



International Exchange Programs

Economics School of Louvain

Exchange Factsheet 2023-24

UCLouvain, Université catholique de Louvain An international campus

Since its foundation in 1425, "openness to the world" has been at the core of UCLouvain teaching and research missions. Today, this has resulted in

- a high percentage of international students at UCLouvain: nearly one fifth of our students come from abroad, representing over 122 nationalities from five different continents;
- many exchanges of students, teachers and researchers through European networks (Erasmus programs) and International networks (Erasmus Mundus, Circle U., TIME, Cluster, etc.): one fourth of UCLouvain graduates benefit from an experience abroad and UCLouvain welcomes as many students through its partnerships;
- A highly-driven partnership policy with Higher Education Institutions in the developing countries, as well as from more developed countries.

The Economics School of Louvain (ESL)

The Economics School of Louvain (ESL-UCLouvain) jointly organizes its programmes with the University of Namur (UNamur).

The advantages of our collaboration:

- Teaching and Research Excellence. 29th in the Tilburg university top 100 worldwide economics schools research ranking. At European scale, ESL ranks 7th and is the first Belgian economics department.
- Strong international experience: ESL has developed a network of partner universities for exchange students and double degrees. ESL is now part of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate and Atlantis EU programs and offers internship placements worldwide;
- Internationally renowned Professors;
- A high level research carried out in internationally renowned research centers ([CORE](#), [CRED](#), [ETES](#), [IRES](#)).

URL: uclouvain.be/en/faculties/espo/esl

General information for Exchange students:
uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/espo/etudiant-international

Deadline for nominations	1 st term: by April 30 th 2023 2 nd term: by October 31 st 2023
Deadline for applications	1 st term: by May 31 st 2023 2 nd term: by November 30 th 2023
Academic calendar	Beginning of terms 1 st term: September 14 th 2023 2 nd term: February 1 st , 2024
Examination period	1 st term: from January 8 th to January 27 th 2024 2 nd term: from June 3 rd to June 29 th 2024 <i>* 3rd exam session: from August 16 to September 5, 2024</i>
Orientation session	1 st term: September 15 th 2023 2 nd term: February 2 nd 2024 <i>*might be slightly anticipated – to be confirmed</i>
Language requirements	At bachelor level, courses are mainly taught in French. At Masters level, courses are mainly taught in English. Knowledge in French and/or English is highly recommended (level B2).
Housing information	Students must apply as early as March 2023 for a UCLouvain housing (limited places, 1 st come, 1 st served): uclouvain.be/en/study/accomodation/exchange-student For alternatives, students can consult: uclouvain.be/en/study/accomodation/autres-filieres-de-logements
Living costs	Average price of UCLouvain accommodation: between €290 and €380. uclouvain.be/en/study/accomodation/chambre-en-appartement-communautaire

International office contacts

The exchanges and international masters (double degrees) are decentralized and organized by the School of Economics.

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Studying at ESL



How many courses do you have to register for?

According to the ECTS system, a normal workload of one academic year is 60 ECTS and of one semester is 30 ECTS. Although it is up to the home university to determine the exact number of credits you are required to do, the Economics School of Louvain **expects you to have a workload comparable to the one you would be required to take on at your home institution.**

Which courses?

You will find the complete list of courses and degree programs of the School of Economics on our website.

Master and bachelor course catalogue:

<https://uclouvain.be/en/faculties/espo/esl/course-catalogue.html>

Depending on your major subject area, you should select courses from the Master degree programs. Bachelor students may take courses in the Faculty of Economics, Social, Political Sciences and Communication (look for codes LECGE).

Please note that there are **only a limited number of courses given in English at the Bachelor level.**

The list of courses taught in English is available here:

<https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/espo/english-courses.html>

We allow 3rd year bachelor exchange students to take courses offered in our 1st year Master program provided they have the necessary pre-requisites.

Should your home university not allow you to take Master level courses, then you should have the necessary French language skills to attend classes in French.

Depending on the specific requirements of the home institution, and upon explicit authorization of the International Affairs coordinator, **students may be allowed to follow a limited number of courses in other degree programs (maximum 50% of their program).**

Note that at UCLouvain, Economics and Management are two different degrees taught in two different schools.

Can you attend French Courses during your stay?

You can attend French or other language courses at the Institut des Langues Vivantes (ILV).

- If the language course is part of your learning agreement, you are allowed to attend courses without extra charge, max. 3 French courses and max 6 ECTS/semester in other languages.
- If it is not part of your learning agreement, you can attend courses for all the languages EXCEPT English, Dutch and Spanish. You will be considered a “free student” (standard fees and enrolment process).
- For additional information regarding language courses, please refer to the ILV Website.

<https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/ilv>

Grading Scale

ECTS Grade	Definition	ECTS percentage	UCL Grade
A	EXCELLENT	16%	20-17
B	VERY GOOD	25%	16-15
C	GOOD	27.3%	14-13
D	SATISFACTORY	21.8%	12-11
E	SATISFACTORY	9.8%	10
F	FAIL		Under 10

Exams and results

Registration to exams is done via your 'virtual office' accessible on the MyUCL home page. Exam registration dates are specified in the ESL Calendar (see on the webpage of the Economics School of Louvain – Students' portal).




Students have to sit exams for the subjects for which he or she has not yet obtained a satisfactory result or for which he or she has not yet sat the exam.

Each exam however can only be sat twice during the year. See our examination rules.

Students are strongly encouraged to **attend courses from the very beginning of term**, in order to increase their chances of passing their exams at UCLouvain.

At the end of your stay a Transcript of records will be sent to the departmental coordinator of your home institution. This document is exclusively for academic recognition of courses taken at UCLouvain by the home university.

ESL on the web

	ESL manages a Facebook page. Like us at www.facebook.com Economics School of Louvain
	ESL has its Alumni page of Linked in http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Economics-School-Louvain-Alumni
	Watch our videos http://www.youtube.com/user/TheEconomicsSchool