



# International Exchange Programs

## Economics School of Louvain

### Exchange Factsheet – 2022-2023

#### The Catholic University of Louvain (UCLouvain) An international campus

Since its foundation in 1425, "openness to the world" has been at the core of UCL's 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, CEMS, 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/joint degrees (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: <https://uclouvain.be/en/faculties/espo/esl>

#### General information for Exchange students:

<https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/espo/etudiant-international.html>

<b>Deadline for nominations</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> term: by April 30 <sup>th</sup> 2022 2 <sup>nd</sup> term: by October 31 <sup>st</sup> 2022
<b>Deadline for applications</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> term: by May 31 <sup>st</sup> 2022 2 <sup>nd</sup> term: by November 30 <sup>th</sup> 2022
<b>Academic calendar (beginning of terms)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> term: September 12 <sup>th</sup> 2022 2 <sup>nd</sup> term: January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2023
<b>Examination period</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> term: from January 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup> 2023 2 <sup>nd</sup> term: from May 29 <sup>th</sup> to June 24 <sup>th</sup> 2023 <small>*Potential 3<sup>rd</sup> exam session: from August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022</small>
<b>Orientation session</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> term: September 12 <sup>th</sup> 2022 2 <sup>nd</sup> term: January 27 <sup>th</sup> 2023 <small>*might be slightly anticipated – to be confirmed</small>
<b>Language requirements</b>	At bachelor level, courses are mainly taught in French. At Masters level, courses are mainly taught in English. The list of courses taught in English is available here: <a href="https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/espo/english-courses.html">https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/espo/english-courses.html</a> . Knowledge in French and English is highly recommended (level B1/B2).
<b>Housing information</b>	<a href="https://uclouvain.be/en/study/accomodation/exchange-student.html">https://uclouvain.be/en/study/accomodation/exchange-student.html</a> . Students must apply as early as April of the preceding year to get a place. For alternatives, students can consult: <a href="https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/espo/accommodation.html">https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/espo/accommodation.html</a>
<b>Living costs</b>	Average price of UCL accommodation: between €290 and €380. For more details see: <a href="https://uclouvain.be/en/study/accomodation/chambre-en-appartement-communautaire.html">https://uclouvain.be/en/study/accomodation/chambre-en-appartement-communautaire.html</a>

#### International office contacts

The exchanges and international masters (dual degrees) are decentralized and organized by the School of Economics (on Faculty level).

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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:

<https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/espo/etudiant-international.html>

Depending on your major subject area, you should select courses from the Master degree programs. Bachelor students may take courses in the degree program ECGE1BA.

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

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)\*.**

### 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 UCL by the home university.

## ESL on the web

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

\*At UCLouvain, Economics and Management are two different degrees.