

EXCHANGE STUDENTS' GUIDE

TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG

YOUR EUROPEAN ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG

Embark on a new adventure at the University of Luxembourg. Develop an international perspective, learn about yourself and the world and enjoy the study experience of a lifetime.

The University of Luxembourg is an international research university with a distinctly multilingual and interdisciplinary character. It is a modern institution with a personal atmosphere, situated in a country at the heart of Europe and close to the European institutions, innovative companies and the Luxembourg financial centre. Founded in 2003 as Luxembourg's first and only public university, it already has a reputation as one of the best young universities in the world.

The University of Luxembourg's mission as a young research university is to achieve the highest standards of international excellence in research and teaching.

The University of Luxembourg endorses a climate of free and open discussion, encourages critical thinking and defends the independence of both students and researchers as vital for the development of an innovative and knowledge-based society and economy. It offers a unique forum to cultivate the cultural, political and social dialogue that is the lifeblood of a mature democracy.

 **In the top 250**
universities in the world.¹

17th 
best young university worldwide.²

 **More than 350**
international partnerships with universities worldwide.

4th 
best of the world's 64 "millennial" universities.³

 **In the top 200**
universities with growth in publication output in leading academic journals.⁴

1st **university worldwide**
for its «international outlook».⁵

¹ Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings.

² THE Young University Rankings 2019.

³ THE subcategory of "millennial" universities – universities founded since the year 2000.

⁴ Ranked 161st in the Global Nature Index 2018 and 14th among institutions younger than 30 years old.

⁵ THE "international outlook" Rankings 2020.

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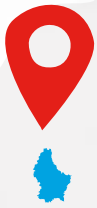
DISCOVER LUXEMBOURG

A TRUE MELTING-POT OF EUROPEAN CULTURES

Luxembourg is one of the most international countries in the world. As a cosmopolitan crossroads at the centre of Europe, the country is a real melting-pot of nationalities, cultures and languages. Almost 50% of Luxembourg's population is made up of foreigners of more than 170 nationalities, who speak some 80 different languages.⁶ The largest immigrant groups are from Portugal, France and Italy. The capital city is even more international, with three-quarters of residents from outside Luxembourg.

A MULTICULTURAL AND MULTILINGUAL COUNTRY

The country has three official languages: **Luxembourgish, the national language, and French and German, the administrative languages.** English is also widely spoken and is one of the teaching languages at the University of Luxembourg. Many Luxembourg citizens can speak between four and six foreign languages fluently.



A SMALL BUT SMART COUNTRY AT THE CENTRE OF EUROPE

Even though Luxembourg is one of the smallest countries in the world, it is an internationally important economic and financial hub and the richest country in Europe.⁷ It is a founding member of the European Union, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and the Benelux.

Luxembourg is the only remaining Grand Duchy in the world, ruled since 2000 by Henri, Grand Duke of Luxembourg.

THE SAFEST CAPITAL CITY IN THE WORLD

The country's capital, Luxembourg City, is one of the official capitals of the European Union (EU), together with Brussels and Strasbourg. It hosts the European Court of Justice, the EU's highest court. It is the first and only city in Europe to be named as "European Capital of Culture" on two occasions. In 2019, Luxembourg was ranked as the safest capital city in the world.⁸

