

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2013-2014

Friday 16 August 2013	Start of the registration period for academic year 2013-2014
During the week of Monday 16 September 2013	Orientation Days for International Students
Monday 23 September 2013	Opening ceremony of the academic year 2013-2014
Tuesday 24 September 2013	Start of classes in the first semester of 2013-2014
Friday 20 December 2013	End of classes in the first semester
Monday 23 December 2013 till Sunday 5 January 2014	Christmas and New Year holidays
Monday 06 January 2014 – Sunday 12 January 2014	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 13 January 2014 – Saturday 01 February 2014	First semester exams
Monday 03 February 2014	Patron's Feast Day – university offices will be closed!
Monday 03 February 2014 – Sunday 09 February 2014	Mid-year break. No classes
Wednesday 5 February 2014 till Saturday 08 February 2014	Orientation Days for International Students
Monday 10 February 2014	Start of classes in the second semester
Monday 07 April 2014 – Monday 21 April 2014	Easter holidays
Saturday 24 May 2014	End of classes in the second semester
Monday 26 May 2014 – Monday 09 June 2014	Exam preparation. No classes
Tuesday 10 June 2014 – Saturday 5 July 2014	Second semester exams
Monday 18 August 2014	Start of the registration period for 2014-2015
Monday 18 August 2014 – Saturday 13 Sept. 2014	Examination retakes for failed students 2013-2014

INTRODUCTORY DUTCH COURSES

At the request of the International Office, the **Leuven Language Institute** 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 Friday 2 August 2013 till Friday 30 August 2013 (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 **€ 340** for all students.

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

WHAT EXCHANGE STUDENTS SHOULD BRING

EEA-students (EEA: European Economic Area: 27 countries of European Union plus Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein)

1. your identity card or passport
2. 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)
3. proof that you are registered as a student at your home university
4. your "letter of admission"

non-EEA students

1. your passport, with "Authorisation for provisional sojourn" (student visa) if required (for stays longer than 90 days)
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
4. your "letter of admission"

EEA- and non-EEA-students: please read the information about insurances and health care in our brochure "**Living in Leuven**" which can also be found on <http://www.kuleuven.be/admissions/pdf/living.pdf>

Exchange Programmes: Key data

Full legal name of the Institution	KU Leuven
ERASMUS code	B LEUVEN01
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Country	Belgium
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HOUSING

University residence halls

The KU Leuven has reserved about 200 of its 1200 non-subsidized university residence rooms to house international students taking part in the Erasmus exchange programs. These rooms are randomly located amongst rooms for Flemish students or other international students and they are spread over seven residences across the City of Leuven. The offer of rooms in university residences is limited.

You can find more information concerning these rooms and an application form on the following website:

<http://admin.kuleuven.be/erasmus-residences>.

Practical arrangements (date of arrival, what to do on arrival, checking in etc) can be made directly with the landlord.

Private market

Most exchange students stay in individual rooms with shared facilities in houses on the local private housing market. Depending on the period of your stay and the time of your arrival the offer can be limited. Information regarding private accommodation in Leuven for exchange students can be found on

www.kuleuven.be/studentenvoorzieningen/accommodation/student/exchange.html.

Check this site for the latest information!

Single room: furnished, kitchen and bathroom to share with other students in the house. Blankets, sheets and pillows are usually NOT provided! Average price private market: €350 /month.

Studio (not available in the university residences): furnished, private kitchen and bathroom. Blankets, sheets and pillows are NOT provided! Average price private market: between €450 and €500 /month.