

Information session on higher education for students from outside the European Union *information valid on January 31 2025*

NUCLEAR TOTAL





Joanne CONTENT InfOR-études – ULB



- What does InfOR-études do?
- The Belgian higher education system
- ▲ ULB's Program
- Preparatory courses
- Student aid



InfOR-études

• Information & Guidance

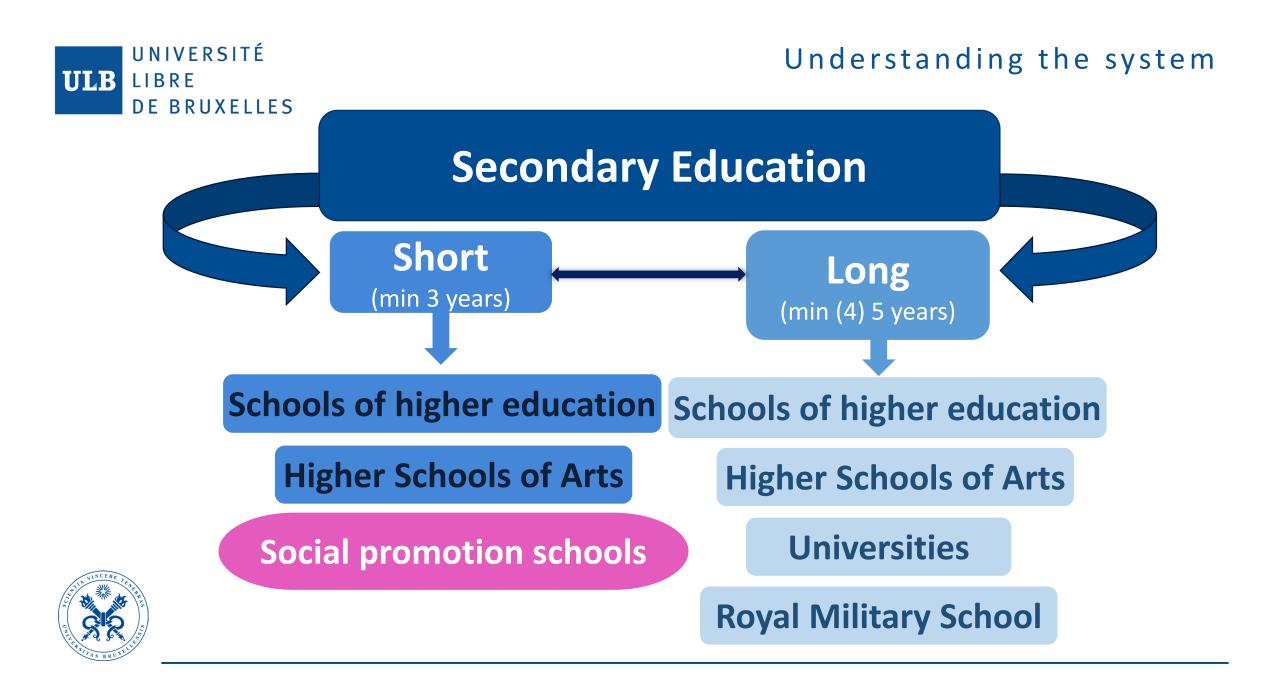
• Relations with Secondary and Higher Education

Year-round information and guidance service				
Information	Guidance			
Welcome desk (no appointment needed) Individual interviews (by appointment)	Welcome desk (once a week) Individual interviews (by appointment)			
And many other activities				
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infor-etudes@ulb.be ulb.be/infor-etudes







Understanding the system



Teaching

- <u>Universities</u>
 - Learning to learn
 - Research environment

• <u>Schools</u>

- Learning to do a job
- Professional environment



Skills

- Universities
 - Introduction to research
 - Developing creativity around a theoretical subject
- <u>Schools</u>
 - Internships
 - Developing professional skills

