

# FACT SHEET

## Student exchange programmes

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Multiculturality is a daily reality at the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) which is situated at the heart of Brussels, one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities. Our campuses provide a stimulating academic environment, offering our students a wide range of activities (sports, exhibitions, cultural events, student clubs and circles, etc.). The university's outward-looking position with regards to Europe and the world has resulted in a number of agreements, collaborations and special partnerships being set up with some of the world's top universities. Although ULB is a French-speaking university delivering most of its courses in French, a growing number of Master's degrees are partially or entirely delivered in English as well. ULB encompasses 12 faculties and schools offering a wide range of fields of study and disciplines.

## CONTACTS / WEBSITES

*For Incoming Students*

- › Incoming NON EU students
- › Practical information

*For Partners*

- › Partner universities
- › Institutional Mobility Coordinator/Head of

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## CAMPUS LOCATION

ULB has 4 campuses and 4 sites in Brussels and the Charleroi region.

- › Maps and directions

The ULB logo is a dark blue triangle pointing to the right, containing the letters 'ULB' in white, bold, sans-serif font.

## ACADEMICS

### Academic Calendar

Semester 1: September to January

Semester 2: February to June

Full academic year: September to June

### Academic structure

Bachelor (120 ECTS): 3 years

Master (180 ECTS): 2 years

PhD (300 ECTS)

### Fields of Study

Philosophy and Social Sciences / Letters, Translation Interpreting and Communication (including the Translation and Interpreting School) / Law and Criminology / Economics and Management / Engineering / Psychological and Educational Sciences / Architecture / Sciences / Medicine and Public Health / Pharmacy / Motor Sciences

### Credits and Grading System

#### The ULB uses the European Credits Transfer System (ECTS)

Credits are units that are allocated on the basis of the learning outcomes and student workload in a specific study programme (attending lectures, studying time, completing assignments, etc.).  
1 credit = 30 hours

Students' work is marked on a scale from 0 to 20

Marks from 10 to 20 = students pass the course

Marks from 0 to 9.99 = students fail the course

After completing an exchange stay at the ULB, students can access their transcripts online by logging onto the MonULB platform.

### Welcome and Orientation sessions

Welcome Sessions are organised by the faculties at the beginning of each semester in order to enable new students to get acquainted with the campus environment, courses, activities and student life in Brussels.

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) also organises a number of events and activities for incoming students in the days prior to the beginning of each semester :

- › [Facebook.com/esnulbbrussels](https://www.facebook.com/esnulbbrussels)

# NON ERASMUS+ CONTACTS, NOMINATION & APPLICATION PROCEDURES

## CENTRALISED FACULTIES

- Engineering
- Law
- Letters, Translation and Communication
- Motor Sciences
- Pharmacy (CIVIS only)
- Psychology
- Sciences

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### Nomination procedure

Partner institutions have to submit their nominations through our online form by the following deadlines.

**Semester 1 and full academic year: 11 APRIL**  
**Semester 2: 15 OCTOBER**

### Application procedure

At the end of the nomination period, students will receive the link to the online application form. The deadlines to send the application form and required documents are the following.

**Semester 1 and full academic year: 1 MAY**  
**Semester 2: 1 NOVEMBER**

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## DECENTRALISED FACULTIES

*The contact persons for the decentralised faculties will inform you directly of their nomination and application procedures.*

- Architecture

**Zohra CHENTOUF** / [intarchi@ulb.be](mailto:intarchi@ulb.be)

- Philosophy and Social Sciences

**Isabelle BEAUCHAMP** / [pipsin@ulb.be](mailto:pipsin@ulb.be)

- Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management

**Anne GEORGES** / [anne.georges@ulb.be](mailto:anne.georges@ulb.be)

- Translation and Interpreting (ISTI-Cooremans)