A REMARKABLE VARIETY OF LANDSCAPES

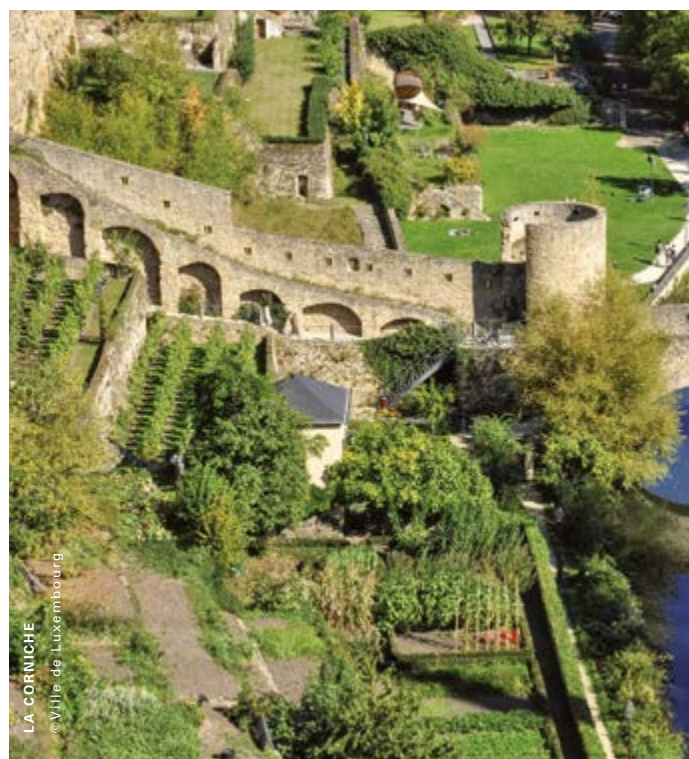
Luxembourg enjoys a thriving cultural scene and boasts a surprising variety of landscapes, with rolling hills and vineyards but also mediaeval castles and an endless choice of trails and routes for walking and cycling.

Like most Western European countries, Luxembourg has a moderate continental/oceanic climate. The hottest month is July and the coldest month is January.

⁶ Statec, 2018

⁷ Global Finance, April 2019, <https://www.gfmag.com/global-data/economic-data/richest-countries-in-the-world>

⁸ Mercer's 21st annual Quality of Living survey, <https://mobilityexchange.mercer.com/Insights/quality-of-living-rankings>



GETTING TO AND AROUND LUXEMBOURG

Luxembourg is strategically located in the centre of Europe, between Germany, Belgium and France. The country has excellent connections to and from many major cities worldwide, whether by plane to Luxembourg's Findel airport (about 6km away from Luxembourg City), by train to the central railway station, by bus or by car.

BY TRAIN

Luxembourg City railway station is located just south of the city centre, 20 minutes away by foot. It offers a number of international rail services to and from European cities.



Amsterdam	5-6 hrs
Brussels	3 hrs
Paris	2 hrs

BY AIR

Luxembourg has a modern airport with excellent facilities which offers regular passenger services to and from major worldwide destinations.

Amsterdam	1 hr 05
Beijing	11 hrs
Berlin	1 hr 25
London	1 hr 10
Madrid	2 hrs 15
Montreal	9 hrs 30
Moscow	5 hrs 30
New York	11 hrs
Paris	50 mins
Rome	2 hrs 15
Vienna	1 hr 30

