



INTERNATIONALE RELATIES  
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**YOUR EXCHANGE AT VUB**

**YOUR STAY IN BRUSSELS**

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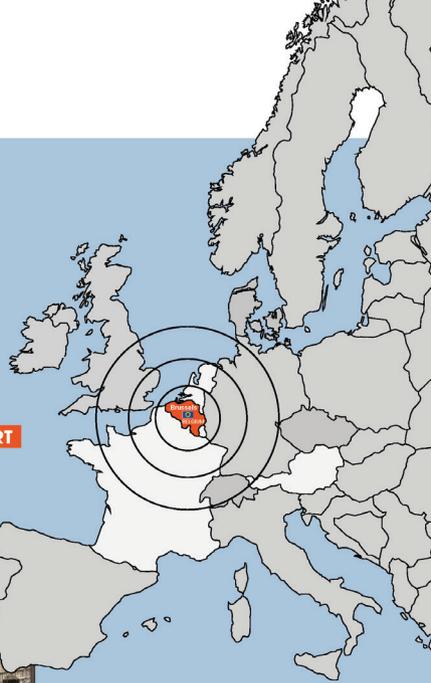
### FROM BRUSSELS TO

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 16,000 students, 128 different nationalities
- 4 campuses, 8 faculties
- 1 university hospital
- #182 worldwide in QS World University Rankings 2019
- #48 in Reuters most innovative universities 2018

## STUDY FIELDS:

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

**FOUNDATION**  €110,000,000 RESEARCH BUDGET €230,000,000 TURNOVER

  **30 BACHELORS** **1,677 PhDs** IN 3 DOCTORAL SCHOOLS

**8 FACULTIES** **75 MASTERS** **21 ADVANCED MASTERS**

**16,094** **21 POSTGRADUATES** 

**BRUSSELS HUMANITIES, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING CAMPUS**

**128** NATIONALITIES **3,282** PERSONNEL

**BRUSSELS HEALTH CAMPUS**

**+ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL BRUSSELS**

**BRUSSELS TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS** **360,765** CONSULTATIONS

**BRUSSELS PHOTONICS CAMPUS** **3,671** PERSONNEL 

**>50,000** **721** BEDS

**ALUMNI** **30,262** HOSPITALISATIONS

**UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION BRUSSELS** **19,000** 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 WEEK:

The week before classes start, we organise Orientation Week. We encourage you to attend events during Orientation Week, 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*

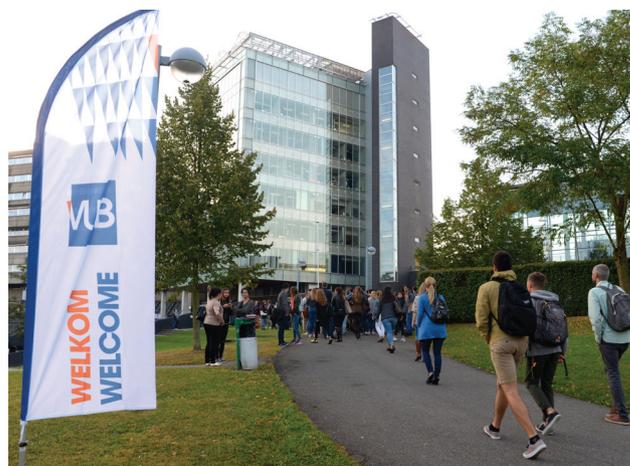
## HOW TO APPLY:

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](mailto: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!

“It was a pleasant surprise to see how the VUB Professors encouraged us to develop our own opinion. The semester abroad helped me realise what I want to do in the (near) future. I hope the friendships made during my Erasmus exchange will last for a long time”

Adéla Česeková,  
from Czech Republic, 2018

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

Email: [exchange.incoming@vub.ac.be](mailto:exchange.incoming@vub.ac.be)

[www.vub.ac.be/en/international](http://www.vub.ac.be/en/international)

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\* World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness' Index 2017-2018