how it markets and sells those goods and services, how it deals with personnel and how the company’s management coordinates and steers all those activities. Emphasis is put on the inside of the business.

Master in Business Engineering
main subjects: Data Analytics – Finance – Operations Management

A business engineer has a thorough knowledge of the discipline of business administration and technology, i.e. technological products and processes. In this respect, a business engineer may act as a mediator between technical and business economic positions to conduct data analysis, modelling and decision-making. He is trained to develop and implement business solutions starting from a model to a business process. The Master of Science in Business Engineering is a programme in business administration that focuses on:
- Management science
- Business processes
- Technology

These three sub-disciplines are taught throughout the two-year master programme through theoretical lectures, practical case studies and business games as well as by guest speakers and company projects. As the Bachelor of Science in Business Engineering mainly puts emphasis on the (quantitative) foundation, the master programme studies highlights different aspects of these sub-disciplines in a more practical way.

The specific content of the study that links business analytics and business processes with technology, helps to translate processes into business models and organisational structures into information systems. Business operations within a single company and between companies in a supply chain, that encompass processes and the logistical flow of products, services and/or information, are studied thoroughly by data analysis techniques, conceptual or mathematical modelling techniques and techniques of decision making. These tools support the efficient organisation of resources in companies towards their common goals and objectives.

Advanced Master in Banking and Finance

The goal of the Master of Banking and Finance is to form experts who are able to perform analyses of financial problems and developments within a sound theoretical and quantitative framework. The MBF-program should enable them to apply state-of-the-art techniques to problems in banks or other financial intermediaries and to formulate and implement innovative solutions.

The banking and economic crisis after the fall of Lehman Brothers fundamentally changed the financial landscape. Regulators devised new rules of which Basel III are the most influential. Supervisors are organised at the European level and various mechanisms have
been enacted in order to maintain the integrity of the financial system. Risk management is more important than ever before. The MBF programme integrates all these elements in a coherent study program covering all the major fields of banking and finance. Graduates of the MBF are well equipped to tackle all relevant banking, asset management and risk management challenges in modern financial services firms. The financial sector needs economists with a thorough micro- and macro-financial training and who have mastered quantitative management techniques for modern financial services companies. Young people with a similar focus will be the leading executives of the future. The Master programme is made for economists who have a background in finance and who feel the need for a serious in-depth training in finance and banking.

Advanced Master in Marketing Analysis

The purpose of this programme is to train specialists in the domain of marketing analysis to support business marketing strategy and marketing decisions of the firm. As a result, the profile of a typical MScMA graduate consists of three cornerstones:
- Analytical mindset with a strong interest in data;
- Hands-on experience that can readily be applied in business;
- The ability to translate complex marketing decision models to a business environment.

The programme, which has been training students since 1999, is the longest-running (predictive) analytics programme in the world. It is intended for companies who need better trained staff with strong skills in the domain of analytical customer relationship management and marketing analytics. Thanks to information technology and the availability of market data, both at the demand side (customer information, e.g. scanning data ...) and supply side (internal information about marketing actions competitors ...), marketing as a discipline has evolved from a qualitative to a more quantitative discipline. As a result, there is a strong need in the economy for employees who are able to:
- control and cope with the huge amount of available data;
- generate and use models to translate these raw data into useful marketing information.

These people will be the interface between company management (e.g. product manager, marketing manager) and the suppliers of marketing data within the organisation.

Currently, marketing departments are not facing the problem how to obtain marketing data, but rather how to transform these massive amounts of data into useful marketing information and systems. The focus of the programme lies on analytical customer relationship management. We train students in the theoretical underpinnings but the main focus is on the practical skills of managing customer databases:
- acquisition (identifying and attracting new customers);
- cross/up-selling (profitable usage stimulation);
- retention (identifying customers who intend to attrite/churn and trying to keep profitable customers);
- recapturing ‘lost’ customers.

Since 2014, the programme also includes specific courses on social media and web analytics, pricing and revenue management, and big data (Hadoop, Spark) technology.

Do you want to apply for a Master Programme?
See page 15 for more information about the application procedure.
International Programme for Exchange Students

The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration offers a variety of courses in English which are open to exchange students. More information can be found in the course catalogue and on our website www.UGent.be/eb/en.

Students who understand and speak the Dutch language, are entitled to select courses in Dutch. Some courses have specific course requirements, which are available on our website www.UGent.be/eb/en/exchange-students/course-requirements.htm.

Course load

In Flanders a regular academic year counts 60 ECTS or 30 ECTS per semester. Incoming students need to take at least 24 ECTS per semester during their stay at our faculty. The International Programme for exchange students at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration can be combined with English taught courses at other faculties.

