

**KU LEUVEN**

## KU Leuven (B LEUVEN01), Faculty of Arts, Antwerp Campus – Fact sheet

### Subject area

Translation/interpretation/languages – code 023 (*old code: 222*)

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## Nominations

Students have to be formally nominated by their university.

The universities have to send:

- The full name of each nominated student
- Degree of study and level
- ♀/♂
- E-mail address of the student
- Duration of the exchange (first semester, or the full academic year)

to the following e-mail address: [int.arts.antwerp@kuleuven.be](mailto:int.arts.antwerp@kuleuven.be).

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*Please note that, in 2020-2021, we will not be able to accept nominations for the second term (February – July).*

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**!** Please note that, in 2020, only nominations for the **first semester** or a **full academic year** (September – July) can be accepted. Unfortunately, we can no longer welcome incoming exchange students in the second term (February – July). Due to curriculum changes, the number of courses that can be chosen in the second semester has decreased even further, making it impossible for students without knowledge of Dutch to draft a 30-credit programme during the second term.

## Application

Once we have received the above information, nominated students will receive further instructions on the online application process. There will be **two applications**:

- one at KU Leuven central level
- one at Antwerp campus level

It is not necessary to upload a language proficiency certificate for the online application at KU Leuven. However, please note that students may have difficulties drafting a full-semester or full-year programme, as well as difficulties passing their courses, if they do not have a B2 level for the languages they study. It is the sending university's responsibility to make sure that students reach the required level of language proficiency by the start of the exchange.

## Calendar - deadlines

**Nominations** must reach the Antwerp campus ([int.arts.antwerp@kuleuven.be](mailto:int.arts.antwerp@kuleuven.be)) by:

<b>Autumn term or full year exchange</b>
14 April

The student's online **application** (KU Leuven central level – link will be sent to students after their nomination) must be completed by:

Autumn term or full year exchange
30 April

Deadline for sending a provisional **Learning Agreement** (study programme):

Autumn term or full year exchange
It is the students' responsibility to check the course possibilities immediately upon nomination. The Antwerp Campus International Office prefers to receive Learning Agreement proposals either <b>between mid-May and mid-June</b> , or during summer ( <b>July-August</b> ).

**Semesters** run from the end of September until the beginning of February and from the beginning of February until the beginning of July. Exchange students are expected to arrive one week before the start of the academic year, as several information sessions will be held specifically for them.

Autumn term	Spring term
21 September 2020 – 31 January 2020 Start Welcome Week: 14 September 2020	8 February 2020 – 3 July 2020 (no Welcome Week: no new incoming students)

The preliminary academic calendar can be found here - [to be updated](https://www.arts.kuleuven.be/english/education/leuven/academic_calendar_2020-2021) per faculty and campus:  
[https://www.arts.kuleuven.be/english/education/leuven/academic\\_calendar\\_2020-2021](https://www.arts.kuleuven.be/english/education/leuven/academic_calendar_2020-2021)

First term results are announced in February; results for students staying a full academic year are announced at the beginning of July. A transcript of records will be issued by the Antwerp campus no later than 5 weeks after the announcement of the results. We would like to receive the partner institute's transcript of records of our own students' results within the same time frame.

## Courses

### Dutch language courses

There is a Dutch crash course for absolute beginners in September, followed by a follow-up course during the first semester. Both courses count for 3 ECTS credits. Due to the small number of exchange students in the second semester, no Dutch courses are offered then.

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*Course information for incoming exchange students can be found [here](#).*

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### Teaching languages

It is advisable that students have at least a B2 level (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) for the languages that they intend to study at KU Leuven, with the notable exception of Flemish Sign Language (no previous knowledge required). These languages can be any of the following:

English,  
French,  
German,  
Arabic,  
Dutch,  
Flemish Sign Language,  
Italian,  
Russian, and  
Spanish.

General courses (e.g. 'Philosophy', 'Translation and Interpreting Studies' etc.) are taught in **Dutch**. The **English, French and German** language and culture courses, on the other hand, are taught entirely in those three languages from the start. However, students should be aware that translation and interpreting courses invariably involve Dutch as well!

If incoming exchange students wish to learn **Flemish Sign Language**, some of the courses can be taught partly in English. For many **Italian, Spanish, Arabic and Russian** courses, knowledge of Dutch is required, especially in the first Bachelor year. However, from the second or sometimes the third year onwards, some courses can be taught completely in the foreign language. This is why we do advise students to make sure to have at least a B2 level (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) in their foreign languages of study before coming to our campus. It is also advisable that students study at least two foreign languages offered at our campus. This will make it easier for them to find enough credits.

Nominated students will receive more information by e-mail on the courses they can choose. In general, they should not have trouble drafting a study programme of around 30 credits (for the first semester) or 60 credits (for a full year) if they meet the requirements specified above.

## Practical information

### Cost of living in Belgium

Please consult "[Money matters](#)".

### Visa and insurance

Please consult: "[Immigration-registration](#)" and "[Insurance](#)".

### Accommodation

KU Leuven, Antwerp Campus does not have its own halls of residence. Students can find more information on the [webpages for prospective incoming students](#).

