



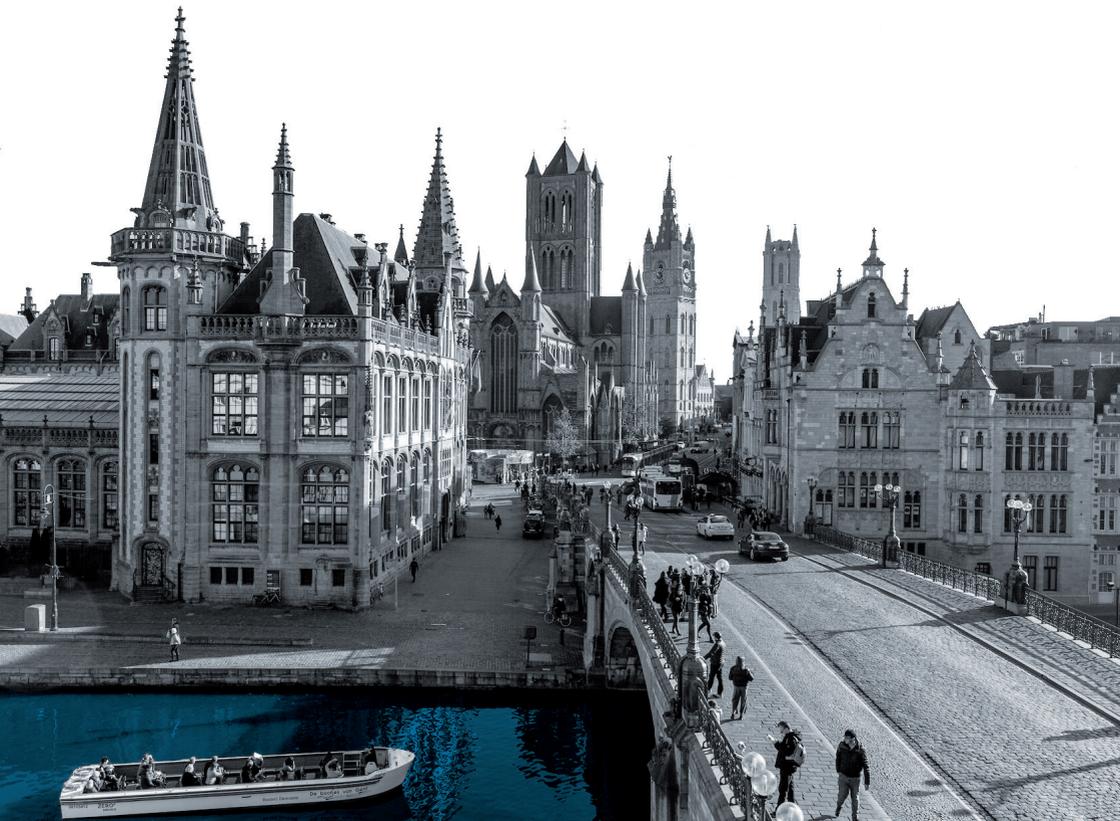
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