Language requirements

Ghent University requires a good knowledge of English in order to communicate and function in an academic context.

- Therefore, all incoming exchange students have to submit one of the following documents:
  - A recent TOEFL Certificate: minimum score: 550 points (Paper-based) or 213 points (Computer-based) or 79-80 points (Internet-based).
  - Or a recent IELTS Certificate: minimum score: 6.0
  - Or a recent First Certificate in English of the University of Cambridge
  - Or a recent Certificate of a University Language Centre testifying that the student has the necessary knowledge of English to function on an academic level (CEF-level B2 or above)

- If students possess a university language centre certificate stating a sufficient knowledge of Dutch (CEF-level B2 or above), the English language demands become redundant.

- If upon arrival student's actual language abilities do not correspond to the ones stated in the certificate, he or she can be sent back to his or her home institution.

- The Certificate of English or Dutch knowledge is compulsory for all incoming exchange students who will be studying at Ghent University, with exception of:
  - native Dutch or English speakers.
  - students who finished successfully an English or Dutch study programme of at least 1 year.
  - Erasmus Belgica students (only for Belgian students).

Dutch Language course

Students who are planning to study in Ghent within the framework of an exchange project, can take a preparatory course at the Language Center of Ghent University as part of the linguistic preparation of the exchange programme. In August and September, intensive day courses are organised at beginners’ level and advanced level.

Students can also take an evening course or a day course for beginners during the academic year. The evening course is different from the day course since it is especially developed for exchange students. Upon arrival at Ghent University students should present themselves to the Exchange Students Adviser at the International Relations Office, where they will receive a voucher for a course of Dutch. For the actual enrolment they will be referred to the University Language Centre (UCT). They are only required to pay 50 euro for the course book and administration costs.

Welcome Days

To take off on a good start it is essential to attend the Welcome Days at the beginning of each semester. Besides the social aspect, these sessions will provide the occasion to deal with a number of practical arrangements. Attendance to the Welcome Days is obligatory.

More information can be found on our website: www.UGent.be/en/administration/welcome-days/overview.htm

Exams

The exam periods are in January and June. There are no provisions for taking exams from abroad. Official resit exams are offered at the end of August or in the beginning of September for both semesters. The results of the resit exams can only be officially communicated in September.

Transcript of records

Students will receive an official transcript of records. The Flemish credit system agrees with the ECTS stipulations, with one credit representing between 25 and 30 hours of total study time, including class time, individual study, and exam preparation.
Research

The faculty aims to collaborate in developing a knowledge economy in Flanders. To that end, we have invested highly in research that meets international quality standards. Our departments and research groups offer young researchers a stimulating research setting.

There are 10 research groups active within the faculty of Economics and Business Administration:

- **ARPS** - A cooperative venture between Ernst & Young Public and not-for-profit-sector and the Department of Accountancy, Corporate Finance and Taxation for scholarly research and specialisation in a new style of company management and accounting in the non-profit and public sector.
- **CEEM** - The Centre for Environmental Economics and Environmental Management studies the integration of environment protection and natural resources in economic analysis and management practices.
- **CES&T** - The Centre for Environmental Science and Technology of Ugent commits itself as a central contact point for environmental research and services and wants to strengthen internal collaboration in environmental research.
- **CERISE** - The Centre for Russian International Socio-Political and Economic Studies researches Russia's international relations, socio-political evolution and economic development and disseminates the study results to academia, policymakers and the wider public in order to improve our understanding of this strategically important country.
- **CESS** - This research group aims to study how the government stimulates or impedes enterprise success and development. The Center for Enterprise Support Studies focuses on the Belgium context, using firm-level micro data from financial reporting.
- **CIG** - The research Consortium Innovation and all inclusive Growth is one of the five research consortia in the SHGW-area (humanities, social and behavioral sciences) at Ghent University. CIG is the UGENT economic and scientific base for everything which concerns innovation, entrepreneurship and all inclusive growth.
- **CSI** - Founded in 2010, the Center for Service Intelligence is an interdisciplinary research center gathering enthusiastic fellows who want to be fully involved and exert influence over the service economy we are living in.
- **REI** - The research platform Real Estate Informatics was launched to enable science-based property ratings. The project was founded by a multidisciplinary team of experts in economics, real estate and information technology.
- **SHERPPA** - This research group aims at intensifying scientific research on the design and the effectiveness of public policy on a broad number of aspects: among others labour market, international economic, macroeconomic and public economic aspects of public policy.
- **UVIS** - The main goal for the construction of the UGent-VUB Alliance Research Group in Information Systems is establishing an official research unit in which the current joint research activities can be maintained and extended. In this context two common research themes are distinguished: ontology-driven requirements engineering and business process integration.

