Living in Leuven

Infosession for international (pre)doctoral students and researchers
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Pangaea. Where worlds meet.

- Welcome and integration activities by Student Services for international students and researchers
  - Information on living and studying in Leuven
  - Create a home-away-from-home feeling for international students and researchers
  - Enhance social integration in the Leuven university community

Pangaea
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3000 Leuven
www.kuleuven.be/pangaea
Join ‘Pangaea’ Group on fb
Welcome at KU Leuven - Leuven

For other campuses, click here.

Before and Upon Arrival
- Admissions
- Accommodation: don't forget to reserve your guest housing beforehand
- Use the Travel PODCAST upon arrival, finding your way from Brussels National Airport and Brussels South-Charleroi Airport; formalities upon arrival in Leuven: download or print

KU LEUVEN PANGAEA

Orientation Days
- KU Leuven organises Orientation Days for newly arrived students in September and February to help you get settled in Leuven and at the university.

For researchers and staff members
- HR department
- Introductory sessions for doctoral students
- International Contact Club (ICC)
- PhD Society

Buddy Programme
- Ask for a local buddy who can help you out upon arrival and during your stay
- Tandem Language Learning in Leuven

Important Information
- KU Leuven Agenda
- Brochure Travelling to Leuven (pdf)
- Guide Living in Leuven (pdf)
- The Voice: International Student Magazine
- International Calendar: activities by student associations

Welcome activities
- Guided Tours for newcomers: discover Leuven with a professional guide
- About Belgium: lecture series about different aspects of Belgium
- About Belgian food: workshops
- About cycling: bike tours

Intercultural meeting centre
- In the Intercultural Meeting Centre international and Belgian students can get together in an informal setting. If you become a member, you get free coffee and tea in the bar all year round.

Facebook Pages and Groups
- Leuven University
- Pangea, KU Leuven international meeting centre
- Buddy Programme KU Leuven
- Leuven International Student body council
- ESN Leuven
- PhD Society
What does Pangaea have to offer?

- Orientation Days
- Buddy Programme
- Intercultural Meeting Centre
- Semester activities
Buddy Programme

Online application
• Requesting a personal buddy
• Becoming a buddy

Two periods:
• June – October
• December – February

Like-page on fb = information on activities
Buddy Kick Off, Happy Hour, workshops, sports,…
Intercultural Meeting Centre

- +/- 2,000 members per academic year
- Membership:
  - 5 €
  - coffee mug = free coffee/tea for an academic year
  - Free membership for certain scholarships (Vlir, BTC…)
- Renting facilities for members
  - For student activities, meetings, cultural activities
  - For personal celebrations: f.e. christening, PhD reception,…
Intercultural Meeting Centre: Bar and Lounge

- Pangaea bar is open:
  - Mon-Thursday 12 noon - 8 pm
  - Friday 12 noon - midnight
  - Saturday 12 noon - midnight

- Newspapers, board games, table tennis
Semester Activities

• About Belgium Lecture Series
• Trips: Ardennes, Flanders Fields, Eupen, Hainaut
• Classes: conversation, chess, photography
• Cycling trips
• Saint-Nicholas breakfast
• Cultural evenings f.e. Ethiopian, Diwali…
• Christmas Party
• Farewell Party
• …

→ Registration in Pangaea Office or online
→ check the Pangaea website
International Contact Club (ICC)

- Especially for PhD-students, scholars, visiting professors, ...
- Trips
  - Paris, Port of Antwerp, Waterloo, Keukenhof, Trier
  - Registration and payment in Pangaea at specific dates
- Activities in Leuven
  - Parks, University Library & Carillon, City Hall, Inbev…
- Specific offer for families with children:
  - Saint-Nicholas Celebration
  - Day Trip to zoo Pairi Daiza

→ Register online: www.kuleuven.be/icc
Student Associations

• ISA (International Student Association)
  o Country/origin (PSA, ESAL, CSAL, ISAL, PPI, Vinakul…)
  o Thematic (PHD society, IMSAL, Model United Nations)
  o Umbrella (LOKO International, ESN)

• Phd Society
  o A Cross Faculty Organization for Doctoral Students and Postdocs of the KU Leuven
  o Upcoming event: PhD Job Fair 10 November @ Hallen
  o Website: phdsociety.be
Student Services

Van Dale College
Naamsestraat 80
www.kuleuven.be/studentservicesleuven

Relevant for PhD students:
• Social service
• Student Health Centre
• Housing Service
• Sustainability: sorting waste, transportation
