



FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE ERASMUS INFORMATION SHEET 2021-2022

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION	KU Leuven - Faculty of Architecture
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2 CAMPUSES	<p>Campus Sint-Lucas Brussels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paleizenstraat 65/67, 1030 Brussels (main building) • Paleizenstraat 70, 1030 Brussels (LUCA School of Arts) <p>Campus Sint-Lucas Ghent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoogstraat 51, 9000 Ghent (main building) • Alexianenplein 1-2, 9000 Ghent (LUCA School of Arts) • Sint-Niklaasstraat 27, 9000 Ghent
PROGRAMMES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS	<p>ARCHITECTURE (master level) Exchange students are welcomed in the first and/or second semester of our English taught Master of Architecture (eq. to 4th year level), either in Brussels or Ghent. Currently we are implementing a change to the content and structure of the master programme. On our webpage you can find the most recent information: https://arch.kuleuven.be/english/education/masterofarchitecture/programme-information-2020-2021/.</p> <p>The design studio landscape is constructed out of 4 <i>engagements</i>: urban cultures, craftsmanship, legacies and mediating tactics. These engagements are organized across our two campuses: http://architecturemasterstudios.be (max 1 studio per semester, upon availability). You can also check: https://arch.kuleuven.be/english/education/electives (max 1 elective per semester, upon availability).</p> <p>You can select the design studio and elective of your choice in your learning agreement but know that these are subject to change based on the availability upon arrival.</p> <p>Thesis work is not organized for exchange students!</p> <p>URBAN PLANNING AND SPATIAL DESIGN (master level) Exchange students are welcomed in the third semester of the programme at our campus in Brussels.</p> <p>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.</p>



	<p>PhD</p> <p>Candidates are requested to forward their proposal via mail, including the invitation from a KU Leuven supervisor. https://architectuur.kuleuven.be/departementarchitectuur/english/research/research</p>
APPLICATION PREREQUISITES	<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 210 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 email to our International Office: international.arch@kuleuven.be before the application deadline mentioning your name, email address, field and level of study, campus of your preference and your exchange period.</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 • Proof of enrolment at the home institution - from which your current level of study can be deducted • Learning agreement: signed by the applicant and the home university • Photocopy of the identity page of your passport or identity card • 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. This may be a certificate issued by your local exchange coordinator. <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 2021 2nd semester: 1 October 2021</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 2020-2021	<p>1st semester : 20 September 2021 - 11 February 2022 2nd semester: 12 February 2022 - 1 July 2022</p> <p>https://arch.kuleuven.be/english/practical-information/overview-academic-year</p>
DUTCH LANGUAGE COURSE	<p>All courses of the exchange programmes are in English. However you might be interested in learning Dutch during your exchange period. More info: https://arch.kuleuven.be/english/international/exchange-students/languagecourses</p>
WELCOME DAYS	<p>During the registration day we will organize an general welcome, introduction and tour, the setting of administrative matters and taking in use the KU Leuven digital systems, the distribution of your student card and the registration for the courses. The detailed program will be sent later but take notice that you are there in time!</p> <p>1st semester: week of 20 September 2nd semester: week of 7 February</p>



INSURANCE	https://www.kuleuven.be/english/ services/insurances/selfsupporting
ESTIMATED COST OF LIVING	Between 500 € and 800 € / month (https://www.kuleuven.be/english/life-at-ku-leuven/money-matters/cost-of-living-in-belgium)
VISA REQUIREMENTS AND RESIDENCE PERMIT	https://www.kuleuven.be/english/life-at-ku-leuven/immigration-registration Every person without the Belgian nationality who is coming to Belgium in order to study, must have a student residence permit. Register for a residence permit in Ghent Register for a residence permit in Brussels
ACCOMMODATION	The faculty does not own student accommodation. Therefore, you will have to rent a room on the private housing market for the duration of your stay. To help you in your search, it is best to contact the department of Student Services (see contact details below). The staff will put you in touch with trustworthy organizations on the private housing market. They also know which rooms can be rented from other students who are studying abroad during your stay in Belgium. If your home country is not too far away from the Belgian city you will be studying in, it may be a good idea to pop over for a weekend and visit a number of student rooms. The price of a room, flat or studio varies according to the city, neighborhood and the type of accommodation (studios and flats are more expensive). Contact & more info: Campus Sint-Lucas Brussels: Anke Van Riel – anke.vanriel@luca-arts.be Campus Sint-Lucas Ghent: Liselotte Dobbelaere - liselotte.dobbelaere@luca-arts.be
SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY	Campus Sint-Lucas Brussels Isabelle Benoit - isabelle.benoit@kuleuven.be Campus Sint-Lucas Ghent Nathalie Vackier - nathalie.vackier@kuleuven.be
TRANSPORT	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 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
IMPORTANT	Some of our partner institutions also have an Erasmus agreement with KU Leuven, Faculty of Engineering Science, campus Leuven (for their programmes in architectural engineering): https://eng.kuleuven.be/en/study/prospective-students/non-degree-seeking-students/exchange-procedure . In case you want to organize exchanges with them, your contact person is: Mrs. Pascale Conard (https://www.kuleuven.be/wieiswie/nl/person/00075272)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR APPLICATIONS!