→ Flight information: www.lux-airport.lu



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

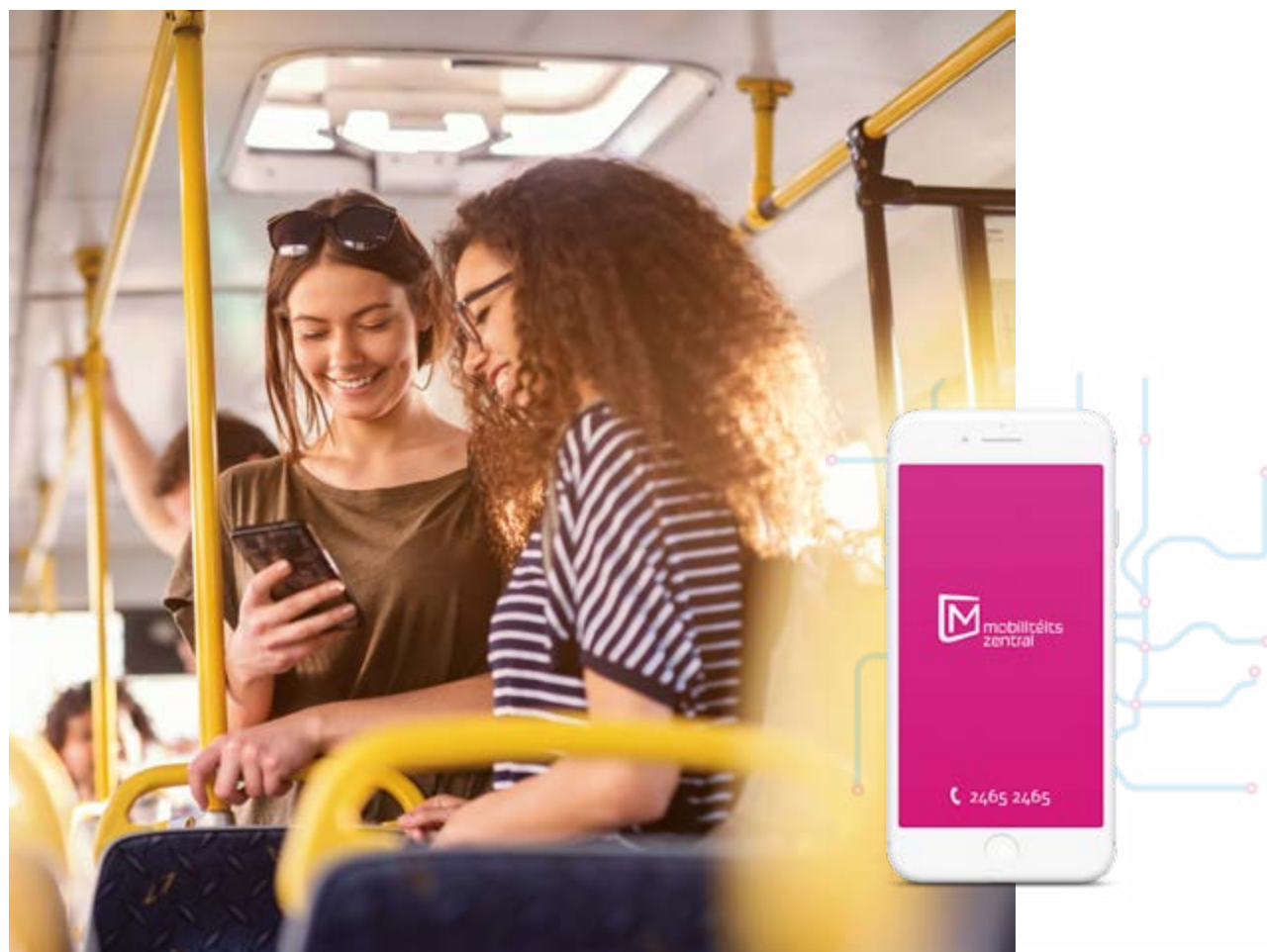
Once you have arrived in Luxembourg, getting around the country is safe, easy and cheap. Luxembourg has an outstanding public transport system, with an efficient and cheap rail and bus network.

Plan your trip with the **Mobilitéitszentral**, the Luxembourg transport information centre, using the website (www.mobiliteit.lu) or the app.

CYCLING

Cycling in Luxembourg has become an increasingly popular option for residents. The country has invested heavily in an extensive network of cycle paths, which has grown considerably over the past few years.

From 1 March 2020, public transport will be free of charge throughout Luxembourg for all residents and non-residents.



CHOOSING THE UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG

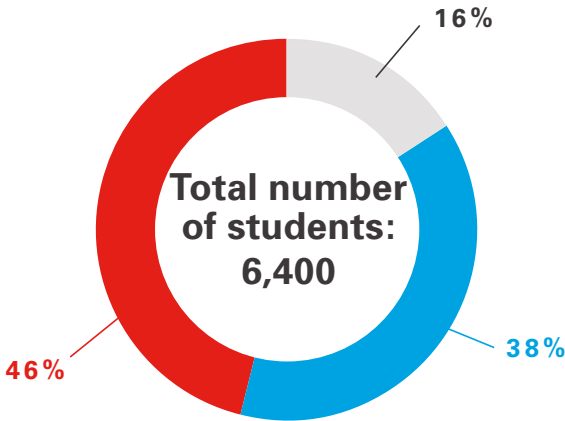
As a University of Luxembourg student, you will belong to one of the world's most respected young universities and have the chance to connect with people, ideas and knowledge from across the globe.