Duration

- Universities
 - 5 years minimum
 - Long

• <u>Schools</u>

- 3 years minimum
- Short or long





Universities and Schools

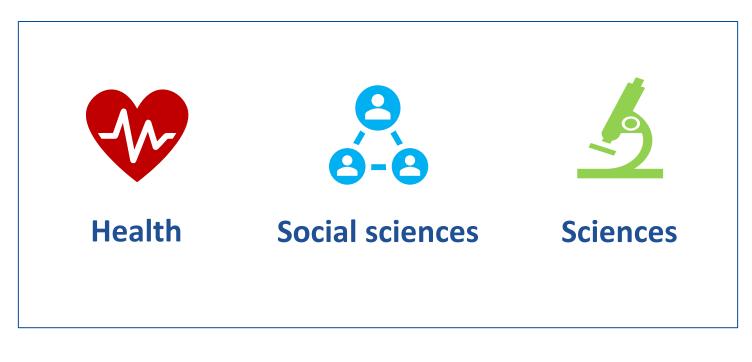
- Similar operation (ECTS/credits, achievement rules...)
- Quality
- Equivalent diplomas recognition (same level diplomas only)
- Comparable achievement rates







- Over 40 Bachelor's and 100 Master's programs
- Three main fields of study :







University of participation Comprehensive university University of the capital Open to scrutinity university Recognized university

Nearly 40.000 students

More than 135 nationalities

International openness : more than 700 partnerships and agreements for student mobility





Exam preparation in civil engineering

Medicine and dentistry (mathematics and sciences)

Introduction to academic discourse (for french speaker and non-french speakers)

Modern languages, ancient languages, mathematics, sciences...



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What is a credit ?

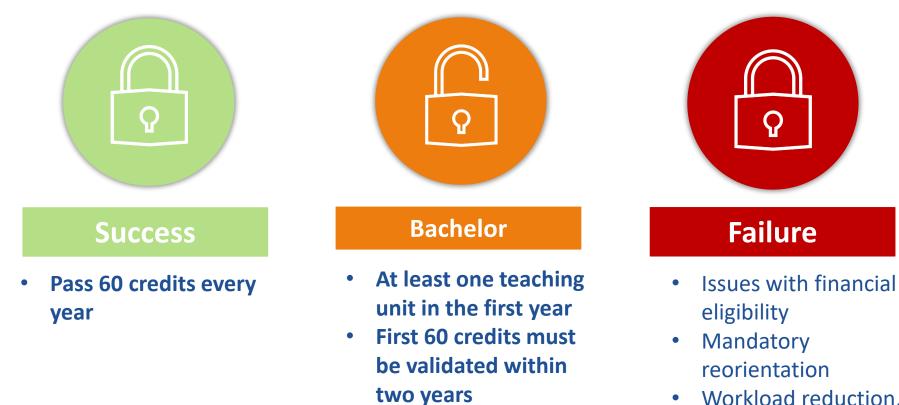
- **Credit** = theoretical measure for learning
- 1 credit = ~ **30 hours** of learning activities
- 1 academic year = 60 credits
- ~ 42 weeks/year, ~ 42 hours of learning activities per week

Being a student is a full-time commitment





The "contract" for Success



 Workload reduction, methodology support





Student aid

Accommodation

Housing office – **ulb.be/logement** Complete procedure written online (**deadlines!**)

Arrangements for students with specific needs

EBS – ulb.be/ebs

Reasonable adjustments based on a diagnosis made on year prior to the request

Registration dates & documents



Admission – **ulb.be/inscriptions** Information about dates, documents, visa...



Student aid

Courses difficulties

Learning support – **saa@ulb.be** A contact person in each faculty

Financial or social difficulties

Student welfare service – **ulb.be/sse** Financial and/or social aid

General information – Not sure who to contact ?