at the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy

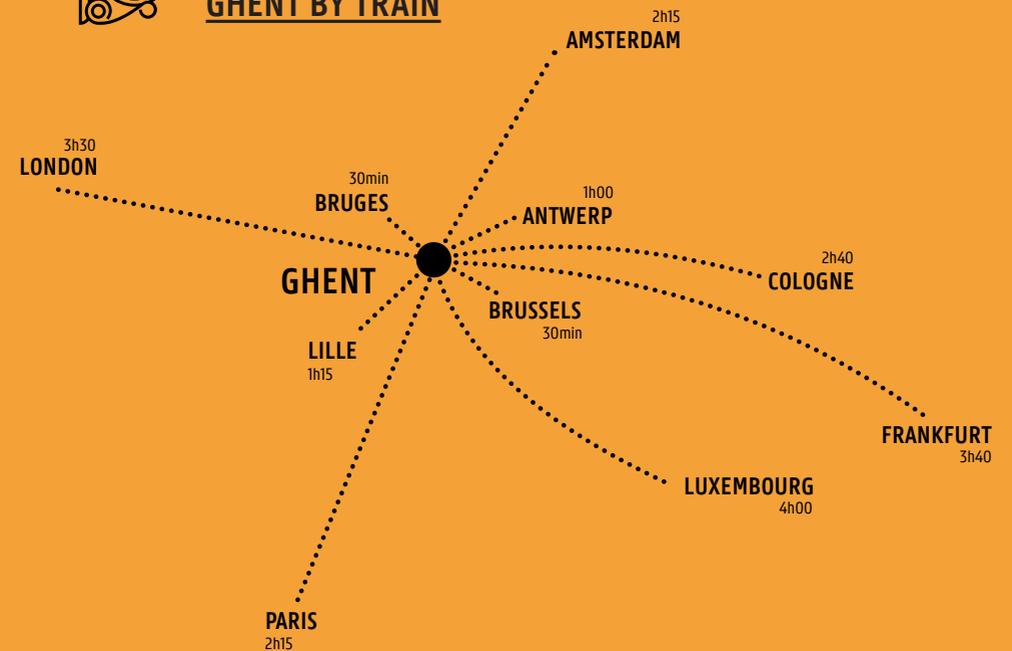


WELCOME TO GHENT

With over 250,000 inhabitants, Ghent is a vibrant and lively city in the heart of Europe. Its rich historical heritage, attractive architecture, and wonderful waterways combine with a dynamic contemporary culture that celebrates music, art, and gastronomy. Ghent's joie de vivre is sure to win you over! The city boasts a whole range of cultural activities. From theatres and concert venues to cinemas and jazz clubs: we are overflowing with things-to-do. Ghent also hosts numerous important music and film festivals every year. A small selection of our city's highlights include Van Eyck's masterpiece "The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb", the famed Ghent Festivities, an acclaimed lighting design which magically illuminates the architecture after sunset, and a food culture that caters to all tastes, including vegetarian.



TRAVEL TIME FROM GHENT BY TRAIN



Ghent is a great city for students. It attracts more than 80,000 of them, making it the largest student city in Flanders. Moreover, the university campus is spread throughout the city, which adds to its homely yet buoyant atmosphere. As a central city, Ghent is very easy to reach by car as well as by train. Brussels, Bruges, and Antwerp are only half an hour away, and Paris, London, Amsterdam, and Cologne can be reached in just a few hours.

"Make sure to visit each corner of this city, you won't regret it. And travel as much as you can, in Belgium each city is a gem in its own right."



Valentina Porcu
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore – Milano



GHENT UNIVERSITY

Ghent University, locally known as UGent, is one of the major universities in the Dutch-speaking part of Europe, with over 54,000 students. We offer quality academic teaching, excellent infrastructure, and a wide range of useful student facilities. Our 11 faculties consist of 86 departments running more than 230 outstanding academic programmes, all of which are inspired by innovative research. UGent prides itself on being a pluralistic university with a strong international outlook. It ranked 66th in the 2020 Shanghai Ranking of World Universities, making it the highest-ranked university in Belgium, and 103rd in the 2020 Times Higher Education Ranking.