A MODERN AND DYNAMIC INSTITUTION

Founded in 2003, the University of Luxembourg is the country's only public university. It is an important player in social and economic life in Luxembourg and promotes an academic culture that serves and strengthens the country and its position in Europe and beyond.

A COSMOPOLITAN LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The University of Luxembourg is one of the most international universities in Europe. It currently has approximately 6,400 students, with 52% international students from 125 countries and staff from 90 different countries. The University offers a unique blend of international excellence and national relevance, delivering knowledge for society and businesses. All undergraduate students have to spend a semester abroad and the University collaborates with more than 350 universities worldwide.



A UNIVERSITY WITH A PERSONAL TOUCH

- An average of 16.5 students per staff *
- Collaborative learning spaces
- Teaching in small classes
- Easy contact with lecturers
- High degree of student involvement

* Based on data collected for the THE World University Rankings 2019

The University of Luxembourg offers 14 Bachelor and 42 Master degrees. Bachelor programmes are generally bilingual and some are taught in three different languages: English, French and German. Several Master programmes are taught entirely in English.



FACULTIES AND INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTRES

- Faculty of Science, Technology and Communication
- Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance
- Faculty of Language and Literature, Humanities, Arts and Education



A PARTNER FOR SOCIETY AND INDUSTRY

Collaboration with European institutions such as the European Court of Justice and the European Investment Bank, as well as a number of financial institutions and companies, facilitates students' transition into the professional world. The University also cooperates with research institutes and non-academic partners such as ministries, local authorities, associations and NGOs in Luxembourg.

A FOCUS ON INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

The University of Luxembourg specialises in research in the fields of IT, biomedicine, European and international law and education science. Its interdisciplinary approach is a key feature that proves particularly popular with students.

- 46% LUXEMBOURGISH STUDENTS
- 38% STUDENTS FROM OTHER EU28 COUNTRIES
- 16% STUDENTS FROM NON-EU28 COUNTRIES

THE CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

THE UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG HAS THREE SITES.

BELVAL CAMPUS

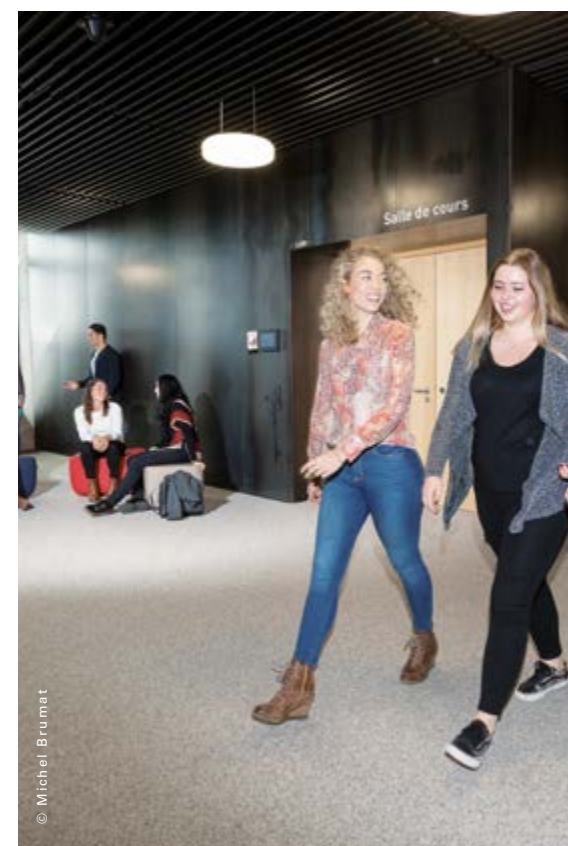
A UNIQUE FUTURE-ORIENTED CAMPUS

Often referred to as the "Silicon Valley" of Luxembourg, Belval hosts not only the University but also several other institutions active in the fields of research, development and innovation, as well as many start-up companies.