**Doctorates**

At the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration one can apply for a doctorate in three domains:

- **Doctor of Applied Economic Sciences**
- **Doctor of Economics Sciences**
- **Doctor of Public Administration and Management**

Number of doctorates per year:

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**Interested in a PhD?**

See <https://www.UGent.be/en/research/doctoralresearch> for more information. The Doctoral Schools are there to complement the supervisor's work with in-depth courses, with training in transferable skills and through stimulating a dynamic research environment.

**Number of international peer reviewed papers (up to date till January 8, 2015) per professor**

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Internationalisation

The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration has the intention to be an internationally oriented faculty that respects the characteristic properties of the language and culture of the Flemish Community. Therefore it pursues an active international policy and co-operates with more than **120 partner universities in 34 countries** in the field of research, education and services.

The faculty actively encourages students to participate in the student exchange programme of the Lifelong Learning Programme, Erasmus. To that end, it has concluded agreements on the exchange of students with many universities, worldwide.

**Student mobility**

- **124** outgoing FEB-students
- **197** incoming exchange students

**TOP 5 Origin of Exchange Students**

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<td>Germany / France</td>
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<td>Italy</td>
<td>9,64%</td>
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<td>Turkey / Belgium</td>
<td>8,12%</td>
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<td>Slovakia</td>
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Data: academic year 2013-2014

More than

- **120** partner universities
- In **34** countries

- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brasil
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Russia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South-Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- USA
Career opportunities

One in five graduates of Ghent University has a degree in economics. Graduates of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (FEB) do have a wide range of job opportunities in business, in education and in scientific research domains. 95% of FEB alumni do have a job within one year after graduating, mainly as a managing director of their own enterprises, in multinationals, or in the departments of administration, accounting, sales, purchasing, finance and personnel,... They also occupy a large number of functions in the public sector.

The broad scope of the diplomas of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration is shown adequately in the following results of surveys of graduates.

Sectors in which alumni are employed

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<td>Consulting</td>
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Why study at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration?

- Located in a lively city
- Diverse range of courses
- Great choice
- Broad scope
- Bright future
- Various sectors
- Accessibility professors
- Great interest in economy
- Broad-minded
- Interactive sessions
- Small groups
- Entrepreneurship
- Management skills
- Expertise
- Advanced training
- Master level
- International experience
- Job opportunities
- Mathematically oriented
- Personal growth
- Professional development
- Specialisation
- Economic languages
- Traineeship
- Business cases
I look back to an education in line with all my expectations: a healthy base of engineering subjects and an understanding of all management concepts (from accounting to operations management). During the Master Programme I was able to develop an expertise in a particular main subject.

My choice of study was based on the good reputation enjoyed by the faculty, the presence of professors who are close to the practice and the social or political life, as well as the link with the leading Vlerick Business School. I would make the same choice again!

Coming to Ghent University after studying economics in Russia was rather eye-opening for me: I suddenly realized economics studies the real world! From day one we worked with real world data: analyzed macroeconomic indicators, tested asset price correlations, searched for profitable strategies on the stock market... This thrilling experience resulted in me pursuing a research career in economics.

Having a sound business insight combined with a strong and broad knowledge on various topics, allowed me to grow quickly within the company and even move to New York City. On top of that I made a lot of friends for life and I noticed that the same is true for them, they are growing fast professionally and personally. Having this strong network of ambitious people around me isn’t only fun, but also makes it easy to fall back on if you have specific questions.

VOSEKO is the Association for the alumni of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration. They offer the opportunity to stay in touch with fellow students and to establish contacts with fellow economists. They do this with a whole series of activities (lectures, presentations, ...) and initiatives aimed at “We link the economic thinking.” More information on www.voseko.be.
See www.uct.UGent.be for more information about the course 'Dutch for exchange students'.
Facilities

Ghent University offers a broad range of facilities and support services on which our international students and staff can rely during their stay at the university. Underneath you'll find the facilities which are organised by the faculty of Economics and Business Administration.

Check out all UGent-facilities (accommodation, bicycle rent, job service, restaurants, sport facilities,...) at www.UGent.be/en/facilities.

Faculty Library
The modern library is divided into different zones: a quiet space, a co-working space and a computer space. All zones are connected to the main desk where the library staff helps students in their digital quest.
In the library there are about 18,500 books that are classified according to subject and there are another 40,000 (older) books in its repository. Students can consult 5,000 electronic economic journals, 50 journals on paper and multiple databases.

PC rooms
At the faculty there are 5 well equipped PC rooms with a total capacity of 150 computers. All PC's have access to printing facilities. These rooms are suitable as well for classical tuition as for free practice. Within the faculty, while using the Eduroam wireless service, students and staff can connect their laptop, tablet or smartphone to the internet and the UGent network.

