

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: **€ 370** /month (*).

The average price for a single room with private comfort, e.g. a private toilet or kitchen, is **€ 485** / month (*).

Studio: furnished, private kitchen and bathroom. Blankets, sheets and pillows are NOT provided! Average price private market: **€ 515** /month (*).

(*) Average prices for previous academic year.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021

Monday 7 September till Sunday 20 September 2020	<p>Enrolment and welcome for all new incoming international students</p> <p>Compulsory Enrolment Sessions for EXCHANGE students of Campus Leuven & Campus Group T Leuven</p> <p>Welcome and information sessions</p> <p>https://www.kuleuven.be/english/student services/pangaea/orientation-days</p>
Monday 21 September 2020	Opening ceremony of the academic year 2020-2021
Tuesday 22 September 2020	Start of classes in the first semester of 2020-2021
Saturday 19 December 2020	End of classes in the first semester
Saturday 19 December 2020 till Sunday 3 January 2021	Christmas and New Year holidays
Monday 04 January – Sunday 10 January 2021	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 11 January – Saturday 30 January 2021	First semester exams (*)
7 days after the announcement of the exam results	Period for consultation of the exams (**).
Tuesday 02 February 2021	Patron's Feast Day – university offices will be closed!
Monday 01 February – Sunday 07 February 2021	Mid-year break. No classes
Monday 1 February till Sunday 7 February 2021	<p>Enrolment and welcome for all new incoming international students</p> <p>Compulsory Enrolment Sessions for EXCHANGE students of Campus Leuven & Campus Group T Leuven</p> <p>Welcome and information sessions</p> <p>https://www.kuleuven.be/english/student services/pangaea/orientation-days</p>
Monday 8 February 2021	Start of classes in the second semester
Saturday 3 April 2021 – Sunday 18 April 2021	Easter holidays
Saturday 22 May 2021	End of classes in the second semester
Sunday 23 May 2021 – Sunday 6 June 2021	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 07 June 2021 – Saturday 26 June 2021	Second semester exams (*)
7 days after the announcement of the exam results	Period for consultation of the exams (**).
Monday 16 August 2021	Start of the registration period for 2021-2022
Monday 16 August – Saturday 04 Sept. 2021	Examination retakes for failed students 2020-2021 (*)
7 days after the announcement of the exam results	Period for consultation of the exams (**).
Monday 27 September 2021	Opening ceremony of the academic year 2021-2022
(*) 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 3 August 2020 till Friday 28 August 2020** (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 **€ 400** 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 attend one of the **Compulsory Enrolment Sessions for Exchange Students at KU Leuven** for which you have already registered.

In case you will arrive **AFTER** all the **Compulsory Enrolment Sessions for Exchange Students at KU Leuven** have taken place you will have to report to **Registrar's Office, Naamsestraat 22, 3000 Leuven**.

<https://www.kuleuven.be/studentenadministratie/en/index.html>

1. your identity card or passport and a **PHOTOCOPY** of the identity page of your ID-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. a photocopy (print out) of 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 attend one of the **Compulsory Enrolment Sessions for Exchange Students at KU Leuven** for which you have already registered.

In case you will arrive **AFTER** all the **Compulsory Enrolment Sessions for Exchange Students at KU Leuven** have taken place you will have to report to **International Student Accounting and Mobility, Naamsestraat 63, 3000 Leuven**.

<https://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/contact>

1. your passport, with "Authorisation for provisional sojourn" (student visa) if required (for stays longer than 90 days) and a **PHOTOCOPY** of the identity page of your passport
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. a photocopy (print out) of 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>

Compulsory Enrolment Sessions for Exchange Students at KU Leuven:

<https://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/Leuven>

<https://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/group>