

EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES: Key data

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HOUSING

Due to a shortage on the housing market it is strongly recommended to secure accommodation before coming to Leuven.

Check this website for the latest information!

<https://www.kuleuven.be/english/life-at-ku-leuven/housing/find-housing/students/student-housing-in-leuven/index.html>

UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALLS

The KU Leuven has reserved about **1200** of its **2400** non-subsidized university residence rooms to house international students.

These rooms are randomly located amongst rooms for Flemish students and they are spread over **14** 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://www.kuleuven.be/english/life-at-ku-leuven/housing/find-housing/students/residences/central-services/index.html>

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. Some rooms have private facilities like e.g. a private shower, toilet or kitchen.

Single room:

furnished, kitchen and bathroom to share with other students in the house, in some cases the room has a private bathroom and/or kitchen. Blankets, sheets and pillows are usually NOT provided!

Studio:

furnished, private kitchen and bathroom. Blankets, sheets and pillows are NOT provided!

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025-2026

Monday 18 August 2025	Start of the registration period for 2025-2026
Monday 15 September 2025 till Sunday 21 September 2025	Orientation Days for all new incoming international students of Campus Leuven Welcome and information sessions www.kuleuven.be/orientationdays
Wednesday 17 September 2025	Opening ceremony of the academic year 2025-2026
Monday 22 September 2025	Start of classes in the first semester of 2025-2026
Saturday 20 December 2025	End of classes in the first semester
Saturday 20 December 2025 till Sunday 4 January 2026	Christmas and New Year holidays
Monday 05 January – Sunday 11 January 2026	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 12 January – Saturday 31 January 2026	First semester exams (*)
7 days after the announcement of the exam results	Period for consultation of the exams (**).
Monday 02 February 2026	Patron's Feast Day – university offices will be closed!
Saturday 31 January 2026 – Sunday 08 February 2026	Mid-year break. No classes
Tuesday 03 February 2026 till Sunday 08 February 2026	Orientation Days for all new incoming international students of Campus Leuven Welcome and information sessions www.kuleuven.be/orientationdays
Monday 09 February 2026	Start of classes in the second semester
Saturday 04 April 2026 – Sunday 19 April 2026	Easter holidays
Saturday 23 May 2026	End of classes in the second semester
Saturday 23 May 2026 – Sunday 07 June 2026	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 8 June 2026 – Saturday 27 June 2026	Second semester exams (*)
7 days after the announcement of the exam results	Period for consultation of the exams (**).
Monday 17 August 2026	Start of the registration period for 2026-2027
Monday 17 August – Saturday 05 Sept. 2026	Examination retakes for failed students 2025-2026 (*)
7 days after the announcement of the exam results	Period for consultation of the exams (**)
Monday 14 till Sunday 20 September 2026	Orientation Days for all new incoming international students of Campus Leuven Welcome and information sessions www.kuleuven.be/orientationdays
Wednesday 16 September 2026	Opening ceremony of the academic year 2026-2027
Monday 21 September 2026	Start of classes in the first semester of the academic year 2026-2027
(*) 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	

WEBINARS

About housing, preparing your arrival, visa procedure ...

See <https://www.kuleuven.be/english/prospective-students/open-days/webinars>

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 1 August 2025 till Friday 29 August 2025** (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 **€ 460** for all students.

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

REGISTRATION OF EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT KU LEUVEN

Exchange students with *EEA citizenship*

(EEA: **E**uropean **E**conomic **A**rea: 27 countries of European Union plus Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein)

➔ upon arrival please attend one of the **Compulsory Info Sessions for Exchange Students at KU Leuven** for which you have already registered.

For up-to-date information about the registration procedure at KU Leuven please have a look at

<https://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/index>
<https://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/Leuven>

Exchange students with *non-EEA citizenship*

➔ upon arrival please attend one of the **Compulsory Info Sessions for Exchange Students at KU Leuven** for which you have already registered.

For up-to-date information about the registration procedure at KU Leuven please have a look at

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<https://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/Leuven>

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/student-services/pangeaa/orientation-days/pdf/living-in-leuven-brochure>

Compulsory Info Sessions for Exchange Students at KU Leuven:

Campus Leuven: <https://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/Leuven>

Campus Group T Leuven: <https://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/group>

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATORS AND CONTACT PERSONS

Co-ordinators at faculty level. See <https://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/coordinators>