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 outwardlooking 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 Erasmus students
- > Practical information

For Partners

- > Partner universities
- > Institutional Mobility Coordinator/Head of Student Mobility Office: Gaël VANDERBROUCKE, mobilite@ulb.be
- > Erasmus+ Agreements: Julie SEPULCHRE, julie.sepulchre@ulb.be

CAMPUS LOCATION

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

> Maps and directions



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)

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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

ERASMUS+ CONTACTS, NOMINATION & APPLICATION PROCEDURES

CENTRALISED FACULTIES

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

Nomination procedure

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

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.

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Semester 1 and full academic year: 15 MAY

Semester 2: 15 OCTOBER

Semester 1 and full academic year: 1 JUNE

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.

- ArchitectureZohra CHENTOUF / intarchi@ulb.be
- Philosophy and Social Sciences
 Isabelle BEAUCHAMP / pipsin@ulb.be
- Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management

Anne GEORGES / anne.georges@ulb.be

Translation and Interpreting (ISTI-Cooremans)
 Nathalie BREMEELS / erasmus.ti.ltc@ulb.be



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

Medicine
 Kristela BABIC / erasmus.medecine@ulb.be



Nomination procedure:

Semester 1 and Semester 2: 15 MAY

Application procedure:

Semester 1 and Semester 2: 1 JUNE

TRAINEESHIP request

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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THESIS request

SMS or SMP programme, a written authorisation from the ULB promoter will have to be provided for SMS and SMP programmes:

Semester 1: 1 JUNE - Semester 2: 15 OCTOBER Info: Alice HOSLET alice.hoslet@ulb.be

EXCHANGE-RELATED INFORMATION

Calendar 2025-2026

> 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** (CEFR Level) is required for courses in French. However, a **B2** level is **recommended** by most faculties. No certificate is requested (except for the Faculty of Architecture) For non-native English speakers, a **minimum** level of **B1** (CEFR Level) is required for courses in English. However, a **B2** level is **recommended** by most faculties. Proof of language proficiency might be requested by some faculties.

We trust our partners to ensure that their nominated students meet those requirements upon arrival.

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 ccan also provide incoming students with advice and assistance on many aspects of student housing:

> office.du.logement@ulb.be

Health insurance

EU students must hold a valid European Health Insurance Card covering them for the entire duration of their exchange stay.



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

Cost of living

- Private student accommodation (off campus): from 500 € to 800 € per month
- Food: 250 €/month
- Public transport: 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

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 ULB.

- > esn ulb brussels@esnbelgium.org
- > Facebook.com/esnulbbrussels

For your info

> International Student guide