



INTERNATIONALE RELATIES  
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**YOUR EXCHANGE AT VUB**

**YOUR STAY IN BRUSSELS**

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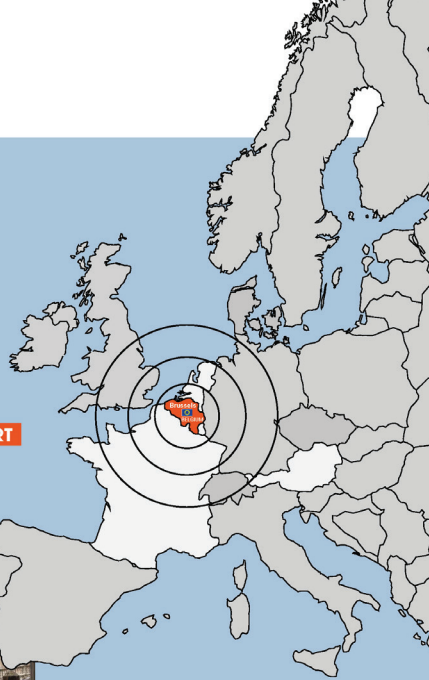
### FROM BRUSSELS TO

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
- 35% of its population is foreign
- 104 different languages spoken
- multilingual, multicultural

## VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL (VUB):

- over 20,100 students, 148 different nationalities
- 5 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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| Adult Educational Sciences               | Industrial Engineering                                  |
| Applied Computer Science                 | Law   |
| Applied Economics                        | Linguistics & Literary Studies (FR, IT, ES, NL, EN, DE) |
| Applied Linguistics (FR, ES, NL, EN, DE) | Management  |
| Architectural Engineering                | Materials Science                                       |
| Art Sciences & Archaeology               | Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management            |
| Bioengineering Sciences                  | Mathematics   |
| Biology                                  | Mechanical Engineering                                  |
| Biomedical Engineering                   | Medicine  |
| Biomedical Sciences                      | Movement & Sport Sciences                               |
| Business Economics                       | Pharmacy  |
| Chemical Engineering                     | Philosophy  |
| Chemistry                                | Photonics   |
| Civil Engineering                        | Physical Education                                      |
| Communication Studies                    | Physiotherapy   |
| Computer Science                         | Physics and Astronomy                                   |
| Criminology                              | Political Sciences                                      |
| Educational Sciences                     | Psychology  |
| Electrical Engineering                   | Sociology   |
| Engineering Technology                   | Urban Studies   |
| Geography                                | Urban Design & Spatial Planning                         |
| History                                  |   |
| Hydrology                                |   |

FOUNDATION



€117,833,727 RESEARCH BUDGET

€240,000,000 TURNOVER



31 BACHELORS

1,909 PhDs IN 3 DOCTORAL SCHOOLS



74 MASTERS

23 ADVANCED MASTERS

8 FACULTIES

21 POSTGRADUATES

20,100 INSCRIPTIONS

BRUSSELS HUMANITIES, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING CAMPUS

OF WHICH 23% INTERNATIONAL SPREAD ACROSS 5 CAMPUSES



148 NATIONALITIES

4,042 PERSONNEL

BRUSSELS HEALTH CAMPUS

+ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS

BRUSSELS PHOTONICS CAMPUS

412,246 CONSULTATIONS

>69,000 ALUMNI

3,134 PERSONNEL

30,779 BEDS

HOSPITALISATIONS

25,779 STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION BRUSSELS

VUB + Erasmus Hogeschool Brussel

data from 1989-2021

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## ACCOMMODATION:

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

## 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)

Obtaining a visa can take up to 90 days, so start the process well in advance. Visas must always be obtained in country of origin.

After arrival you will need to apply for a Belgian ID-card, which are always be obtained in Belgium.

Health insurance is mandatory - contact us on [international.relations@vub.be](mailto:international.relations@vub.be) 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*

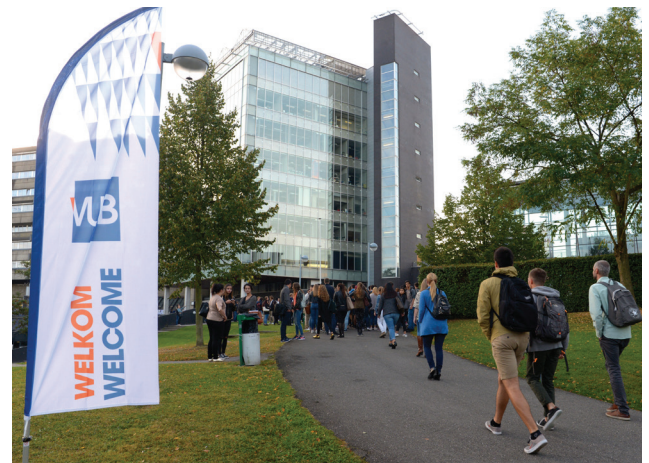
## HOW TO APPLY:

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](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\*
- 5th in the world in 'Skills set in university graduates' \*\*
- 12th in the world in University & Industry Cooperation R&D\*\*
- 14th in the world in terms of scientific publications \*\*
- 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!

“During my exchange at VUB in the beautiful, multicultural & diverse city of Brussels I practised theoretical notions we got in class in some highly equipped labs, and I had the chance to put my name on some very interesting engineering projects. I did an internship in Brussels, and graduated as an Aerospace Engineer. Everything I experienced during my exchange will stay with me forever: an exchange is not a semester of your life; it's a life in one semester!”

Zahir Amine from Morocco, 2021



### GENERAL INFORMATION:

Email: [exchange.incoming@vub.be](mailto:exchange.incoming@vub.be)  
[www.vub.be/en/international](http://www.vub.be/en/international)

[www.facebook.com/VUBInternationalRelations](https://www.facebook.com/VUBInternationalRelations)

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

\*\* World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness' Index 2019