

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2011-2012

Tuesday 16 August 2011	Start of the registration period for 2011-2012
Wednesday 21 September – Sunday 25 September 2011	Orientation Days for International Students
Monday 26 September 2011	Opening ceremony of the academic year 2011-2012
Tuesday 27 September 2011	Start of classes in the first semester of 2011-2012
Friday 23 December 2011	End of classes in the first semester
Monday 26 December 2011 till Sunday 8 January 2012	Christmas and New Year holidays
Monday 09 January 2012 – Sunday 15 January 2012	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 16 January 2012 – Saturday 04 February 2012	First semester exams
Thursday 2 February 2012	Patron's Feast Day – university offices will be closed!
Monday 06 February 2012 – Sunday 12 February 2012	Mid-year break. No classes
Thursday 9 February 2012 – Sunday 12 February 2012	Orientation Days for International Students
Monday 13 February 2012	Start of classes in the second semester
Monday 2 April 2012 – Sunday 15 April 2012	Easter holidays
Saturday 26 May 2012	End of classes in the second semester
Monday 28 May 2012 – Sunday 10 June 2012	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 11 June 2012 – Saturday 7 July 2012	Second semester exams
Thursday 16 August 2012	Start of the registration period for 2012-2013
Monday 20 August 2012 – Saturday 15 Sept. 2012	Examination retakes for failed students 2011-2012
Monday 24 September 2012	Start of the academic year 2012-2013

## 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 29 July 2011 till Friday 26 August 2011 (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 **€ 300** for all students.

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

## WHAT EXCHANGE STUDENTS SHOULD BRING

**EEA-students** (EEA: **E**uropean **E**conomic **A**rea: 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 3 months)
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	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
ERASMUS code	B LEUVEN01
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Postal code and town	3000 Leuven
Country	Belgium
Website	<a href="http://www.kuleuven.be/english">http://www.kuleuven.be/english</a>

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## HOUSING

General information regarding private and university accommodation in Leuven for (exchange) students can be found on <http://www.kuleuven.be/accommodation/index.htm>.

### Non-Subsidized Residences

The K.U.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. 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

The majority of exchange students are referred to the private housing market, as the offer of rooms in university residences is limited. On our general website you will read that it's impossible to arrange permanent private housing before your arrival in Leuven! Because of the wide variety in prices, comfort, surface area etc..., it is really too risky to make a choice from abroad, without having viewed at least a few rental units personally. According to the Belgian law, a contract, once signed, cannot be terminated before it expires. For those reasons we never send contact information or address lists by e-mail to students who are not in Leuven yet.

We strongly advise (exchange) students to come to Leuven a few days before the start of the courses, in order to arrange their permanent housing. This room hunt will take from a few days up to one week. In the mean time, you can stay in a guesthouse. We strongly recommend students to book temporary guesthousing themselves, quite a few weeks in advance. Guesthousing can be found on: <http://www.kuleuven.be/accommodation/guesthousing/index.html>.

Attention, September is the most difficult time to find both temporary and permanent housing!

Upon arrival in Leuven, students are welcome at the Housing Service, located at Van Dalecollege, Naamsestraat 80 in Leuven. The Housing Service is open every weekday between 9-12am and 2-5pm. We will provide information on and assist in finding permanent accommodation.

Exchange students staying for a full academic year will be referred to the university database of privately rented student houses.

Exchange students staying for one semester will receive a list of Flemish students who sublet their room to an international student while they are studying abroad themselves, or while they are in training on another location.

The list for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester is available from the middle of July. Please note that from July onwards, the supply of sublettings reduces very fast. Therefore we advise you to come during July or August.

The list for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester is available from the middle of December. Unlike students who stay in Leuven during the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, students who come for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester can also negotiate directly with landlords. Landlords who still have rooms available in January will generally conclude a contract that ends together with the academic year.

You can only consult the addresses (both from the database and the lists) locally at the Housing service. It is not possible to apply for those lists or to consult the database from abroad.

**Single room:** furnished, kitchen and bathroom to share with other students in the house. Blankets, sheets and pillows are NOT provided! Average price: between €270 and €300 /month.

**Studio:** private kitchen and bathroom, furnished. Blankets, sheets and pillows are NOT provided! Average price: between €400 and €500 /month.