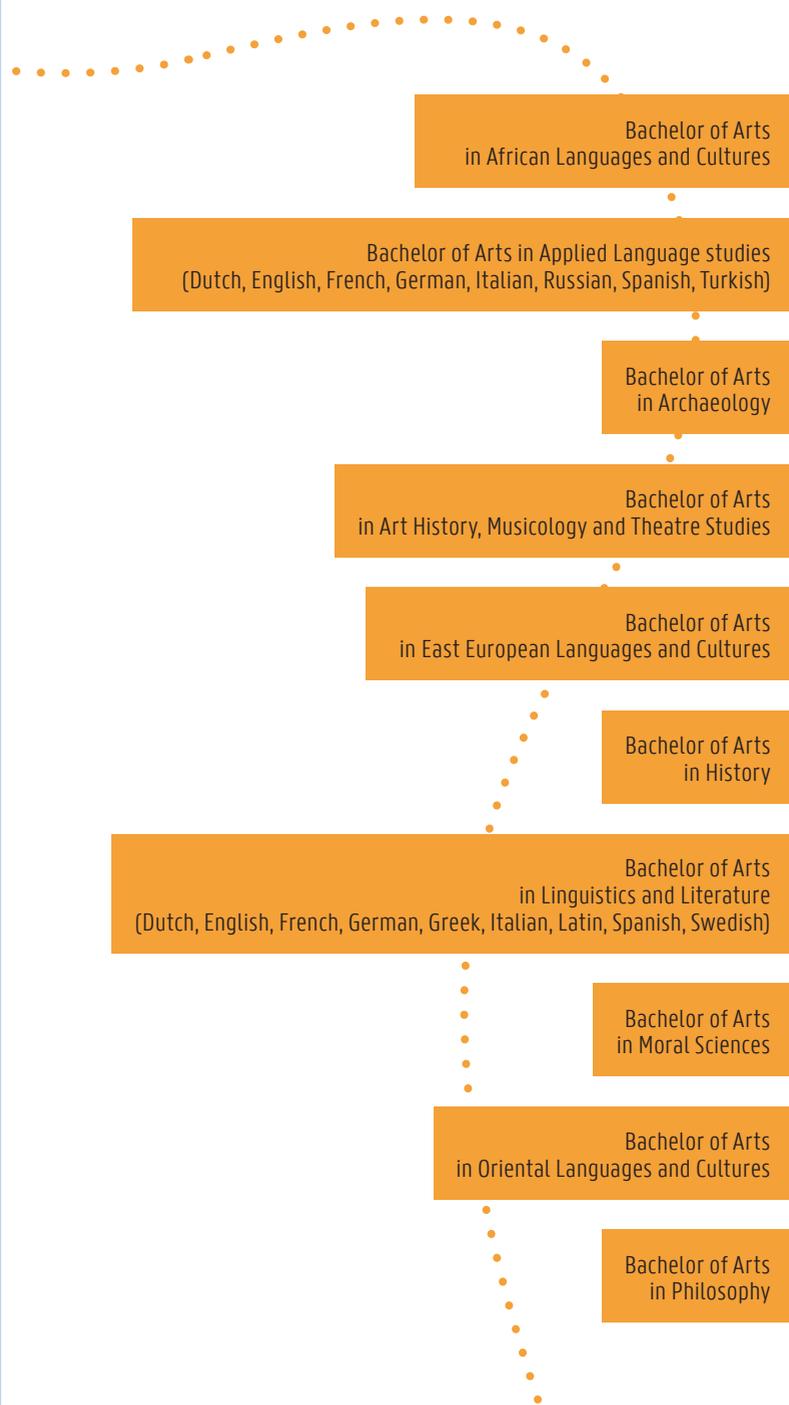
THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND PHILOSOPHY

The Faculty of Arts and Philosophy is a dynamic faculty with 5,000 students, spread across three campuses in close proximity to one another. It offers a range of Bachelor and Master programmes within the Humanities, including Philosophy, Art, History, Languages, Literature, and Area Studies. Although the official language of the university is Dutch, many courses are offered in English, and in other cases students receive English course materials and alternative forms of assessment. Foreign languages, literature, and culture are usually taught in the language being studied. Exchange students can combine courses from different fields or specialize in one particular subject, depending on their interests and their home university's curriculum. Students may also choose to challenge themselves and take a Master course alongside their Bachelor courses to enhance their learning.



DEGREE PROGRAMMES OFFERED AT THE FACULTY

BACHELOR DEGREES (DUTCH)



DUTCH MASTER DEGREES

- Master of Art in Archaeology
- Master of Arts in Art History, Musicology and Theatre Studies
- Master of Arts in Comparative Modern Literature
- Master of Arts in East European Languages and Cultures
- Master of Arts in Gender and Diversity
- Master of Arts in Historical Linguistics and Literature
- Master of Arts in History
- Master of Arts in Interpreting (Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Turkish)
- Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (German, Italian, Spanish, Scandinavian Studies, Greek, Italian, Latin, English, Iberian-Romance Languages)
- Master of Arts in Moral Sciences
- Master of Arts in Multilingual Communication (Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Turkish)
- Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures
- Master of Arts in Philosophy
- Master of Arts in Translation (Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Turkish)

ENGLISH MASTER DEGREES

- Master of Arts in Advanced Studies in Linguistics - Cognitive and Functional Linguistics
- Master of Arts in Advanced Studies in Linguistics - Linguistics in a Comparative Perspective
- Master of Arts in Advanced Studies in Linguistics - Multilingual and Foreign Language Learning and Teaching
- Master of Arts in African Studies
- Research Master of Arts in Philosophy

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

- Postgraduate Certificate Computer-Assisted Language Mediation
- Postgraduate Certificate Conference Interpreting
- Postgraduate Certificate Dutch and Translation
- Postgraduate Complementary International Studies
- Postgraduate Curatorial Studies





"It was an amazing experience, I enjoyed every day.
My character has grown, and I expanded my circle of friends."