InfOR-études-etudes@ulb.be

Welcome desk, individual appointments, reachable via email or phone





Roxane STEVENIERS Registration Office – ULB



Registration process

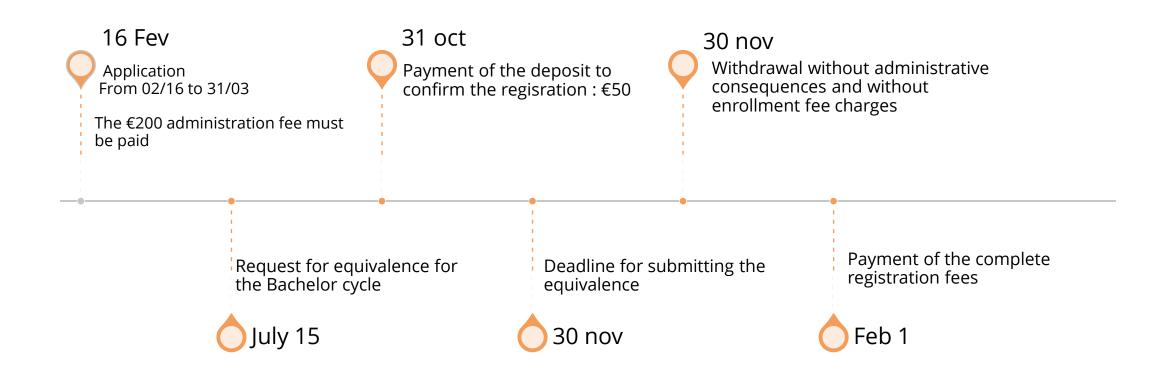
- Dates and deadlines
- Fees related to your enrollment
- Registration process
- Digital application form
- Essential documentation
- Admission requirements
- A Require assistance?
- Contact

Information session

REGISTRATION PROCESS

January 30, 2025

DATES AND DEADLINES



FEES RELATED TO YOUR ENROLLMENT

Application fees : 200€

In the application payment section
Payment is necessary to analyze the file
Non-refundable
Fees due for each application
Deducted from registration fees upon admission

Request for equivalence : €400

Registration fees : €5,010

Exemption from the increased fees (€4,175) for : ∘Nationals of the countries enumerated in annexes 2 and 3 of the circular published by ARES ∘Holders of a CESS certificate ∘scholarship students awarded by Wallonia-Brussels International ∘PhD candidate

First steps in ULB online services

- > Access the student application form
- > Register to study admission exams
- > External person access



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REGISTRATION PROCESS

- The entire process has to be done online
- Create an account on MonULB (Click on "I do not possess an EiD.")
- Watch the online tutorial
- Fill out the form
- Load the documents

Digital application form



Complete in accordance with the sections Consult the assistance prompts

Complete my application

	the different sections preferably in c			o bottom. The form adapts itself according t application is complete, click on "Submit my a	o the information entered, and different documents are to be p application".	provided in the
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	Are you registered in our system? Yes No		ULB registration 000329861	number		~
	Supporting documents					

ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTATION

Bachelor's Degree (First Cy

- Complete list available on our webpage
- Identity document (identification card or passport)
- Identity photo (in ID card format for the issuance of your student card)
- <u>Transcripts from your final year of secondary</u> education (Baccalaureate transcript)*
- High School Diploma*
- Proof of equivalence request.
- Any available higher education transcripts.

• No language proficiency proof required EXCEPT for: Bachelor's in Economic Sciences or Business Engineering taught in English. Bachelors in Law, Languages, Literature, Translation, and Communication.

Note: For students in their final year of secondary education, a proof of enrollment for the last year is temporarily sufficient.

Master's Degree (Second Cycle)

- Complete list available on our webpage
- Identity document (identification card or passport)
- Identity photo (in ID card format for the issuance of your student card)
- Transcripts for each year of higher education
 undertaken
- First-cycle diplomas (Bachelor's, License, etc.) or other Master's degrees*
- Proof of language proficiency for didactic Master's programs or certain other Master's programs (Multilingual Communication, Journalism, etc.)

