



INTERNATIONALE RELATIES
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YOUR EXCHANGE AT VUB

YOUR STAY IN BRUSSELS

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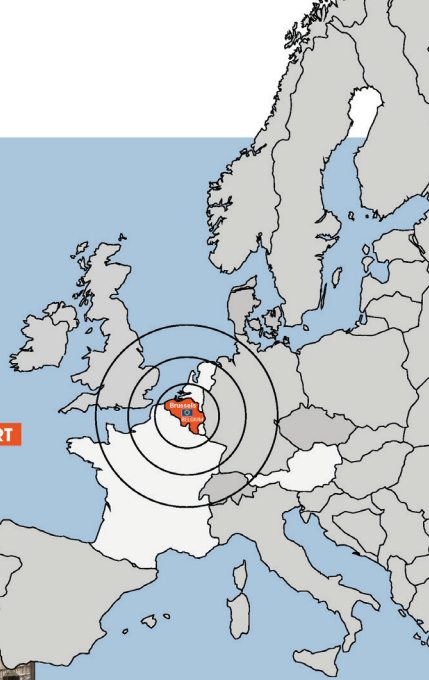
FROM BRUSSELS TO

London	2 hours
Paris	1 hour 20 min.
Frankfurt	3 hours
Amsterdam	2 hours



ETTERBEEK ↔ ZAVENTEM AIRPORT

25 minutes



BRUSSELS, HOME TO VUB, CAPITAL OF EUROPE:

- at the heart of Europe
- within easy reach by train or plane
- houses many international and European organisations
- home to one of the world's largest diplomatic and press communities
- 33% of its population is foreign
- 104 different languages spoken
- multilingual, multicultural

VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL (VUB):

- over 18,500 students, 144 different nationalities
- 4 campuses, 8 faculties
- 1 university hospital
- in top 200 worldwide in QS World University Rankings 2021
- #59 in Reuters most innovative universities 2019

STUDY FIELDS:

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| Political Sciences | History |
| Sociology | Art Sciences & Archaeology |
| Communication Studies | Linguistics & Literary Studies: FR, IT, ES, NL, EN, DE |
| Applied Economics | Applied Linguistics: FR, IT, ES, NL, EN, DE |
| Business Economics | Psychology |
| Management | Adult Educational Sciences |
| Medicine | Education Sciences |
| Pharmacy | Law |
| Biomedical Sciences | Criminology |
| Architectural Engineering | Bioengineering Sciences |
| Electrical Engineering | Geography |
| Chemical Engineering | Mathematics |
| Civil Engineering | Computer Science |
| Engineering Technology | Biology |
| Materials Science | Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management |
| Mechanical Engineering | Chemistry |
| Hydrology | Physics and Astronomy |
| Industrial Engineering | Urban Studies |
| Biomedical Engineering | Urban Design & Spatial Planning |
| Applied Computer Science | |
| Photonics | |
| Physical Education | |
| Physiotherapy | |
| Philosophy | |

FOUNDATION **€97,650,000** RESEARCH BUDGET **€240,000,000** TURNOVER

1834 **1969-1970** **31 BACHELORS** **1,754 PhDs** IN **3 DOCTORAL SCHOOLS**

74 MASTERS **23 ADVANCED MASTERS**

8 FACULTIES **21 POSTGRADUATES**

18,500 **BRUSSELS HUMANITIES, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING CAMPUS**

OF WHICH 23.5% INTERNATIONAL SPREAD ACROSS 4 CAMPUSES

144 NATIONALITIES **3,391** PERSONNEL

BRUSSELS HEALTH CAMPUS

+ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS **BRUSSELS PHOTONICS CAMPUS** **369,234** CONSULTATIONS

>60,000 **ALUMNI** **3,691** PERSONNEL **721** BEDS

31,501 HOSPITALISATIONS **20,000** STUDENTS (VUB + Erasmus Hogeschool Brussel)

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ACCOMMODATION:

Rooms on the Brussels Humanities, Sciences & Engineering Campus have been reserved for exchange students. Other options off campus are also available. On average, you'd pay between €350-€500 a month.

VISA/HEALTH INSURANCE:

3 elements play a role:

- How long you will stay in Belgium (more than/less than 90 days)
- Your nationality (EEA* or non-EEA)
- Purpose of your stay (e.g. study)

Visas must always be obtained in country of origin. ID-cards will always be obtained in Belgium.

Health insurance is mandatory - contact us for more info.

ORIENTATION DAYS:

The days leading up to the start of the academic year, we organise Orientation Days. We encourage you to attend events during these days, so you get acquainted with Brussels, the university, and various procedures to help you settle in and feel at home.

FACILITIES AT VUB:

Student organisations, sports complex, swimming pool, gym, restaurant with student-friendly prices, campus with green open spaces, and much more!

DEADLINES:

Autumn Semester or full year:

- nomination: 1 May
- application: 1 June

Spring Semester:

- nomination: 1 October
- application: 1 November

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered

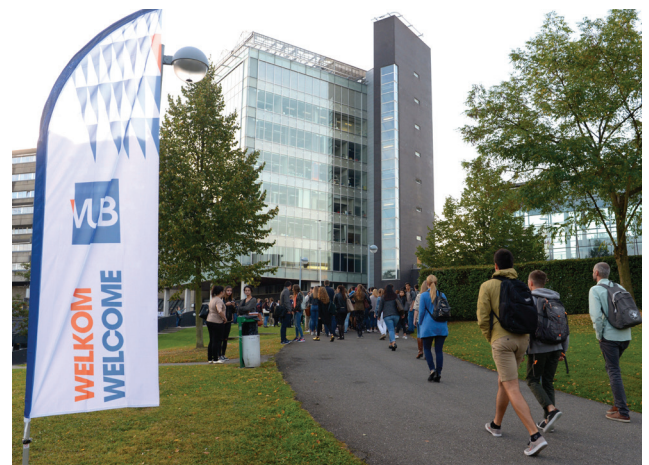
HOW TO APPLY:

1. Check if your home university/faculty has an agreement with VUB
2. The home university officially nominates students via email to exchange.incoming@vub.be
3. VUB sends nominated students a link to the online application form. This needs to be filled in with academic and personal details, and the Learning Agreement and required application documents need to be uploaded:
 - transcript of records
 - proof of language competency
 - proof of health insurance (if relevant)
 - copy ID-card/passport
 - passport photo
4. Evaluation/Selection

ACADEMIC YEAR:

Autumn Semester: mid-September-Mid-February

Spring Semester: mid-February-Mid-July



MORE INFORMATION:

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* EEA = European Economic Area



WHAT DOES VUB HAVE TO OFFER?

- An international university in an international city at the heart of Europe
- High-quality research and tailor-made education: you are not a number.
- We actively contribute to a more sustainable future for tomorrow
- We have a rich history going back to 1834.

AND BELGIUM?

- 11th in the world for higher education and training*
- 5th for healthcare and primary education*
- Home to chocolate, waffles, mussels & chips, beers, etc
- An impressive cultural heritage going back to Roman times
- Famous for its summer music festivals

VUB, like the city it calls home, is an international university, with increasing numbers of international students and staff on its campuses. As a university, it embraces all that the city stands for: welcoming, open, innovative, diverse and interesting.

Welcome to VUB. Welcome to Brussels!

"I really like my courses and although there are many processes at VUB, it is a great school. Brussels is full of young people and there is always something happening. People are very friendly. I love the diversity and multi-cultural atmosphere."

Katerina from Czech Republic, 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Email: exchange.incoming@vub.be

www.vub.be/en/international

www.facebook.com/VUBInternationalRelations

