

**FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE
ERASMUS INFORMATION SHEET
2025-2026**

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION	KU LEUVEN - FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE
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2 CAMPUSES

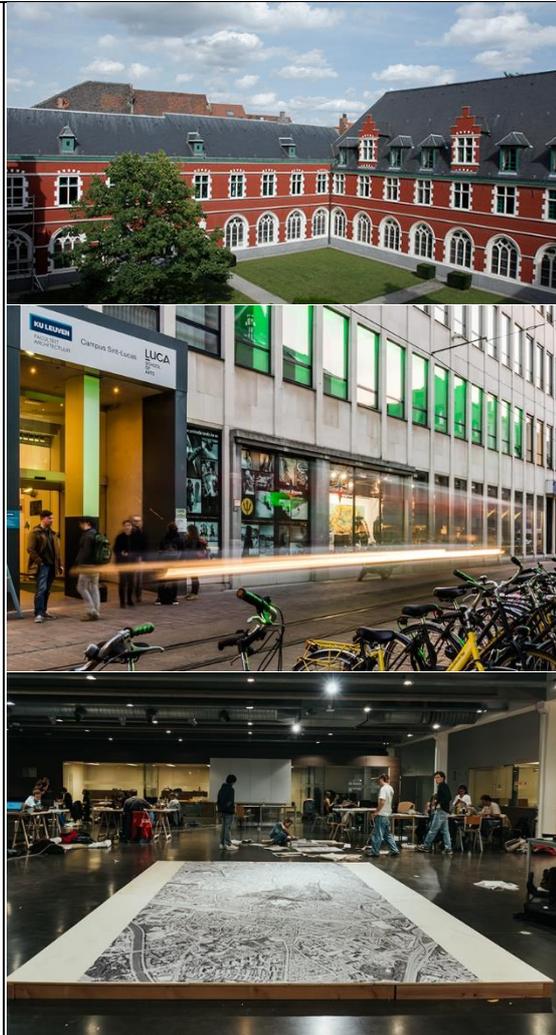
[Campus Sint-Lucas Brussels](#)

- Paleizenstraat 65/67, 1030 Brussels (main building)
- Paleizenstraat 70, 1030 Brussels (LUCA School of Arts)



[Campus Sint-Lucas Ghent](#)

- Hoogstraat 51, 9000 Ghent (main building)
- Alexianenplein 1-2, 9000 Ghent (LUCA School of Arts)
- Sint-Niklaasstraat 27, 9000 Ghent
- Leiekaai 19, 9000 Ghent



We pursue a transcampus policy. In the application tool, students choose one location for registration, but when setting up the study plan, a combination of courses from both campuses is possible (commuting takes approximately 1 hour).

PROGRAMMES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

ARCHITECTURE (master level)

Exchange students in Architecture are welcomed in our fully English taught program:
<https://arch.kuleuven.be/english/studying/students-from-abroad/programs-for-exchange-students-in-architecture>

Thesis work is not organized for exchange students!

URBAN PLANNING AND SPATIAL DESIGN (master level)

Exchange students are welcomed in the third semester of the programme at our campus in Brussels.

Find out more about the course offer on

<https://arch.kuleuven.be/english/studying/students-from-abroad/course-urban-planning>

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE (bachelor level)

Exchange students in Interior Architecture are welcomed in a fully English taught program with courses from our Interior Architecture and Architecture programs (offered in Ghent): www.interiorarchitecturekuleuven.be and

<https://arch.kuleuven.be/english/studying/programmes/interior-architecture-exchange-programme>