Note: For students in their final year of a degree program, a proof of enrollment for the current year is temporarily sufficient

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's Degree (First Cycle)

<u>Criteria Imposed by the Central Admission Committee</u> <u>for First-Cycle Programs</u>

- Overall average of 13/20
- <u>Minimum grades of 12/20 required in all specific</u> <u>subjects related to the application</u>
- <u>Successful completion of all years of study</u> <u>undertaken after obtaining the secondary school</u> <u>diploma, with a minimum average of 13/20 and</u> <u>passing all subjects in the curriculum</u>
- Obtaining the equivalency certificate allowing access to the desired studies, issued by the equivalency service
- Providing proof to the equivalency service that you are eligible for the desired studies in your home country (e.g., transcripts if studies have been undertaken, admission or selection certificate, etc.)

Master's Degree (Second Cycle)

- Grade criteria and Average Score Requirements Set by the Jury (accessible on the information page of the master's program to which you intend to apply)
- Language proficiency level (if required by the jury in the access conditions)

ACCEPTED!

REQUIRE ASSISTANCE? "ULB SUPPORT"



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Your personal data First Name *		Last name *
Email *		Status * Student O Staff O External
Birth date		Phone
Month v Day	Year	
ULBID 🐢		Enrollment number 🧇
Example: bsmith		Example: 000123456



Contact -Registration Office

- <u>Contact Form: Support ULB</u>
- <u>Contact details for our office: Contacts</u>
 <u>Registrations</u>





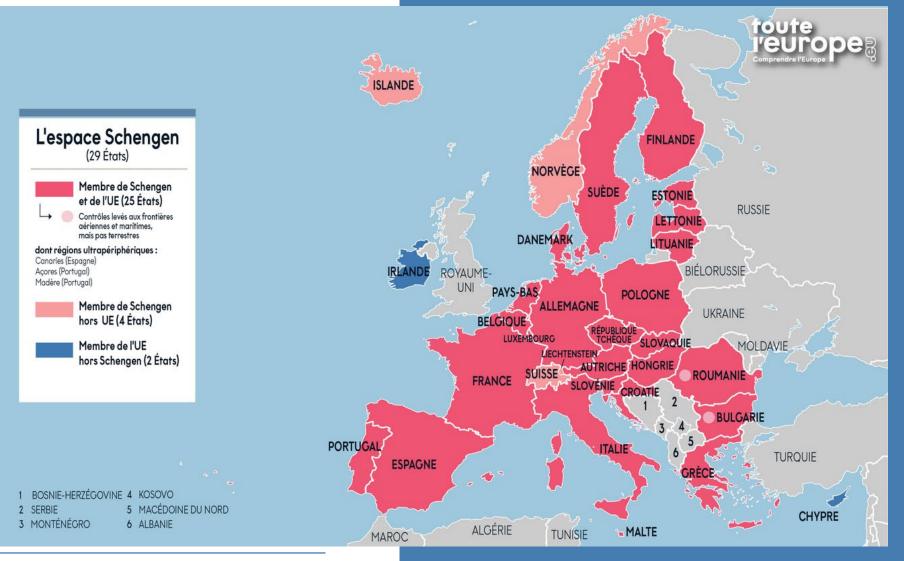
Delphine DIEUDONNE International Welcome Desk – ULB



- European and non-European distinction
- Visa and blocked account
- Accommodation in Brussels
- Registration with your local municipality (commune)
- Health insurance (*mutuelle*)
- Open a bank account
- Integration at the ULB
- ▲ Goin' app
- Contacts



European and non-European distinction







Visa (general)

- Visa application with your local Belgian embassy or consulate
- Required documents :
- Admission letter
- Passport
- Proof of sufficient financial resources
- Health insurance (*mutuelle*)
- Formulaire standard
- **Deadline :** as soon as possible (one month in advance AT THE LATEST)





- Admission letter : letter delivered by the ULB on the online application platform (when you receive it, to be added to visa application if still in progress)
- Proof of sufficient financial resources
- Scholarship certificate
- A commitment by a guarantor to take charge of the student (called Annexe 32). The guarantor must fulfill precise conditions
- Solvency Certificate (blocked account certificate)

• Health insurance

- Private Schengen-type health insurance taken in your home country, valid for at least 3 months after your arrival in Belgium
- Certificate of a Belgian health insurance (*mutuelle*) that certifies you will be registered with them at your arrival
- Formulaire standard







Annexe 1 Annexe 2

Annex 1 requested by the Belgian authorities

Annexe 1 de l'arrêté ministériel du 28 mars 2022 déterminant les formulaires standard visés aux articles 99, 103 et 104/3 de l'arrêté royal du 8 octobre 1981 sur l'accès au territoire, le séjour, l'établissement et l'éloignement des étrangers.

