

Exchange Programmes: Key data

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HOUSING

UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALLS

The KU Leuven has reserved about **480** 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 **12** 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/student-services/housing-leuven/housing-options/residence-halls/cerab/AccommodationforInternationalstudents>

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/housing-leuven

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: **€ 360** /month (*).

The average price for a single room with private comfort, e.g. a private toilet or kitchen, is **€ 470** / month (*).

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

(*) Average prices for previous academic year.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2019-2020

September 2019	<p>Several Compulsory Enrolment Sessions for EXCHANGE students of Campus Leuven & Campus Group T Leuven</p> <p>For dates, time & place to be see website http://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/Leuven#registration@kul</p>
Monday 16 September till Friday 20 September 2019	<p>Orientation Days for ALL new incoming international students at Leuven (inclusive exchange students) - See for more info https://www.kuleuven.be/english/studentsservices/orientationdays/index.html</p>
Monday 23 September 2019	Opening ceremony of the academic year 2019-2020
Tuesday 24 September 2019	Start of classes in the first semester of 2019-2020
Saturday 21 December 2019	End of classes in the first semester
Saturday 21 December 2019 till Sunday 5 January 2020	Christmas and New Year holidays
Monday 06 January – Sunday 12 January 2020	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 13 January – Sunday 02 February 2020	First semester exams (*)
7 days after the announcement of the exam results	Period for consultation of the exams (**).
Sunday 02 February 2020	Patron's Feast Day – university offices will be closed!
Monday 03 February – Sunday 09 February 2020	Mid-year break. No classes
February 2020	<p>Several Compulsory Enrolment Sessions for EXCHANGE students of Campus Leuven & Campus Group T Leuven</p> <p>For dates, time & place to be see website http://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/Leuven#registration@kul</p>
Monday 3 February till Friday 7 February 2020	<p>Orientation Days for ALL new incoming international students at Leuven (inclusive exchange students) - See for more info https://www.kuleuven.be/english/studentsservices/orientationdays/index.html</p>
Monday 10 February 2020	Start of classes in the second semester
Saturday 4 April 2020 – Sunday 19 April 2020	Easter holidays
Saturday 23 May 2020	End of classes in the second semester
Saturday 23 May 2020 – Sunday 7 June 2020	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 08 June 2020 – Saturday 27 June 2020	Second semester exams (*)
7 days after the announcement of the exam results	Period for consultation of the exams (**).
Monday 17 August 2020	Start of the registration period for 2020-2021
Monday 17 August – Saturday 05 Sept. 2020	Examination retakes for failed students 2019-2020 (*)
7 days after the announcement of the exam results	Period for consultation of the exams (**).
Monday 21 September 2020	Opening ceremony of the academic year 2020-2021
(*) 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 Monday 29 July 2019 till Friday 23 August 2019** (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 **€ 390** 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>