**Nathalie BREMEELS** / [erasmus.ti.ltc@ulb.be](mailto:erasmus.ti.ltc@ulb.be)

- Medicine

**Kristela BABIC** / [erasmus.medecine@ulb.be](mailto:erasmus.medecine@ulb.be)



### Nomination procedure:

**Semester 1 and Semester 2: 15 MAY**

### Application procedure:

**Semester 1 and Semester 2: 1 JUNE**



### Nomination procedure:

**Semester 1 and full academic year: 15 MAY**

**Semester 2: 15 OCTOBER**

### Application procedure:

**Semester 1 and full academic year: 1 JUNE**

**Semester 2: 1 NOVEMBER**

### TRAINEESHIP request (op to 3 months)

**Nomination and written authorisation from the ULB promoter will have to be provided:**

At least 6 weeks before the traineeship starts

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# EXCHANGE-RELATED INFORMATION

## Calendar 2024-2025

› [Link to the academic calendar](#)

## Recommended arrival dates

One week before the beginning of the academic term.

## Courses

› [Link to the programmes](#)

## Language of instruction

Courses are mostly taught in French. However, a growing number of Master's degrees are partly or entirely delivered in English as well.

## Language requirements

For non-native French speakers, a minimum level of **B1 (DELF, TCF)** is required for courses in French. However, a B2 level is **recommended** by most faculties. No certificate is requested.

For non-native English speakers, a minimum level of **B1 (DELF, TCF)** is recommended for courses in English.

Proof of language proficiency might be requested by the faculties.

## French courses

To help its incoming international students improve their language skills, the university offers a wide range of French courses available to all (free of charge). These courses are organised both prior to and during the academic year:

› [French courses](#)

## Accommodation

Erasmus students can search for accommodation on this page:

› [Partner residence and platforms](#)

If need be, the Housing Office can also provide incoming students with advice and assistance on many aspects of student housing:

› [office.du.logement@ulb.be](mailto:office.du.logement@ulb.be)

## Health insurance

NON-EU students are required to apply for an International Student Health Insurance Plan prior to their arrival in the host country. The health insurance plan must cover them for the entire duration of their stay. Students hosted at the ULB will not be granted a visa if they cannot provide proof of coverage by a suitable health insurance.

## Disability services

Students with disabilities, disabling illnesses, etc. can benefit from a special status at ULB:

› [EBS-ESH status](#)

## Visa

Non-European citizens studying in a European country must hold a visa for their mobility in Belgium. Once a student has received a ULB acceptance letter, they must contact the Belgian Embassy to request a visa:

› [diplomatie.belgium.be](http://diplomatie.belgium.be)

## Blocked account

In order to obtain a study visa in Belgium, non-EU citizens must provide proof of sufficient financial resources to cover their living, study, health care and repatriation expenses for the entire duration of their study stay (academic year or term). The ULB offers a "Blocked Account" service to all its students and future students:

› [Information about a "blocked account" for visa](#)

## Cost of living

- Private student accommodation (off campus): from 500 € to 800 € per month
- Food: 250 €/month
- Public transport: [stib-mivb.be](http://stib-mivb.be)

Students under the age of 25 years:

Annual travel pass = 12 €

Student over the age of 25 years:

Annual travel pass = 600 €

Monthly travel pass = 60 €

## Student services

### Sport

A wide range of sports activities are organised on all ULB campuses. An annual pass (€60) gives students access to dozens of fitness classes and reduced prices for sports gear and equipment.

› [www.ulbsports.eu](http://www.ulbsports.eu)

### Buddy Programme

The Buddy Programme enables European and international students to find an academic "buddy": a ULB student ambassador who will welcome them, help them with the formalities, and help them adjust to their new learning environment to make the most of their stay at the ULB.

› [esn\\_ulb\\_brussels@esnbelgium.org](mailto:esn_ulb_brussels@esnbelgium.org)

› [Facebook.com/esnulbbrussels](https://www.facebook.com/esnulbbrussels)

## For your info

› [International Student guide](#)



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