MODÈLE DE FORMULAIRE STANDARD

pour l'obtention d'un visa ou d'un titre de séjour en tant qu'étudiant(e) (ressortissant d'un pays tiers), visé à l'article 99 de l'arrêté royal du 8 octobre 1981 sur l'accès au territoire, le séjour, l'établissement et l'éloignement des étrangers

Logo de l'établissement d'enseignement supérieur (facultatif)

Je, soussigné(e) (1)

En ma qualité de représentant(e) de (2) :

Confirme que l'étudiant(e) ci-dessous :

Nom :

Prénom

UNIVERSITÉ

DF BRUXFILES

Date de naissance :

Nationalité :

- A obtenu une inscription définitive pour suivre des études supérieures à temps plein en qualité d'étudiant(e) régulièrement inscrit(e) durant l'année académique 20... - 20...
- Est accepté(e) au sein de l'établissement d'enseignement supérieur susmentionné comme étudiant d'échange du .../.../20.. au .../.../20..
- Est inscrit(e) à une année préparatoire durant l'année académique 20... 20...
- □ Est admis(e) aux études en vue de suivre des études supérieures à temps plein durant l'année académique 20... 20... avec comme date ultime d'inscription le ... /... /20... ⁽³⁾
- □ Est admis(e) à une année préparatoire durant l'année académique 20... 20... avec comme date ultime d'inscription le ... /... /20... ⁽³⁾
- Est inscrit(e) à un examen ou une épreuve d'admission pour suivre des études supérieures à temps plein durant l'année académique 20... - 20...

Annex

ULB LIBRE

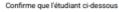


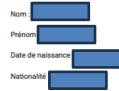
is the Annexe 2 of your admission letter and is already filled

Annexe 2 : Formulaire standard pour l'obtention d'un visa ou d'un titre de séjour en tant gu'étudiant(e) en application de l'article 99 de l'AR du 8/10/1981

Je, soussignée, CALISKAN Meltem

En ma qualité de représentante du Service des Inscriptions de l'Université libre de Bruxelles





Est admis aux études en vue de suivre des études supérieures à temps plein durant l'année académique 2024-2025 avec comme date ultime d'inscription le 30/09/2024

Intitulé du grade académique correspondant au programme d'études : Master de spécialisation en microfinance

Le programme d'étude comprend un nombre total de 60 crédits ECTS, pour l'ensemble de la formation, sous réserve d'ajouts d'enseignements complémentaires qui pourront être imposés à l'étudiant(e), ou de dispense(s) qu'il/elle aurait obtenue(s) (avec un minimum de 54 crédits par année académique).

Cette année académique, l'étudiant effectuera une mobilité, dans le cadre d'un programme de l'Union ou un programme multilatéral comportant des mesures de mobilité ou d'une convention entre deux établissements d'enseignement supérieur ou plus, dans un ou des établissements d'enseignement supérieur situé(s) dans un autre Etat membre de l'Union européenne en vue d'acquérir un certain nombre de crédits ou un diplôme conjoint (unique ou multiple):





Si oui : la durée de la mobilité est à priori de 6 mois.