Biruta Eliza Kirmuska
Latvian Academy of Culture

FACILITIES

LEARNING

Courses are taught in either lecture or seminar format, with the latter allowing for issues to be explored in greater depth. In some courses, especially language courses, students receive invaluable skills-based training that puts various aspects of the course materials into practice. In addition, students are expected to undertake further reading and research to make the most of their degree programme.



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ASSESSMENT

All of our programmes are modular. Assessment takes place at the end of each semester (i.e. in January and June), and resit exams are held at the end of August and the beginning of September. The type of assessment depends on the class and may include written or oral exams, essays, presentations, and group work.

LIBRARY

The UGent library network centres around the Central University Library (aka the Book Tower). This central unit is supplemented by 10 faculty libraries. The UGent digital library provides access to over 35,000 electronic journals, almost 1 million e-books, and 110 databases.

The Faculty Library of Arts and Philosophy holds a rich and extensive collection of over 670,000 volumes. It is housed in a recently renovated historical building in the vicinity of the iconic Book Tower, next to the main faculty building.

STUDY SPACES

In the faculty library, students have around 1000 study spaces at their disposal, complete with free wifi and power sockets. Students can also make use of specially designated spaces for group research.

SERVICES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

"I loved Ghent and its culture. There is always something to do or to see. The university is super, and the employees are always kind."



Nicla Scaglione
Università degli studi di Catania Culture



WELCOME DAYS

Right before the beginning of each semester, the university and the faculty organize the International Welcome Days. During this two-day programme, new international students at Ghent University receive practical information about the university in a number of sessions, are treated to a meet-and-greet brunch at the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, and are taken on a tour around the city by Belgian students.

BUDDY PROGRAMME

The Buddy Programme was set up by the faculty to help ease exchange students into a different environment. Once a student has been matched with a local counterpart, they are shown around the campus and introduced to their courses, and can explore the delights of the city together. The Buddy Programme is a great way for students to make friends and get to know the heart of Ghent.

LANGUAGE TANDEM PROGRAMME

All international students are heartily invited to take part in the Language Tandem Programme, in which students practice each other's native language. This is a great way to discover a new culture and to broaden one's international network.

SPECIAL NEEDS

We encourage applications from students with special requirements. These students may wish to contact us to discuss the necessary steps we can take to help make their studies in Ghent as accessible as possible. The offices that assist students with special needs act as an intermediary between students and staff concerning study and examination facilities, transport, accommodation, IT support, etc. Students can contact the Student Social Services Office and the Advisory Centre for Students, both of which offer advice and assistance of a material, technical, or social nature.





STUDENT LIFE

ACCOMMODATION

Students can rent a room in a Ghent University hall of residence or on the private market. Rental rates for a room or a studio range from €370 to €520 per month depending on the area and the type of accommodation.

STUDENT RESTAURANTS

UGent has several student restaurants and cafeterias at different locations close to the university buildings that offer high-quality food at reasonable prices. Dieticians make sure that the menus are not only delicious but also varied, healthy, and balanced. Vegetarian dishes are always available—after all, Ghent is widely known as the veggie capital of Europe.



SPORTS FACILITIES

With three large halls for indoor activities, a dojo (a hall specially designed to practice Japanese martial arts), two conference rooms, a 25-metre swimming pool, an instruction pool, two saunas, and more, Ghent University's sports centre GUSB is well equipped to help you stay active. The university also offers individual support services and counselling to students who practice professional sports. Moreover, opportunities for students with disabilities to get involved in sports are available.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

At the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, each department or degree programme has its own student association. These groups organize activities ranging from book sales and movie nights to parties. Representatives of the associations will join us at our International Welcome Days to inform students about their activities.

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Ghent is an organization consisting of Belgian students who want to bring the international students together during their stay in Ghent. They offer a range of activities and city trips, even outside of Belgium.



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