



UNIVERSITÉ
LIBRE
DE BRUXELLES

Brussels' largest university at the heart of Europe

The capital of Europe

A strategic location

2 hours from London, 1 hour and 20 minutes
from Paris, 2 hours from Amsterdam

An international city

Population of 1 million, 33% of international origin,
104 languages spoken

An international decision-making centre

European institutions, NATO

At the heart of Europe



Brussels' largest university at the heart of Europe

At the heart of Brussels

3 campuses: Solbosch, Plaine and Erasme

3 sites: Flagey, Usquare and City Centre

Also in Charleroi

Gosselies and UCharleroi campuses

At the heart of Belgium





38,500
students



200,000
alumni



123
buildings



12
faculties



8
libraries
and learning centres



1
teaching hospital and
over 10 hospitals in
the ULB network



6,300
employees



1,600
faculty staff/academics



1,750
admin/support staff



3,200
scientific staff

Unrestricted research, at the frontiers of knowledge, open to society

Our research straddles the divide between basic research, constantly pushing back the boundaries of knowledge, and research with a social focus, converting these advances into innovations to strengthen the socio-economic fabric and address major contemporary challenges..



Human and technical resources



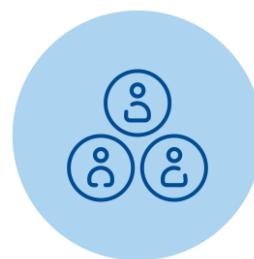
4,300

researchers



250

PhDs awarded
every year



over 2,200

doctoral
students



over €260m

invested in research per
year

Advanced research conducted within 12 faculties and schools
and 200 research units

16 inter-faculty institutes focused on major contemporary challenges

European
politics (IEE)

Neuroscience
(UNI)

Bioinformatics
(IB²)

Oncology
(U-CRC)

Sport
(U-IRIS)

Global studies
(ICAS, MSH)

Health
innovation (I³h)

Brussels
studies (EBxl)

Immunology
(U-CRI)

Space
research (BLU)

Artificial
intelligence
(FARI)

Transformation
and
sustainable
development
(iiTSE, Transfo)

Autism (ACTE)

Gender
(STRIGES)

An institute of advanced study, **BrIAS** 17 technology and service platforms

- Flow cytometry
- Sequencing
- Microscopy
- Molecular imaging
- Neuroimaging
- Nuclear magnetic resonance imaging
- Geoscience
- Mobile robotics
- Transgenesis
- Digital technology
- Public policy



A responsible approach

Integrity and ethics guarantee transparency and respect for scientific principles.

Animal well-being: member of EARA, European Animal Research Association.

Open science: collaboration and sharing throughout the research process.

Committee on Compliance with International Law and Dual Use.

Research for and with society

An active contributor to culture, the dissemination of knowledge and the promotion of the scientific method.

Presentations, exhibitions, events, artistic and cultural (co-)creation, citizen science, scientific experts in the press, Prisme webzine, ULB podcasts, The Conversation, games ...



Scientific excellence



4 out of 6
Belgian Nobel laureates

Jules Bordet
1919, Medicine

Ilya Prigogine
1977, Chemistry

Albert Claude
1974, Medicine

François Englert
2013, Physics

1

Fields Medal

3

Wolf
Prizes

2

Abel Prizes

1

Balzan Prize

Since 2000

5

Francqui Prizes

9

FNRS Quinquennial Prizes

70

European Research
Council grants

Economic links

BIOPARK CHARLEROI



3

ULB research institutes



1

training centre



37,500 m²

of dedicated infrastructure



over 100

companies



3,500

qualified professionals



130

active technologies



90

patent families



33

active spin-offs



4 incubators:

- CapInnove
- EEBIC
- A6K
- BioPark Charleroi

High-quality teaching

ULB is committed to training its students in responsible citizenship, helping them move from teaching to learning and preparing them for a world that is constantly evolving.