Fait à Bruxelles, le 1 août 2024

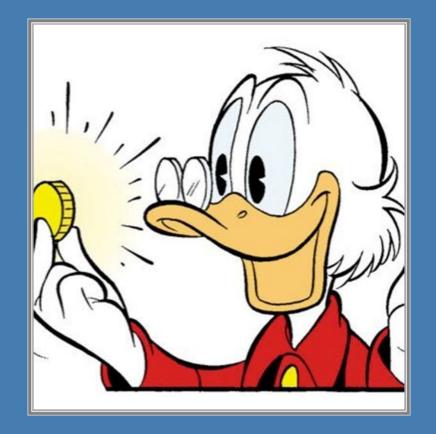
Signature du représentant de l'établissement susmentionné :



- Online blocked account application form
- Required documents :
- Admission letter
- Passport
- En pratique :
- 803€ / month of stay (provisional amount)
- 2089,55€ / month if family reunification
- 150€ administration fee
- **Deadline :** as soon as possible (one month in advance AT THE LATEST)

You can find more information and the new 2025-2026 amount in April/May <u>here</u> Or contact us directly: blocked.account@ulb.be







- To book your accommodation in Brussels before you arrive, the Université Libre de Bruxelles recommends its partner platform <u>Studapart</u>
- Many other platforms :
- https://www.brukot.be/
- <u>https://housinganywhere.com/fr/</u>
- https://www.immoweb.be/fr
- Facebook groups :
- https://www.facebook.com/groups/195527370457521?locale=fr_FR
- https://www.facebook.com/share/NuiUXZjRAFG9jp6p/
- Your accommodation must allow for domiciliation : domiciliation is the obligation to register with your local municipality (*commune*) with the address of the accommodation you are renting in your own name. It is normally always possible to be domiciliated in Belgium with a rented accommodation, unless it is explicitly specified in your rental agreement that domiciliation is not possible. If you have any doubt, please ask the landlord before signing your rental agreement

More information on the <u>The Housing Office page</u>.



Accommodation in Brussels





- Make an appointment with your local town-hall : visit the website of your town-hall to check how you should make an appointment (by phone, by email or online)
- Required documents for your appointment:

-Passport
-ULB registration letter
-Proof of sufficient financial resources
>guarantor
>scholarship
>or a blocked account
-Health insurance certificate (mutuelle)
-Formulaire standard



Annexe 15

- The local police will visit you and check that you do reside at the address you provided (do not forget to put your name on the bell and the letter-box)
- Your residence permit : you will first receive the codes of your residence card by post, and then you go to your local town-hall to collect your card (instructions for this will be provided with the codes)



Registration with your local municipality (commune)



- Mandatory registration covers your health costs in Belgium
- Many companies : *Partenamut, Mutualité Chrétienne, CAAMI...* compare them <u>here</u>
- The cost and cover varie according to the insurance company you choose, but for each health expense, always a part remaining at your charge

Numerous health and well-being services offered by the ULB at a very low cost : medical center with specialised doctors, psychologists, etc. Healthcare and well-being - ULB



Health insurance (*mutuelle*)





Open a bank account

- Many banks : ING, BNP, Belfius... compare them here
- To open a Belgian bank account you must first have received the Annexe 15 (document issued by your municipalty/commune, other required documents : passport/identity card (for European citizens), ULB registration letter, rental contract
- To open a bank account earlier even before moving to Belgium, you can open an online bank account with a neo-bank : Revolut, Wise, Nickel, etc.
- **Deadline :** as soon as possible





Integration at the ULB

- La Semaine d'Accueil des Nouveaux Étudiants (SANE) on mid-September on the Solbosch campus :
- Welcome and information session for new international students
- Stands
- ULB events (Fighting November Blues, Cocktail des ambassadeurs, Buddy system, etc.)
- Intensive French courses given by <u>ULB Langues</u> this summer (test on August)
- **Goin' connect** an application on which students can make contact before arriving in Belgium, in Brussels, and at the ULB in order to create strong links before the start of the academic year and to exchange throughout the year







- Registration office : <u>inscriptions@ulb.be</u>
- Studies info desk : <u>infor-etudes@ulb.be</u>
- Your <u>Faculté/institut/école</u>
- The International Welcome Desk (Building JE52) welcome@ulb.be

