



Key Data for Exchange Programmes

Faculty of Bioscience Engineering (FBSE) – KU Leuven

Educational possibilities

Course catalogue

Exchange students at the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering can select courses of one of its six MSc programmes taught in English, as long as the prerequisites of the courses are met. In addition, exchange students can follow a limited number of courses at the other faculties of KU Leuven, as long as the majority of the courses are followed at the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering.

Website FBSE : <https://www.biw.kuleuven.be/english/futurestudents/possibilities#courses>

Website KU Leuven: <https://onderwijsaanbod.kuleuven.be/opleidingen/e/index.htm>

Erasmus dissertation

The main focus of the Erasmus Dissertation is on experimental work that has to be carried out in an independent way under the guidance of a promotor, who is a member of the academic staff of the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering. A minimum stay of one semester is required. Students can take additional courses up to 10 ECTS credits when staying for one semester, or up to 40 credits when staying for two semesters. To be admitted for an Erasmus Dissertation, prior written approval of a member of the academic staff of the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering is required. The subject of the Dissertation has to be agreed on with this promotor. Students should inquire individually with a possible promotor doing research in their field of interest.

Information about ongoing research and contact information for the corresponding professors are available on the following website: <https://www.biw.kuleuven.be/english/research/index>

Website FBSE : <https://www.biw.kuleuven.be/english/futurestudents/possibilities#courses>

Research for Master thesis

Students also have the possibility to do research at our university as part of their Master thesis at their home university the so called 'Research project Erasmus'. These students only do the research part of their Master thesis at KU Leuven during three or four months. After the research, the student goes back to their home university to finalize the research and write the Master thesis.

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Erasmus placements

Student mobility for placements enables students at higher education institutions to spend a placement (traineeship/internship) period between 3 months and 12 months in an enterprise or organisation in another participating country. The research groups at KU Leuven might act as a host organisation. Students considering this possibility need to contact their home coordinator.

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KU Leuven credit and grading system

Credit system: <https://www.kuleuven.be/english/education/ects>

Grading system: <https://www.kuleuven.be/english/education/ects/positioning/perfaculty#bio>

Housing

University residence halls

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, etc.) 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 <http://www.kuleuven.be/housing-leuven>

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.*

Language requirements

Students taking courses (and consequently also exams) in English should have a proficient knowledge of both written and spoken English. For applicants from countries where English is not the language of instruction this level corresponds to a score of at least 550 on the TOEFL-test (or a score of at least 213 on a computer TOEFL test or at least 79 on the TOEFL iBT) or a score of at least 6.5 on the IELTS-test.

However, **exchange students do not need an official language certificate** to study at the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering

Website: <https://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/lang/lang-test>

Introductory Dutch courses

At the request of the International Office, the **Leuven Language Institute (ILT)** organizes '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 for 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, 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/>