### Nearest airports

- [Brussels National Airport](#). From the airport, you can take a train to Antwerp Central Station (see <https://www.belgiantrain.be/en/home>; select from "Brussels Airport" to "Antwerpen-Centraal"). This takes about 35 minutes and costs about 11.60 euros.
- [Antwerp Airport](#). Number of flights is limited.

Please note that "Brussels South Airport" is located in Charleroi, which is about 50 km to the south of Brussels.

### Restaurant facilities on campus

There is a student restaurant on campus where you can buy sandwiches, a salad or a snack at student-friendly prices.

### More practical information

More relevant information can be found on the Internet:

<https://www.arts.kuleuven.be/english/education/antwerp> and  
<http://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/sint-andries-antwerp>.

The most recent practical information (on accommodation, courses available for exchange students, the welcome sessions for exchange students etc.) will be sent to the students after we have received their nominations.

## An introduction to the KU Leuven (B LEUVEN01), Faculty of Arts, Antwerp Campus (Belgium)

*The most important information for incoming students at KU Leuven, Faculty of Arts, Antwerp Campus can be found on [this web page](#).*

[KU Leuven](#) is Belgium's oldest and largest university (about 58,000 students in 2018-2019). According to international rankings, the university is among the best 100 universities in the world. Its [Faculty of Arts](#) is one of its oldest faculties and has campuses in the cities of Leuven, Kortrijk, Brussels and Antwerp.

Antwerp is located in the north of Belgium and the Antwerp Campus of the KU Leuven Faculty of Arts offers a **Bachelor in Applied Language Studies** and **Masters in Translation, Interpretation, Multilingual Communication and Journalism** (and also **Postgraduate Programmes in Specialized Translation, Conference Interpreting and Literary Translation**). As we are a faculty of applied language studies, our main focus is not on literary studies and linguistics as such, but rather on language proficiency and skills. Additional information (in English) on our programmes can also be found in the folder "Focus on KU Leuven Faculty of Arts, Campus Sint-Andries, Antwerp".



*Roof terrace at the Faculty of Arts, Antwerp Campus (Sint-Andriesstraat)*

Most (Erasmus) exchange students come to the Antwerp Campus for the Bachelor programme, as there are only few exchange possibilities in the Master's (Dutch being source or target language for all translation and interpreting courses).

We offer the following languages in our Bachelor programme:

- Arabic
- English
- French
- German
- Italian
- Russian
- Spanish
- Flemish Sign Language
- Dutch.

For all of these languages, we offer the following courses during the Bachelor (1, 2 and 3 refer to the 3 Bachelor years and thus to 3 levels):

- Language Acquisition
  - => Grammar 1 – 2 – (3)
  - => Writing Proficiency 1 – 2 – 3
  - => Oral Proficiency 1 – 2 – 3
- Cultural Studies 1 – 2 – 3.


The **programme guide/course catalogue** can be consulted [here](#); you can find us under the “Faculteit Letteren” > “Academische Bachelor” > “[Bachelor in de toegepaste taalkunde](#) (Antwerpen)”. Please note that the 2020-2021 version will not be online until 15 July. We currently only have a Dutch version of the programme guide, however, for each course, the course description can also be consulted in English. The actual language of instruction of the courses can be found by clicking on the course name. E.g. language of instruction is “Spanish” here:




If students master Dutch at a high level, most of the courses will be open to them, including general courses like “General Linguistics”, “Philosophy” or “Discourse Studies”, as well as introductory translation or interpreting courses involving Dutch. For German, French and English courses, the language of instruction is mostly German, French or English from the first Bachelor year onwards (except for translation and interpreting courses for example, where Dutch is more important). For the other languages, it depends on the level – at the outset, Dutch is still very important. In general, we advise students to make sure they have a **B2 level in their foreign languages of study** before coming to our campus for an exchange semester (or year). If this is the case, they can take German, French or English courses in all Bachelor years, as well as courses from the second or third Bachelor year that are taught completely in Spanish, Italian, Arabic or Russian. Ideally, students need to study **two or more foreign languages**; if they only study one language, it might be difficult for them to find enough credits to complete their exchange semester.

On [this webpage](#), students can find an overview of courses taught in the foreign languages that our campus offers. These are the courses that can also be found online in the programme guide, but listed according to “language of instruction different from Dutch”. On the same webpage, students can also find a document with more detailed information on how to draft a programme with enough credits:

You will find the complete set of courses and rules as well as useful tips and tricks [in this document](#) about 'Drafting your Learning Agreement'.

Exchange students coming for the **first semester** can take the courses bearing the sign  (= first-term course). Moreover, we have made many first-term versions of existing year courses specifically for exchange students. They can be found on [this webpage](#).

Exchange students coming for a full academic year can also take courses bearing the sign  (= full-year course) or  (= second-term course).

In 2020-2021, our campus cannot accept incoming students during the second term only. The reason for this is that many courses are year-long courses and that it is mostly not possible to accept students who want to join in during the second term. We will re-investigate the situation for 2021-2022.

Students who want to come for the first term or for an entire year don't generally have trouble finding enough ECTS credits, especially if they study two or more foreign languages (or if they only study English). As such, KU Leuven, Faculty of Arts, **Antwerp Campus** has **some 50 incoming exchange students each year** (quite a number considering we are a small campus with about 600 “local” students).



Lecture in “conference hall” at the Faculty of Arts, Antwerp Campus (Sint-Andriesstraat)