	<p>PhD</p> <p>Candidates are requested to forward their proposal to phd.architecture@kuleuven.be, including the invitation from a KU Leuven supervisor.</p> <p>https://architectuur.kuleuven.be/departementarchitectuur/english/research-sections/research</p>
APPLICATION CONDITIONS	<p>Exchange programme in Architecture: applicants should have obtained at least 180 ECTS prior to the exchange.</p> <p>Exchange programme in Urban Design and Spatial Planning: applicants should have obtained at least 180 ECTS prior to the exchange.</p> <p>Exchange programme in Interior Architecture: applicants should have obtained at least 120 ECTS prior to the exchange</p>
APPLICATION PROCEDURE	<p>Step 1 - Your home university should send your nomination via our nomination form (https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=m1hzOUCetU6ADrC2OD0WleNQbsehfgBCvhaRor5H-uFUN0JMVDU2QVQ0TTdNOTcyRzYzVjgzRkNXMC4u&origin=IprLink&route=shorturl).</p> <p>Step 2 - Complete the online application procedure. Please do not forget to upload the supporting documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivation letter in which you explain the choice for our programme. • Proof of enrolment at the home institution - from which your current level of study can be deducted. • Proof of language qualification. Students who do not have English as their native language are required to provide proof of good knowledge of the English language, both written and spoken (equivalent to B2 level). This may be a certificate issued by your local exchange coordinator. • Learning agreement (OLA via EWP): signed by the applicant and the home university. • Photocopy of the identity page of your passport or identity card. <p>All documents should be uploaded in PDF format. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Only applications through our online system will be considered!</p>
APPLICATION DEADLINES	<p>1st semester or full academic year: 30 April 2025</p> <p>2nd semester: 1 October 2025</p> <p>Once you are accepted as an exchange student, you will receive a letter of admission and information letter, allowing you to register as an exchange student. Late applications can be refused.</p>
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026	<p>https://arch.kuleuven.be/english/studying/overview-academic-year/overview-academic-year</p> <p>Semester 1 runs from 22/09/2025 till 31/01/2026</p> <p>Semester 2 runs from 09/02/2026 till 27/06/2026</p> <p>Before the semester starts, we organize a welcome week. You are expected to be present.</p>
INSURANCE	<p>All residents in Belgium are required by law to have health insurance. Other insurances can save you from unexpected expenses.</p> <p>More info: (Health) insurance and Social Security — (Health) Insurance and Social Security</p>
ESTIMATED COST OF LIVING	<p>How much does it cost to study and live in Belgium?</p> <p>More info via Money Matters</p>

IMMIGRATION & RESIDENCE	<p>When coming to Belgium, people with a foreign nationality may need the following documents: a visa/entry document, a work permit and a residence permit. Which specific documents you need, and how to apply for them, depends on your situation.</p> <p>More info via Immigration & Residence</p>
HOUSING	<p>The faculty does not have own student housing. That is why you will have to rent a room on the private housing market for the duration of your stay.</p> <p>To help you with your search, it is best to contact the Student Support Services: (see contact details below). The employees will put you in touch with reliable organizations in the private housing market. They also know which rooms you can rent from other students studying abroad during your stay in Belgium.</p> <p>Anke Van Riel - kot.stuvo@luca-arts.be (campus Sint-Lucas Brussels) Camiel Coppejans - stuvo.gent@luca-arts.be (campus Sint-Lucas Ghent)</p> <p>More info via Housing</p>
STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY	<p>You can apply for support to make sure you can achieve your personal and educational goals.</p> <p>Lina Mejdoubi - lina.mejdoubi@kuleuven.be (campus Sint-Lucas Brussels) Tine Dhaese - tine.dhaese@kuleuven.be (campus Sint-Lucas Ghent)</p> <p>More info via Students with a disability</p>
GRADING	<p>Grade conversion — Faculty of Architecture</p>
TRANSPORTATION	<p>NMBS/SNCB is the national railway company. Special fares apply to students under 26 years of age: https://www.belgiantrain.be/en/tickets-and-railcards/overview-products/young-child</p> <p>De Lijn organizes public transport by bus and tram in Ghent STIB-MIVB organizes public transport by bus, tram and metro in Brussels Rent a bike in Ghent Rent a bike in Brussels</p> <p>More info via Transportation</p>
IMPORTANT	<p>Some of our partner institutions also have an Erasmus agreement with KU Leuven, Faculty of Engineering Science, campus Leuven (for their programme in architectural engineering): https://eng.kuleuven.be/en/study/prospective-students/non-degree-seeking-students/exchange-procedure .</p> <p>If you would like to organize exchanges with them, your contact person is: Mrs Viktoriia Pukhyr (viktorii.pukhyr@kuleuven.be)</p>

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR APPLICATIONS!