

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2009-2010

Monday 17 August 2009	Start of the registration period for 2009-2010
<i>Wednesday 16 September – Sunday 20 September 2009</i>	<i>Orientation Days for International Students</i>
Monday 21 September 2009	Opening ceremony of the academic year 2009-2010
Tuesday 22 September 2009	Start of classes in the first semester of 2009-2010
Saturday 19 December 2009	End of classes in the first semester
Saturday 19 December 2009 till Sunday 3 January 2010	Christmas and New Year holidays
Monday 4 January – Sunday 10 January 2010	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 11 – Saturday 30 January 2010	First semester exams
Sunday 31 January – Sunday 7 February 2010	Mid-year break. No classes
<i>Wednesday 3 February – Sunday 7 February 2010</i>	<i>Orientation Days for International Students</i>
Monday 8 February 2010	Start of classes in the second semester
Saturday 3 April – Sunday 18 April 2010	Easter holidays
Saturday 22 May 2010	End of classes in the second semester
Sunday 23 May – Sunday 6 June 2010	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 7 June – Saturday 3 July 2010	Second semester exams
Monday 16 August 2010	Start of the registration period for 2010-2011
Monday 23 August – Saturday 18 Sept. 2010	Examination retakes for failed students 2009-2010
Monday 27 September 2010	Start of the academic year 2010-2011

INTRODUCTORY DUTCH COURSES

At the request of the International Office, the Institute of Modern Languages organises 'Dutch for Foreign Students' courses. These are **introductory Dutch language courses** and they are **only open to Erasmus students**. On presentation of the Erasmus-student card these courses are offered free.

- The course lasts 3 months and is meant for beginning students in order to activate communication through conversational exercises. It is a practical course based on the principles of Dutch grammar. The aim is to make students acquainted with the vocabulary of every-day life.

Students who already have a basic or advanced level of Dutch can gain entry to one of the higher levels of the regular courses if they pass the placement test. In total, 5 basic levels and 1 perfection level of Dutch are taught. The level 1 to 5 modules can be taken either intensively (12 hours/week) or over a more extended period (6 hours/week). The perfection level 6 is only offered at a pace of 4 hours/week.

Besides the courses throughout the academic year, the ILT also offers a full-time **intensive summer course** in Dutch language and culture. The course consists of 80 hours and takes place from 30 July 2010 till 27 August 2010 (20 hours a week). The course is open to undergraduates and graduates of all areas of study who wish to improve their knowledge of and communicative skills in Dutch. The communicative approach is used in all 5 levels. Besides the theoretical courses, many conversational exercises and complementary activities are planned (lectures, cultural happening, trip etc.). The course is intended for students of different levels, from beginners to intermediate and advanced. The tuition fee is € 300 for all students.

For the latest information, please visit the ILT website: <http://www.kuleuven.be/ilt>.

WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD BRING

EEA students (including Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein)

1. your identity card or passport;
2. a proof of solvency or proof of scholarship
3. the official forms that prove you are affiliated with a health insurance in your home country and which is valid in Belgium (EHIC: European Health Insurance Card)
4. proof that you are registered as a student at your home university
5. your "letter of admission"

non-EEA students

1. your passport, with "Authorisation for provisional sojourn" (student visa) if required (for stays longer than 3 months)
 2. for those who do not require a student visa: a proof of solvency or proof of scholarship
 3. proof that you are registered as a student at your home university
- your "letter of admission"

Exchange Programmes: Key data

Full legal name of the Institution	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
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Country	Belgium
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HOUSING

General information regarding accommodation in Leuven for (exchange) students can be found on <http://www.kuleuven.be/accommodation/index.htm>. On this site you will read that it's impossible to arrange permanent housing before arrival in Leuven!

We strongly advise all (exchange) students to come to Leuven a few days before the start of the courses, in order to arrange their permanent housing.

Notice, the week before the start of the academic year is the most difficult time to find both temporary and permanent housing!

Exchange students cannot apply for a room in a university residence, they are referred to the private housing market.

Because of the wide variety in prices, comfort, surface area etc..., it is really too risky to make a choice from abroad, without having viewed at least a few rental units personally.

Notice, according to the Belgian law, a contract, once signed, cannot be terminated before it expires. For those reasons we never send contact information or address lists by e-mail to students who are not in Leuven yet.

We strongly recommend students to book temporary guesthousing themselves, quite a few weeks in advance.

Private guesthousing (youth hostel, B&B, hotels) can be found on: <http://www.leuven.be/showpage.asp?iPageID=1401>

The K.U.Leuven Guesthouse is located in Noormannenstraat 68, Leuven

Tel. +32 (0)486 405490 (Father Omer)

Email: br.omer@skynet.be

Upon arrival in Leuven

All students are welcome at the Housing Service, located at Van Dalecollege, Naamsestraat 80 in Leuven.

The Housing Service will provide and assist in finding permanent accommodation.

Exchange students staying for a complete academic year will be referred to a large database of privately rented student houses.

Exchange students staying for one semester will receive a list of Flemish students who sublet their room to an international student while they are studying abroad themselves, or while they are in training on another location.

The list for the 1st semester is available from the middle of July

The list for the 2nd semester is available from the middle of December

(It is not possible to apply for those lists from abroad)

Unlike students who stay in Leuven during the 1st semester, students who come for the 2nd semester can also negotiate directly with landlords.

Landlords who still have rooms available in January will always conclude a contract that ends together with the academic year and not for a period of 10 or 12 months. These addresses can be consulted locally at the Housing Service through a large database.

The supply of privately rented student houses is quite sufficient. It will take from a few days up to one week to find suitable accommodation.

Single room: furnished, kitchen and bathroom to share with other students in the house. Blankets, sheets and pillows are NOT provided! Average price: 250 euro/month

Studio: private kitchen and bathroom, furnished. Blankets, sheets and pillows are NOT provided! Average price: 380 euro/month.