A comprehensive university



40,000

enrolments



12

faculties



41

bachelor's degrees



180

master's degrees

Classes in **French** but also partly or entirely in **English**

Faculties

ULB FACULTÉ
DE PHILOSOPHIE ET
SCIENCES SOCIALES

ULB FACULTÉ DE LETTRES,
TRADUCTION ET
COMMUNICATION

ULB FACULTÉ
DE DROIT ET
DE CRIMINOLOGIE

ULB SOLVAY BRUSSELS
SCHOOL ECONOMICS
& MANAGEMENT

ULB INSTITUT
D'ÉTUDES
EUROPÉENNES

ULB FACULTÉ
D'ARCHITECTURE
LA CAMBRE HORTA

ULB ÉCOLE
POLYTECHNIQUE
DE BRUXELLES

ULB FACULTÉ
DES
SCIENCES

ULB ÉCOLE
DE BIOINGÉNERIE
DE BRUXELLES

ULB FACULTÉ
DE
PHARMACIE

ULB FACULTÉ
DE
MÉDECINE

ULB FACULTÉ DES
SCIENCES DE LA
MOTRICITÉ HUMAINE

ULB ÉCOLE
DE SANTÉ
PUBLIQUE

ULB FACULTÉ DE PSYCHOLOGIE,
DES SCIENCES DE L'ÉDUCATION
ET DE LOGOPÉDIE

Open to innovation

Institutional support for innovative teaching ideas

SimLabs, AI in education, advanced facilities, FabLab, educational pharmaceutical dispensary, flipped classrooms, Syllabus 21 ...

Teaching support unit

Teacher training and educational technology training, dedicated digital tools, support for innovative teaching ideas, professional recording studio ...

Quality unit

Support for course evaluations, action plans and monitoring in collaboration with the faculties.



Artificial intelligence

Teaching, research, scientific communication and institutional policy – AI is coming to life at ULB

ULB draws on AI as an educational tool that supplements basic skills, never as a substitute for human thought.

- **Objective:** training students to adopt a critical, responsible, independent approach to generative AI.
- Study programmes are adapted to incorporate changes in subjects and teaching methods brought about by AI.



Artificial intelligence

Institutional training plan

Academ-IA plan: interdisciplinary programme for AI training and support

Training in:

- critical thinking and the scientific method in the age of AI
- incorporating AI into education (teaching & assessment)
- the ethics of digital technology and AI

Development of new provisions:

- interdisciplinary chairs in AI
- new bachelor's degree in digital technology
- continuing education in ethics and AI



2500+ members of the ULB community have already received training

Spectrum of support

Before university

- **Competitive entrance examinations** (Polytechnique, medicine, dentistry and veterinary science)
- **Additional school year of preparatory science study**
- **Preparatory courses:** maths, physics, chemistry, biology, languages ...
- **Methodology and practice of French at university**

During university

 Learning Support Service
(SAA)

- Methodological, subject-specific and technology support
- Support during exam preparation
- Guidance and tutoring
- Individual or group coaching
- Success support fund

 Student Welfare Office
(SSE)

- Enrolment fee grants
- Course materials
- Housing
- Students with disabilities or specific needs
- Meals for €2 in university canteens
- Welcome Desk for refugees

Starter kit for student life

Support, catering, housing, libraries, sport,
health...

All the info you need:

ulb.be/mavie

Continuing education



over **180**
certificates



over **150**
courses leading to
qualifications



over **4,000**
learners every year

A progressive university

Committed to health

- Through its Erasme teaching hospital and a huge hospital network across Brussels (HUB) and Wallonia

Committed to education

- Schola ULB**, free tutoring that has already helped over 50,000 school pupils
- Université des enfants**, science workshops delivered to over 2,800 pupils
- Support for **innovative new secondary schools** (“écoles plurielles”)



Committed to social causes throughout its history



Female emancipation

Belgium's first female students at ULB in 1880; University now committed to its gender policy



International cooperation

Since 1938



Critical thinking

Principle of free enquiry enshrined in our statutes in 1894



Countering fascism

The University closed in 1941 to resist the Nazi occupiers



Social policy

Student accommodation from 1932



Equality

Nelson Mandela,
Doctor Honoris Causa

Committed to social causes throughout its history



Ethical debate

Liberalisation of abortion, euthanasia,
Committee on Compliance with International
Law and Dual Use