Belval Campus has everything you need including more than 20 cafés and restaurants, a cinema, a concert hall, several banks and ATMs, fitness centres, a supermarket and the University library (Luxembourg Learning Centre).

- One of the most ambitious urban development projects in Europe
- Modern contemporary architecture
- A unique urban site with excellent infrastructures
- Approximately €1 billion in public investment
- A melting-pot of disciplines

BELVAL CAMPUS
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MAISON DU SAVOIR

- **Lecture halls and teaching rooms**
Learn from the best, be inspired by world-class educators and researchers.
- **Administration**
Hosts the University administration, including student services, the International Relations Office and the Incoming Office.



MAISON DES ARTS
ET DES ETUDIANTS

Houses student associations and the student lounge, with regular events and live music.



MAISON DES SCIENCES
HUMAINES

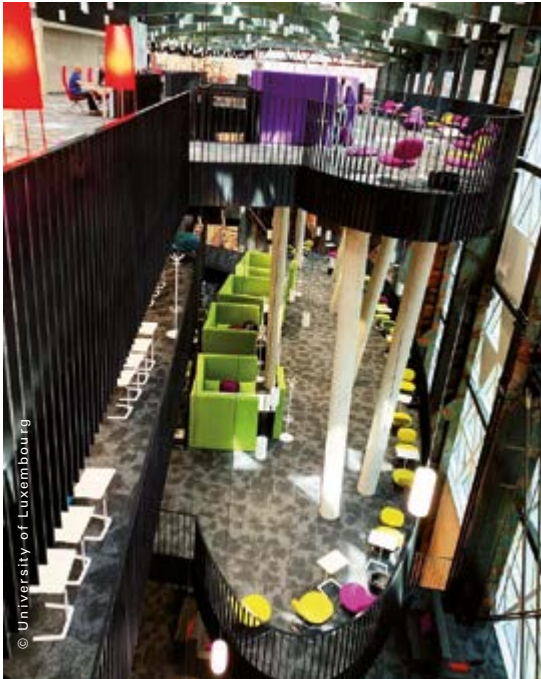
The home of the Faculty of Language and Literature, Humanities, Arts and Education.



LUXEMBOURG
LEARNING CENTRE

More than just a library!

Study, research and work on campus in a comfortable and inspiring learning environment.



MAISON DU NOMBRE

It is home to the Faculty of Science, Technology and Communication.



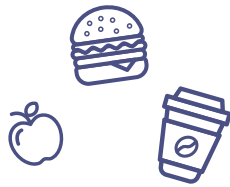
BELVAL PLAZA SHOPPING CENTRE

All you need for everyday life, including a large supermarket.

UNIVERSITY CANTEENS

Your student card gives you special rates (€4.60 for a full meal including starter, main course and dessert).

- Food Café
- Food Lab
- Food House
- Food Zone



HAVE FUN

Head to the Rockhal live music venue or the cinema.



RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS

More than 20 food outlets on campus.



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KIRCHBERG CAMPUS

Kirchberg Campus is based in Luxembourg City, near to European institutions and the business district with major banks, audit firms and international companies.

This campus offers a number of degrees run by **the Faculty of Science, Technology and Communication (FSTC)** and **the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance (FDEF)**.



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LIMPERTSBERG CAMPUS

Limpertsberg Campus is located in the centre of Luxembourg City.

This campus offers a number of degrees run by the Faculty of Science, Technology and Communication (FSTC) in the areas of biology, medicine and physics.

SUPPORT SERVICES AND STUDENT LIFE

To make sure your time at the University of Luxembourg is as enjoyable and productive as possible, a wide range of services, support programmes and facilities are available to enhance your career prospects, learning and general well-being. During your time at the University of Luxembourg, there are also endless opportunities to get involved with life on campus.



SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The Incoming Office and the International Relations Office are specifically designed to support international exchange students who are studying at the University of Luxembourg.

SHAPE YOUR CAREER AND PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE

The Career Centre offers a variety of resources to help you manage your career and identify future job opportunities. It works closely with businesses and offers workshops taught by highly experienced experts.

UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG INCUBATOR

The Incubator was set up to give students an idea of what it takes to run their own business and provide them with career-relevant skills. It offers a broad range of workshops in collaboration with entrepreneurs from Luxembourg and abroad.

WELL-BEING AND INCLUSION

The Inclusion Office supports students with disabilities, offers support and guidance to asylum seekers and refugees and strives to ensure a fair and supportive environment for all, free from discrimination of any kind.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICE

Psychological support is available to any students experiencing mental health, emotional or psychological problems. Students are given the opportunity to talk to a qualified psychologist.

LANGUAGE AND CONVERSATION SKILLS

Improve your language skills by participating in one of the many programmes or discussion groups on campus. The University of Luxembourg offers several language courses at all levels. It also provides other innovative ways of improving language skills including games nights and workshops.



BUDDY PROGRAMME

From picking you up at the airport to helping with administrative procedures and showing you around campus, your buddy – a student already studying at the University of Luxembourg – will help you settle into University life.

WELCOME DAY

The Welcome Day, which takes place annually on the Friday just before the start of the academic year, is an action-packed opportunity to dive into social and academic campus life. It is a time to make friends, attend welcome events and enjoy a variety of activities.





WELCOME BRUNCH

Just after the start of each semester, the Incoming Office organises a welcome brunch where you can meet your “buddy” and get to know other international exchange students.

STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

The University of Luxembourg has several student associations that you can join at any time. They help connect students with each other and organise activities throughout the academic year.

International Exchange Erasmus Student Network (ESN Luxembourg)

ESN Luxembourg's mission is to welcome international exchange students during their exchange semester(s) in Luxembourg and offer help and guidance. Meet students from all over the world and experience local life with them!

SPORT AND FITNESS

The University organises many sports activities for students, giving you the opportunity to get in shape and work out with expert trainers free of charge.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The University puts on a number of art workshops, exhibitions and cultural events. You can get involved in groups such as the Debating Circle, the University Choir, the University pop-rock group “uniJAM”, the theatre ensemble, and many more.



ACCOMMODATION

Live within walking distance of your lecture halls, meet people from around the world and make lifelong friends.

The University of Luxembourg has over 35 student housing facilities and 1,070 rooms and studio apartments located in central and southern Luxembourg. The Accommodation Office allocates rooms according to where you will be spending most of your time.

Furnished single rooms and furnished studio apartments are available in halls of residence.

Type of room	Average surface area	Monthly rent
Furnished single room with shared bathroom and kitchen	15 m²	€365- €500
Furnished single room with private bathroom and shared kitchen	19 m²	€455- €600
Furnished studio apartment with private bathroom and private kitchen	24 m²	€695



INCLUDED IN THE MONTHLY RENT:

- Shared or private bathroom and kitchen facilities
- Recreation rooms
- Utilities (water, gas and electricity, heating)
- Internet connection (WiFi or Ethernet cable)
- Housekeeping services for communal areas
- Laundry facilities
- Vacuum cleaner
- Telephone



COSTS

Here is a guide to help you calculate your estimated monthly expenses in Luxembourg

 €1.16	 €4.14	 €0.56	 €2.92
CROISSANT	EGGS (a dozen)	STILL MINERAL WATER (1.5L)	APPLES (1kg)
 €1.35	 €11.09	 €2.56	 €3.57
FRESH MILK (1L)	PORK CHOPS (1kg)	BREAD (500g sliced)	COFFEE BEANS (250g)
 €4.60	 €9.10	 €43.70	
MEAL starter, main course, dessert in University restaurants	CINEMA TICKET	MEDICAL CONSULTATION with a general practitioner	

DID YOU KNOW?

Most student visas allow you to work alongside your studies for a maximum of 15 hours per week during the semester. Visit the Careers Centre on campus for assistance with finding casual work.
→ https://wwen.uni.lu/students/career_centre



STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

ARE YOU WONDERING WHERE TO GO FOR YOUR EXCHANGE SEMESTER? START YOUR NEW ADVENTURE IN LUXEMBOURG!