Monitoring Service
Within the faculty 7 full-time student counsellors and learning path counsellors are available for individual advice, training in study attitude, study planning and study skills, and guidance concerning specific study choices or matters particularly related to the chosen study or to talk about possible re-orientation. The counsellors support first year students with the following subjects: Accounting, Economics, Mathematics and Statistics.

Buddy system
In order to facilitate the social integration of foreign students the faculty has developed a buddy system whereby local students of the faculty act as a guide both in faculty arrangements.

Erasmus student network
Ghent University has an Erasmus Student Network organising social activities for exchange students (www.esngent.org).

University Language Centre
To learn Dutch, the official language in Flanders, you can take a course at the University Language Centre (UCT). Besides Dutch the UCT organises language courses in 10 different languages. There are courses for general language knowledge, but also for professional or educational language skills.

Student associations
The faculty actively supports various student initiatives. A large number of student organisations initiate all kinds of activities.
With over 70,000 students Ghent is the largest student city in Flanders, which has much to offer to the students. Ghent has not only a historical city core, the town also offers a wide variety of contemporary art and culture. The port is the engine of economic activity and because of its scientific reputation, Ghent moreover is the ideal environment for creativity and innovation in areas such as biotechnology, bio-energy and ICT.

Due to the presence of a university and colleges, the city offers a range of study options. The campuses are located throughout the city and make as the students become part of the Ghent streets.

Ghent is the place to be for Belgian and international students, who give a boost to the economy and contribute to the identity of Ghent as a youthful city, a city of creativity, knowledge and innovation. Many of them remain after their studies, thus ‘hang’ in Ghent to work there and often to start their own business.

Lonely Planet has called Ghent “Europe’s best kept secret” and a must see destination. National Geographic Traveler Magazine has listed this city as the most authentic historic city in the world which is full of life.

**Ghent** in statistics

- 254,500 inhabitants
- 70,000 students
- 653 restaurants
- 250 different sorts of beer
- 74 parks
- 23 museums
- 5 abbeys
- 2 medieval castles
- 1 ‘Adoration of the Mystic Lamb’

**Did you know?**

Belgium is a federal monarchy located in Western Europe, bordering the North Sea between France and the Netherlands. Its capital, Brussels, hosts the EU’s and NATO’s headquarters. The country has three official languages: Dutch, French and German. Belgium consists of three regions: the Dutch-speaking region of Flanders in the North, the French-speaking southern region of Wallonia and the Brussels-Capital Region, enclosed within Flanders.
Application procedure

For degree students

A degree-seeking student wishes to obtain a diploma or degree at Ghent University – be it bachelor, master or PhD level.

To enroll at UGent on the basis of a diploma obtained abroad, you need to apply for admission. Admission is granted on the basis of a diploma, irrelevant of nationality. Most qualifications obtained abroad do not grant direct admission. This means that the diploma is not automatically recognized as equivalent to a Flemish diploma and that admission can be granted after an individual application procedure.

Please check the international website (www.UGent.be/en/education/degree) for all information concerning application procedure, deadlines, language requirements, enrollment and registration.

Bear in mind that the processing of your application will take on average 3 to 4 months after receipt of your complete application package. You need your original letter (sent by post) to apply for a visa and to enroll as a student. The visa application also takes on average 3 months.

PhD candidate

There are essentially two possibilities to start a PhD at Ghent University. You can either apply for an open PhD position or you can have a UGent professor to act as your PhD supervisor (or ‘promotor’). In that case you can either look for your own funding of the professor can apply for a UGent salary.

PhD candidates have to follow the same application procedure as a degree student, except that there is no deadline for PhD applications.

Interested in a PhD?

For exchange students

An exchange student temporarily lives in a foreign country and attends courses. The exchange period at UGent lasts a minimum of 1 month and a maximum of 12 months. The exchange student does not get a diploma from UGent.

Students taking part in the European Erasmus+ Programme and other exchange students apply through the international office at their home institution. To apply at Ghent University students need to follow the application guidelines published on the website www.UGent.be/en/education/exchange. There you’ll find as well all information concerning language requirements, enrollment, registration and administration upon arrival.

You will have to send us 5 forms if you want to become an Exchange Student at UGent:
• Exchange Application Form
• Exchange Learning Agreement or Training Agreement
• Transcript of Records of your previous study results
• Language Requirements for Exchange Students (CEF-level B2 English or Dutch)
• A short written statement on why you wish to study at Ghent University

The application deadlines are set to
15 May (1st semester) and 15 November (2nd semester).

Don’t forget to apply for a visa if needed.

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