Solidarity with refugees

Grants and a Welcome Desk for refugee
students since 2015



Fairness and success

- Schola, 3,000 pupils helped every year by 450 student tutors in 130 primary and secondary schools
- Full range of educational support services



Sustainable development

2019: Adoption of a Climate Plan
2022: First sustainability report

Two Nobel Peace Prizes



1913

Henri La Fontaine

Committed to peace and promoting international law to resolve conflicts between nations



2018

Dr Denis Mukwege

Committed to ending the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war

Committed to sustainable development



59,349 t CO₂

of direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions
in 2024 (all scopes),
down 7% since 2018



12,500 m²

of solar panelling on our Brussels campuses,
delivering almost 2150 kWp



163,400 m²

of green spaces on our Brussels campuses



71%

of employees travel to ULB on foot,
by bike or on public transport



97%

of students travel to ULB on foot,
by bike or on public transport

International cooperation



A ULB priority

The University develops long-term partnerships based on the mutual advancement of academic communities, either academic, scientific or administrative, in Africa, South-East Asia and Latin America.



A unique NGO: Ucoopia

- Project management and coordination in nine countries: Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Guinea, Peru, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Senegal
- Education in global citizenship and solidarity for the student community



The FOSFOM fund collaborates with 13 medical faculties in partner countries

- Over 60 grants a year provide advanced training for specialist candidates at hospitals in the ULB network

2025–2026 61 researchers from countries with cooperation partnerships hosted for (post-)doctoral studies

2026–2027 13 cooperation projects supported by ARES

Let's decolonise: a different vision

Thinking about the colonial inheritance, the dynamics of decolonisation and awareness of the importance of decolonisation issues in the university community

A fundamentally international university

At ULB, international openness is not just an indicator of our reach. Our institution has been built over nearly two centuries on the conviction that knowledge knows no borders. Teaching, learning, research, innovation – none of these priorities can be fully satisfied today without global dialogue.



30.5%

international students

From:

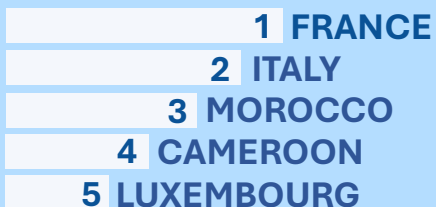
EU (exc. Belgium): 21%

Non-EU: 10%

over 11,700 international students

Top 5

student nationalities



32%

international staff

From:

EU (exc. Belgium): 22%

Non-EU: 10%

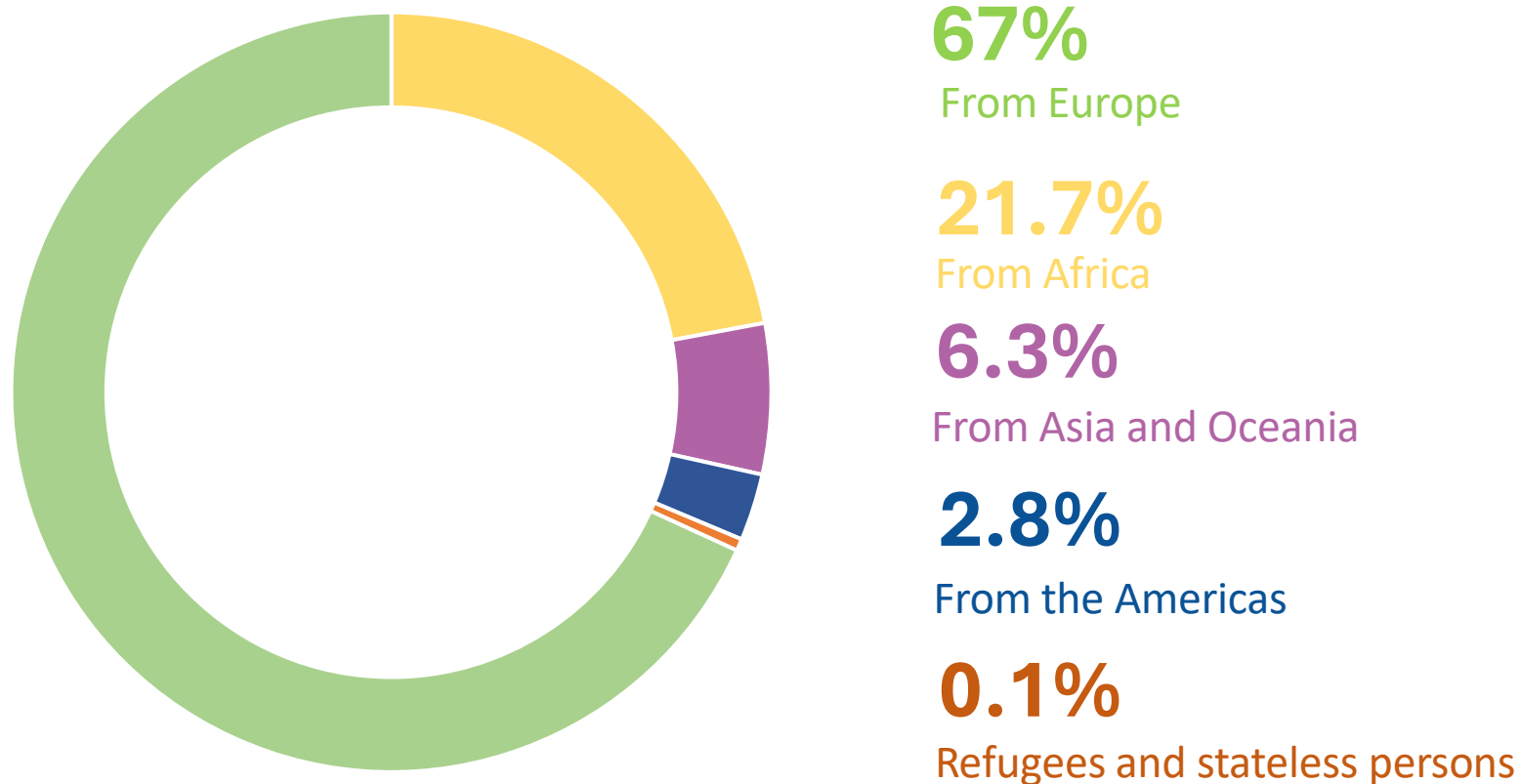
over 1,800 staff members across all roles

Top 5

staff nationalities



Multicultural: 30.5% international students



International collaboration and hosting



644 partner institutions in **87** countries



1800 students on mobility programmes/year
1000 outbound and 800 inbound



57 universities in **42** European capitals



International Welcome Desk
Service dedicated to welcoming international visitors



50 liaison offices representing
150 universities in Europe and Japan



6 active Erasmus Mundus programmes

International associations

EUA – European University Association

AIU – Association internationale des universités

AUF – Agence universitaire de la francophonie

Special partners

An international university



 UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

 UNIVERSITY OF
OXFORD

 Unil.
Université
de Montréal

 Université Cheikh
Anta Diop Dakar

 Université de
Lubumbashi

 USP
Universidade
de São Paulo

 WASEDA University

International Francophone collaborations

G3 – UCAD



UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL
UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE
UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES



Cheikh Anta Diop
University,
Dakar (UCAD)



A shared fund of €75,000 a year to
finance joint activities



About 40 projects selected for a total of
€700,000



Six calls for proposals for educational,
scientific or administrative collaboration
since 2012



Development of joint PhD programmes,
internships and “triangular” student
mobility

Three strategic focuses:

Innovation

Responsibility

Francophonie

CIVIS European alliance

An international university



- AMU AIX-MARSEILLE UNIVERSITÉ
- NKUA NATIONAL & KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS
- ULB UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES
- UB UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST
- UOFG UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW
- UNIL UNIVERSITÉ DE LAUSANNE
- UAM UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE MADRID
- SUR SAPIENZA UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA
- PLUS PARIS LODRON UNIVERSITÄT SALZBURG
- SU STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY
- UT UNIVERSITY OF TUBINGEN
- UH2C UNIVERSITÉ HASSAN II DE CASABLANCA
- UCAD UNIVERSITÉ CHEIKH ANTA DIOP DE DAKAR
- WITS UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND
- MAK MAKERERE UNIVERSITY
- UEM UNIVERSIDADE EDUARDO MONDLANE
- USF UNIVERSITY OF SFAX





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