

BASIC INFORMATION FORM - GLOBAL CALL OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE



UNIVERSITY LOGO:

UNIVERSITY NAME: Faculty of Bioscience Engineering – KU Leuven
[Exchange programmes — Faculty of Bioscience Engineering – KU Leuven](#)

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IMPORTANT DATA:

	Semester (September 2025- February 2026)
Academic Calendar	<p>Start forecast: 22/09/2025</p> <p>End forecast: 31/01/2026</p> <p>Link: KU Leuven - Leuven — KU Leuven</p>

Deadline for receipt of application	April 30 https://www.biw.kuleuven.be/en/study/future-students/practical/practical-information-exchange-students
Documents required for postulation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application form-ONLINE 2. Learning Agreement 3. Transcript of Records 4. Copy of Id/Passport
Mandatory orientation session period (if any)	Orientation Days (not mandatory), one week before the start of the semester https://www.kuleuven.be/english/student-services/pangaea/orientation-days
Vacation	21/12/2025-11/1/2026 – course free period, but considered as study period for the exams
Period of final exams	12/01/2026-31/01/2026

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Undergraduate courses offered to foreign students	A list of courses is available for those students who prefer taking courses lectured in English at the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering. These courses come from our MSc programmes. Undergraduate students can follow the introductory courses at MSc level as long as they meet the prerequisites.
Link to courses offered and menus	https://www.biw.kuleuven.be/en/study/programmes/exchange-programmes/educational-possibilities
Undergraduate courses that require extra materials from students	Undergraduate students can follow the introductory courses at MSc level as long as they meet the prerequisites.
Number of places offered per course for subjects	Most courses don't have a numerus clausus.
Number of places offered per internship course	Educational possibilities for exchange students - Faculty of Bioscience Engineering – KU Leuven

LANGUAGE INFORMATION:

Language	Students taking courses (and consequently also exams) in English should have a proficient knowledge of both written and spoken English.
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Language level recommended by the University	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 . More information on the English proficiency tests and the minimum scores can be found on this website .
Is Proficiency Certification required? If so, which one?	Exchange students do not require an official test certificate

COMMITMENTS OF THE MEMBERSHIP INSTITUTION:

Will there be total exemption from academic fees?	Yes, as agreed in our Billateral Agreement
Will the University offer free accommodation and/or food to students?	<p>No.</p> <p>But the KU Leuven has reserved about 400 of its 2000 non-subsidized university residence rooms to house international students. These rooms are randomly located amongst rooms for Flemish students and they are spread over 13 residences across the City of Leuven. The offer of rooms in university residences is limited.</p> <p>Most exchange students stay in individual rooms with shared facilities in houses on the local private housing market.</p> <p>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: € 480 /month. The average price for a single room with private comfort, e.g. a private toilet or kitchen, is € 600 / month.</p>

	<p>Studio: furnished, private kitchen and bathroom. Blankets, sheets and pillows are NOT provided! Average price private market: between € 700 and € 780 /month.</p> <p>Website: https://www.kuleuven.be/english/studentservices/housing-leuven#</p>
<p>Accommodation conditions (if applicable)</p>	
<p>Feeding conditions (if applicable)</p>	
<p>Conditions of scholarship payment by the host institution (if applicable)</p>	
<p>From the student's arrival, estimated time for the scholarship payment (if applicable)</p>	
<p>Benefit period (if applicable)</p>	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED:

Travel information	https://feb.kuleuven.be/eng/international/information-package/get-to-your-location
Average cost of living in the city (monthly money recommendation)	https://www.kuleuven.be/english/life-at-ku-leuven/money-matters/cost-of-living-in-belgium
Does the Institution have a University Restaurant?	Yes, ALMA Catering has 8 subsidised student restaurants https://www.alma.be/en
Average cost of the University Restaurant	€4.95 - €7.00
Does the University have accommodation?	Yes
Average cost of university accommodation	https://www.kuleuven.be/english/student-services/housing-leuven#
Accommodation options in the city (if possible, indicate the average monthly cost)	https://www.kuleuven.be/english/life-at-ku-leuven/housing
Estimated additional costs per month that the student will incur	https://www.kuleuven.be/english/life-at-ku-leuven/money-matters/cost-of-living-in-belgium
Information about Visa formalities	https://www.kuleuven.be/english/life-at-ku-leuven/immigration-residence
Information about Medical insurance	https://www.kuleuven.be/english/life-at-ku-leuven/



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Other necessary information	

Photo gallery of student residences / Suggested webpage for renting properties:

<https://www.kuleuven.be/english/life-at-ku-leuven/housing>