The University of Luxembourg would be delighted to welcome you for one or two semesters. We have exchange programmes with more than 350 partner universities worldwide. If your home university has a partnership with us, you will first need to apply to your home university's international exchange programme. Once you have been nominated by your home university, you can follow our step-by-step guide on how to apply on page 32.

As an exchange student at the University of Luxembourg, you will continue to pay tuition fees to your home university. Any credits earned during your exchange can be transferred and count towards your studies at home.

ELIGIBILITY

BEFORE YOU APPLY, MAKE SURE THAT YOU MEET OUR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Language proficiency requirements for the teaching language of the selected study programme and courses
- A good academic record
- At least one full semester of study completed at your home university
- A health insurance certificate covering the entire period of your stay*

(*health insurance is compulsory for all international exchange students studying in Luxembourg)





STUDY OPTIONS

CHOOSING YOUR PROGRAMME

Exchange students at the University of Luxembourg can combine courses from different study semesters and different programmes (generally within one faculty). The majority of the courses should be within the student's area of study. The University of Luxembourg uses the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation system (ECTS). In general, 30 credits represent one semester of work.

A complete list of courses can be found on the University website. Enrolment is subject to course availability and students will need to have the appropriate academic background for the courses requested. It is important to be flexible with your course choice as some courses fill up quickly or may not be offered in a particular semester. The University of Luxembourg has three different teaching languages: **English, French and German**. Please make sure you meet the language proficiency requirements of the selected study programme and courses.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

These are some of the options for exchange students. For a full listing (including teaching language) please see the University of Luxembourg website:

→ <https://www.en.uni.lu/studies/bachelors>

Computer science

- Computer Science
- Applied Information Technology

Engineering

- Electrotechnics
- Energy and Environment
- Civil Engineering

Life sciences

- Biology
- Medicine

Mathematics

Physics

Economics and Management

Law

Humanities

- English Studies
- German Studies
- French Studies
- History
- Philosophy

Psychology

Social sciences and education

Teaching and education

POSTGRADUATE DEGREES

These are some of the options for exchange students.

For a full listing (including teaching language) please see the University of Luxembourg website:

→ <https://www.en.uni.lu/studies/masters>

Computer science

- Information and Computer Sciences
- Space

Engineering

- Civil Engineering
- Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Product Creation
- Energy and Economic Efficiency

Life sciences

- Integrated Systems Biology
- Biomedicine

Mathematics

- General Mathematics
- Financial Mathematics
- Industrial Mathematics

Physics

Business and management

- Accounting and Audit*
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation*
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management*

*These programmes are not open to exchange students unless there is a specific agreement between your home university and the University of Luxembourg.

Economics and finance

- Science in Finance and Economics
- Wealth Management

Law

- Banking and Financial Law
- European Economic and Financial Criminal Law
- European and International Tax Law
- European Private Law
- European Law and Litigation
- Space, Communication and Media Law

Humanities

- Learning and Communication in Multilingual and Multicultural Contexts
- Modern and Contemporary European Philosophy
- European Contemporary History

Psychology

- Evaluation and Assessment
- Psychological Intervention



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Social sciences

- Architecture
- European Governance
- Geography and Spatial Planning

Social sciences and education

For more information contact
the International Relations Office at:

→ iro@uni.lu

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SCHOLARSHIPS

A scholarship provides valuable support to help make your study and travel dreams a reality. There are a number of scholarships available to eligible international applicants, provided by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Programme and by the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs. Contact your home university's Student Exchange Office to find out if there are scholarship opportunities for your studies in Luxembourg.

INTERNATIONAL
SUMMER SCHOOL

Each year, the University of Luxembourg organises an International Summer School which provides language classes (French or German) combined with an interdisciplinary exploration of Europe and the European Union. Based in one of the EU's capitals, students will acquire not only first-hand experience of European phenomena but also the analytical skills to better understand contemporary Europe.

The programme costs €1,500. The University of Luxembourg offers tuition fee waiver scholarships to some partner universities. Please contact your home university for more information on possible discounts and fee waivers.

