

Exchange Programmes: Key data

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HOUSING

UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALLS

The KU Leuven has reserved about 400 of its 2000 non-subsidized university residence rooms to house international students. These rooms are randomly located amongst rooms for Flemish students and they are spread over 13 residences across the City of Leuven. The offer of rooms in university residences is limited.

You can find more information concerning these rooms and an application form on the following website:

<https://admin.kuleuven.be/sab/ex/en/accommodation/index>

Practical arrangements (date of arrival, what to do on arrival, checking in ...) can be made directly with the landlord.

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

www.kuleuven.be/accommodation

Check this site for the latest information!

Single room: furnished, kitchen and bathroom to share with other students in the house. Blankets, sheets and pillows are usually NOT provided! Average price private market: € 350 /month (*).

The average price for a single room with private comfort, e.g. a private toilet or kitchen, is € 450 / month (*).

Studio: furnished, private kitchen and bathroom. Blankets, sheets and pillows are NOT provided! Average price private market: between € 470 and € 500 /month (*).

(* Average prices for previous academic year.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2017-2018

September 2017	Several Compulsory Enrolment Sessions for exchange students of Campus Leuven & Campus Group T Leuven For dates, time & place to be see website http://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/Leuven#registration@kul
During the week of Monday 18 September 2017	Orientation Days for International Students
Monday 25 September 2017	Opening ceremony of the academic year 2017-2018
Tuesday 26 September 2017	Start of classes in the first semester of 2017-2018
Saturday 23 December 2017	End of classes in the first semester
Monday 25 December 2017 till Sunday 7 January 2018	Christmas and New Year holidays
Monday 08 January 2018 – Sunday 14 January 2018	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 15 January 2018 – Saturday 03 February 2018	First semester exams (*)
7 days after the announcement of the exam results	Period for consultation of the exams (**).
Friday 02 February 2018	Patron's Feast Day – university offices will be closed!
Saturday 03 February 2018 – Sunday 11 February 2018	Mid-year break. No classes
February 2018	Several Compulsory Enrolment Sessions for exchange students of Campus Leuven & Campus Group T Leuven For dates, time & place to be see website http://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/Leuven#registration@kul
During the week of Monday 5 February 2018	Orientation Days for International Students
Monday 12 February 2018	Start of classes in the second semester
Saturday 31 March 2018 – Sunday 15 April 2018	Easter holidays
Saturday 26 May 2018	End of classes in the second semester
Saturday 26 May 2018 – Sunday 10 June 2018	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 11 June 2018 – Saturday 30 June 2018	Second semester exams (*)
7 days after the announcement of the exam results	Period for consultation of the exams (**).
Thursday 16 August 2018	Start of the registration period for 2018-2019
Monday 20 August 2018 – Saturday 08 Sept. 2018	Examination retakes for failed students 2017-2018 (*)
7 days after the announcement of the exam results	Period for consultation of the exams (**).
Monday 24 September 2018	Opening ceremony of the academic year 2018-2019
(*) In some faculties exams start earlier! Please ask your exchange programme coordinator.	
(**) This period can be different for each faculty. Please ask the exchange programme co-ordinator. See for contact data http://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/coordinators	

INTRODUCTORY DUTCH COURSES

At the request of the International Office, the **Leuven Language Institute** organises 'Dutch for Foreign Students' courses. These are **introductory Dutch language courses** and they are **only open to Erasmus students**. On presentation of the Erasmus-student card these courses are offered free.

- The course lasts 3 months and is meant for beginning students in order to activate communication through conversational exercises. It is a practical course based on the principles of Dutch grammar. The aim is to make students acquainted with the vocabulary of every-day life.

Students who already have a basic or advanced level of Dutch can gain entry to one of the higher levels of the regular courses if they pass the placement test. In total, 5 basic levels and 1 perfection level of Dutch are taught. The level 1 to 5 modules can be taken either intensively (12 hours/week) or over a more extended period (6 hours/week). The perfection level 6 is only offered at a pace of 6 hours/week.

Besides the courses throughout the academic year, the ILT also offers a full-time **intensive summer course** in Dutch language and culture. The course consists of 80 hours and takes place **from Friday 28 July 2017 till Friday 25 August 2017** (20 hours a week). The course is open to undergraduates and graduates of all areas of study who wish to improve their knowledge of and communicative skills in Dutch. The communicative approach is used in all 5 levels. Besides the theoretical courses, many conversational exercises and complementary activities are planned (lectures, cultural happening, trip etc.). The course is intended for students of different levels, from beginners to intermediate and advanced. The tuition fee is **€ 380** for all students.

For the latest information, please visit the ILT website: <http://ilt.kuleuven.be/>

WHAT EXCHANGE STUDENTS SHOULD BRING

EEA-students (EEA: **E**uropean **E**conomic **A**rea: 28 countries of European Union plus Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein) (→ upon arrival please report to *Registrar's Office*, Naamsestraat 22, 3000 Leuven)

1. your identity card or passport
2. the official forms that prove you are affiliated with a health insurance in your home country and which is valid in Belgium (EHIC: European Health Insurance Card)
3. proof that you are registered as a student at your home university
4. your "letter of admission"

Although students with the **Swiss nationality** are **non-EEA citizens** they also have to bring the same documents as EEA-students should bring (so NOT the documents that non-EEA students should bring!).

non-EEA students (→ upon arrival please report to *International Admissions and Mobility*, Naamsestraat 63, 3000 Leuven)

1. your passport, with "Authorisation for provisional sojourn" (student visa) if required (for stays longer than 90 days)
2. for those who do not require a student visa: a proof of solvency or proof of scholarship
3. proof that you are registered as a student at your home university
4. your "letter of admission"

EEA- and non-EEA-students: please read the information about insurances and health care in our brochure "**Living in Leuven**" which can also be found on <https://www.kuleuven.be/english/studentervices/welcome/living-in-leuven-brochure>