



# ACCOMMODATION

Most students live in private lodgings. The cost of sharing a private flat is around €350-€500. The best way of finding lodgings is to look around when you actually get in Brussels.

Also, please beware of fraud when researching an accommodation.

## Temporary accommodation

We advise you to book a room in a hotel or a Youth Hostel, using this as a base for going out to look for rental (“A louer”) accommodation near the University campus where you will be located.

## Long-term accommodation

If you are planning to spend several months or years at the ULB, you will need to look for long-term accommodation. The rental market is fast moving and there are many options available at different prices. The neighbourhoods most favoured by our students at the ULB Solbosch and la Plaine campuses are Ixelles, Etterbeek, Auderghem, Saint Gilles and Bruxelles-Ville. If you want to check how conveniently located an apartment is for getting the ULB, you can use the public transport website: [www.stib.be](http://www.stib.be)

## LET'S FIND YOU A HOME!

ULB Housing Office can support you in your search for a suitable accommodation and advise you on many aspects of student housing.

Their webpage lists a lot of accommodation offers, including university and private residences. Have a look at the website: [www.ulb.be/en/campus-life/accommodation](http://www.ulb.be/en/campus-life/accommodation)

Good tip: You can also follow up offers from leaving students posted outside ULB restaurants and lecture halls.

## Housing Anywhere:

If you would prefer to book in advance, ULB has a partnership with “Housing Anywhere”, a platform that enables you to book a private accommodation from your home. Throughout this platform, you can have access to pictures, videos of different places, and even chat with

the landlord before securely booking a room: <https://housinganywhere.com/Brussels--Belgium/universit%C3%A9-libre-de-bruxelles/sign-up>

Get your search started with these websites:

- [www.ulb.be/logements/index.html](http://www.ulb.be/logements/index.html);
- [www.appartager.be](http://www.appartager.be);
- [www.immoweb.be](http://www.immoweb.be)
- [www.ikot.brik.be/en](http://www.ikot.brik.be/en);
- [www.brुकot.be](http://www.brुकot.be);
- [www.traneesinbrussels.be](http://www.traneesinbrussels.be)
- [www.immovlan.be](http://www.immovlan.be);
- [www.brusselsdestination.be](http://www.brusselsdestination.be);
- [www.vivastreet.be](http://www.vivastreet.be)
- [www.etr-brussels.be](http://www.etr-brussels.be);
- [www.erasmus-brussels.org](http://www.erasmus-brussels.org);
- [www.student.be](http://www.student.be)



## RENTAL CONTRACTS

Most rental contracts are for 3 years or less and are generally fixed-term contracts, which cannot be broken without payment of penalties. Short-term rental contracts are often negotiated for furnished accommodation. Before signing the contract, take care to clarify the notice period and compensation due in the event of the early termination of the contract.

We recommend that, whatever the type of rental contract, you always try to negotiate the inclusion of a clause authorizing you to find someone to replace you, should you need to break the rental contract earlier than you had initially anticipated, and thereby avoid payment of any compensation.

The first month's rent must be paid on signature of the rental contract. In addition, before you receive the keys, you will need to arrange tenant liability insurance (this can be done via your bank) and set up a rental deposit (generally the equivalent of 2 months' rent). We advise you to put the rental deposit into a blocked account in your name at the bank.

## GOOD TO KNOW:

Some landlords require an official entry inspection to be done by a surveyor before you can move in. An official exit inspection will therefore be done when you leave. The cost of the inspection is shared between the tenant and the landlord (the amount can be several hundred euros depending on the type of accommodation). Other landlords are willing to do a more informal inspection without a surveyor. In this case, we recommend that you take plenty of photos and carefully check the inventory list provided by the landlord.

