Master of Arts in Cultural Studies

The term ‘cultural studies’ first of all refers to the study of cultural policy at all levels of policy-making and management in the public sector (local, regional, national, international). Cultural policies are anchored in legal texts and best practices. Our programme has a strongly practice-based approach to these policies.

‘Cultural studies’ also refers to a specific type of analysis and interpretation of culture. This approach to cultural studies is mainly indebted to the Anglo-Saxon tradition. Our KU Leuven team has always been an active contributor to this particular field as well.

The MA in Cultural Studies places the following emphases:

- cultural theory and concepts
- applied narrative
- art, media and performance
- contemporary culture
- interdisciplinary objects of study and methodologies
- project-based learning

Programme

**DURATION**
1 year (full-time), 60 ECTS

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**
1 March (for non-EEA citizens)
1 June (for EEA citizens)

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

| 1st semester: 3rd week of September → end of January (exams in January) |
| 2nd semester: 2nd week of February → July (exams in June) |

www.kuleuven.be/academiccalendar

“...The MA in Cultural Studies at KU Leuven has played a very important role in my life. It helped me get a job at the IPHAN institute in Brazil, which is responsible for the protection of the country’s historical and artistic heritage. The interdisciplinary Master’s programme has broadened my understanding of and interest in the cultural sector.”

(Nivia de Andrade Lima from Rio de Janeiro)

For detailed descriptions of the courses and for the course timetable, please consult www.kuleuven.be/ma/mcsel/programme.
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Your profile

- You have good writing skills and a passion for culture.
- Your undergraduate curriculum demonstrates that you have a thorough knowledge of various sectors of contemporary culture.
- You are able and eager to use a wide range of teaching methods, learning formats, both for individual work and for group work.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for the Master of Arts in Cultural Studies, you must have obtained a Bachelor’s degree in a humanities field related to culture or culture creation in a broad sense.

Good proficiency in English is essential. Unless you have obtained a degree from an Anglo-Saxon university, you will be asked to submit an IELTS certificate (score of at least 7.5) or a proof of proficiency to CEFR level C1 in English.

Programme admission: www.kuleuven.be/ma/mcsel
General admission: www.kuleuven.be/admissions

Tuition fees

For the academic year 2016-2017, the tuition fee will be €890 for EEA students and €3,500 for non-EEA students. The tuition fees for future academic years can be higher as a result of indexation. Please consult the website for the most recent information: www.kuleuven.be/tuitionfees.

Application procedure

KU Leuven uses an online application system. You can download and submit your application form via www.kuleuven.be/application.

Students with a Flemish degree can consult www.kuleuven.be/studentenadministratie.

Career perspectives

Both hands-on and theoretically oriented, the MA in Cultural Studies offers career opportunities in fields including all levels of cultural policy-making and management in the public sector (local, regional, national, international) as well as the creative industries (music, television, print, and online media).

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Discover KU Leuven

Founded in 1425, the University of Leuven (KU Leuven) has been a centre of learning for almost six centuries. Today, it is Belgium’s largest and highest-ranked university as well as one of the oldest and most renowned universities in Europe.

As a leading European research university and co-founder of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), KU Leuven offers a wide variety of programmes in English supported by high-quality interdisciplinary research. Boasting an outstanding central location in the heart of Europe, KU Leuven offers a truly international experience, high-quality education, world-class research and cutting-edge innovation.