→ <https://uliss.uni.lu/>



STUDY OPTIONS

STUDY OPTIONS

HOW TO APPLY

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Before applying to carry out an exchange semester at the University of Luxembourg, you will need to secure the agreement of the Student Exchange Office at your home university. Once you have been nominated by your home university, you will be sent an email with information on how to complete your online application to the University of Luxembourg.

STEP 1:

Check if your home university has a partnership with the University of Luxembourg

If it does, you need to contact your home university and be officially nominated.

STEP 2:

Choose your study programme and select your courses

Your programme will depend on the conditions set by your home university, your study area, your level of study (undergraduate or postgraduate) and the duration of your exchange (one or two semesters).

STEP 3:

Submit your application

Fill out your application through the link provided to you by email.

You should include:

- A copy of your ID document
- An ID photo
- Proof of language proficiency (depending on the teaching language of your chosen programme)
- A covering letter

- A Bachelor or Master degree certificate or equivalent (if applicable)*
- Your current official transcript of records*
- A copy of your health insurance certificate
- A preliminary study plan (your course preferences)

*An official translation in English, French or German is requested.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Student nationality	Winter semester*	Summer semester**
EU citizen	1 June	15 May
Non-EU citizen	1 December	15 October

*Mid-September to mid-February

** Mid-February to mid-July



STEP 4:

Receive your admission letter

Your application will be assessed and, if successful, you will receive your letter of admission by email.

STEP 5:

Check your entry and residence conditions

If necessary, apply for a temporary authorisation of stay and a student visa.

STEP 6:

Enrol online at the University of Luxembourg and get your ID number

Once officially admitted and registered online, you will receive a student ID number, which you will need when applying for accommodation.

STEP 7:

Apply for accommodation in one of the student halls of residence

All students can apply for accommodation about 6-8 weeks before the start of the semester.

STEP 8:

Confirm your visa and start planning your trip to Luxembourg!

Make sure you arrive a few days before the start of the semester in order to finalise all the administrative procedures and take part in the welcome activities.

SEMESTER DATES

Semester 1 → Winter Semester
Mid-September to mid-February

Semester 2 → Summer Semester
Mid-February to mid-July



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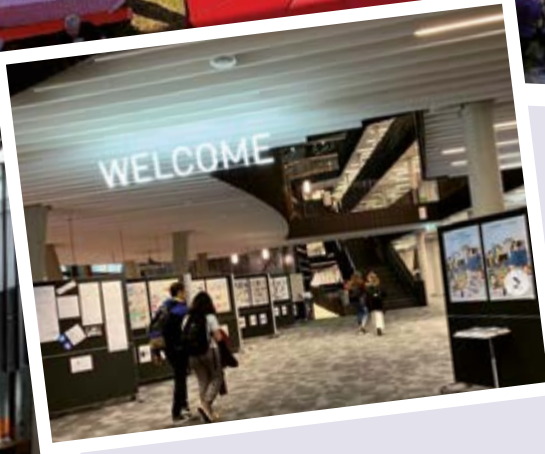
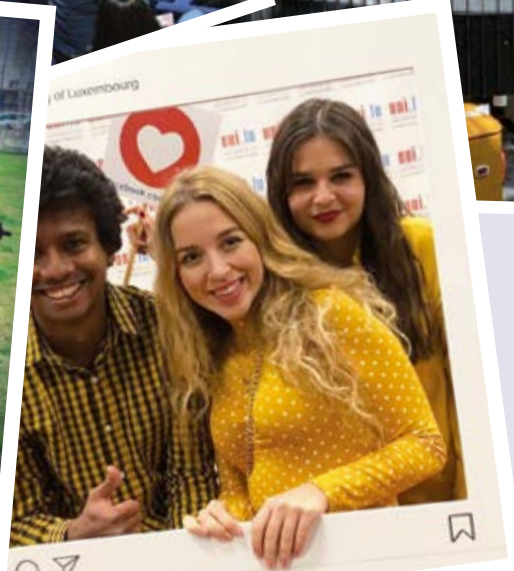
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