

Fact Sheet

Erasmus exchange mobilities 2024 - 2025

University key data

Institution	KU Leuven
ERASMUS code	B LEUVEN01
Rector	Prof. Luc Sels
Address	Naamsestraat 22, box 5000
Postal code and city	3000 Leuven
Country	Belgium
Website	http://www.kuleuven.be/english

Faculty data

Faculty	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Address	Campus Gasthuisberg, O&N II Herestraat 49, box 420
Postal code and city	3000 Leuven
Country	Belgium
Website	https://pharm.kuleuven.be/international/international
Contact	international.ffw@kuleuven.be

Academic year

Orientation days - Compulsory information session - Welcome and information sessions - Social activities	September 16 th , 2024 – September 22 th , 2024 More information can be found here .
First semester classes	September 23 th , 2024 - December 21 st , 2024
First exam period	January 13 th , 2025 - February 1 st , 2025
Orientation days - Compulsory information session - Welcome and information sessions - Social activities	February 3 th , 2025 – February 9 th , 2025 More information can be found here .
Second semester classes	February 10 th , 2025 - May 24 th , 2025
Second exam period	June 10 th , 2025 - June 28 th , 2025
Third exam period (for failed students of both first and second exam period)	August 18 th , 2025 - September 6 th , 2025

Holidays and class-free weeks

End-of-year holidays	December 21 st , 2024 – January 5 th , 2025
Exam preparation. No classes.	January 6 th , 2025 – January 12 th , 2025
Mid-year break	February 1 st , 2025 – February 9 th , 2025
Easter holidays	April 5 th , 2025 – April 21 th , 2025
Exam preparation. No classes.	May 24 th , 2025 – June 8 th , 2025

Information about our research units

An overview of the laboratories of our Department of Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences can be found [here](#).

Drug Delivery and Disposition	website
Therapeutic and Diagnostic Antibodies	website
Biocrystallography	website
Medicinal Chemistry	website
Toxicology and Pharmacology	website
Pharmaceutical Analysis	website
Radiopharmaceutical Research	website
Molecular Virology and Gene Therapy	website
Molecular Biodiscovery	website
Clinical Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy	website

Application process

1. Nomination	
Your home coordinator will nominate you by an online nomination form.	The link was send to your home coordinator. If not received, please ask your home coordinator to contact international.ffw@kuleuven.be
- Contacts sending university	
- Contacts student	
- Study cycle student	Only students that have, at the moment of exchange, obtained 180 ECTS at least, can be accepted.
- Status exchange: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Study o Trainee 	<p>Limited positions for Research project and Master's thesis are available in Erasmus study or in Erasmus trainee learning agreements. For both a confirmation of the KU Leuven promotor is required upon nomination. You can find the standard document to be completed here. Download and complete, and upload the document throughout the online nomination.</p> <p>The KU Leuven Erasmus coordinator is usually not involved in the process of finding a placement.</p> <p>Information about our research expertise can be found in section 'research units'. See also 'Tips'.</p> <p>Pharmacy hospital internships are limited! Please contact Sarah Clarysse (international.ffw@kuleuven.be) for further information. These internships are only available as Erasmus traineeship.</p>
2. Faculty confirmation	
The nominating person and the nominated student will receive an email explaining the further procedure.	
3. Student online registration	
When accepted by the faculty the student must register through the central online KU Leuven application.	<p>The link will be provided in the confirmation email (see step 2).</p> <p>The student will need to upload the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning agreement for studies: signed by student and sending university or Learning agreement for traineeships: signed by student, sending university and KU Leuven promotor

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transcript of Records - English proficiency certificate (min CEFR B1 level or equivalent) is absolute mandatory when taking classes.
4. Approval of learning agreement for studies	The fully signed learning agreement for studies will be returned to the student.
5. Institutional Admissions Letter	Your case administrator at the central KU Leuven Admissions Office will send you your official documents for enrolment.

Tips for your query to find a research / internship position for your exchange

- Contact the different academic staff members attached to the laboratory of interest.
- Send your curriculum vitae and motivation letter attached to your email.
- You may send your contact details so the professors can contact you for an interview if they like.

Remark: the application process for traineeship exchange after graduation (student is not enrolled in any university programme) is slightly different: you need a [confirmation](#) of your KU Leuven promotor and send it by email to: international.ffw@kuleuven.be. You will receive further information in reply.

Deadlines

Nomination	See nomination procedure
Exchange during first semester	April 20 th , 2024
Exchange during full academic year	
Exchange during second semester	September 20 th , 2024
Student online registration	See application process
Exchange during first semester	April 30 th , 2024
Exchange during full academic year	
Exchange during second semester	October 1 st , 2024
Internships outside semester	At least 6 months before start mobility Please contact international.ffw@kuleuven.be if the nomination link is no longer available.

Information about exchange courses and research projects (for completing a learning agreement for studies)

All exchange courses, research project and Master's thesis are available for students who have successfully finished 180 ECTS at least. At the moment of nomination, you need a confirmation of your KU Leuven promotor when applying for a Pharmaceutical research project or Master's thesis (see: [nomination procedure](#)).

Exchange courses	A list of courses can be found here . The majority of courses should be taken from the faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. A limited number of ECTS can be taken from other faculties. Consult the corresponding webpages.
Master's thesis	The student performs scientific research and <u>writes and defends a thesis in Leuven</u> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 23 ECTS Approximately 15 weeks of fulltime research - 23 + 7 ECTS Approximately 20 weeks of fulltime research
Pharmaceutical research project	The student performs scientific research and writes a report and presents the results at a seminar. You may write and defend a master's thesis at your home university. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 23 ECTS Approximately 15 weeks of fulltime research - 23 + 7 ECTS Approximately 20 weeks of fulltime research

Grading system

Most courses are scored on a scale 0 - 20	
Grade (out of 20)	Definition
18	EXCELLENT – outstanding performance
16	VERY GOOD – above the average standard
14	GOOD – generally sound work
12	SATISFACTORY – fair
10	SUFFICIENT – performance meets the minimum criteria
8	FAIL – to some extend
6	FAIL - considerably
Some courses are scored as pass/fail	
G or P	pass
NG or F	fail

Practical information

<h3>Housing</h3>	
<p>Due to a shortage on the housing market it is strongly recommended to secure accommodation before coming to Leuven. Check this website for the latest information.</p> <p>Rooms are usually furnished. Blankets, sheets and pillows are usually not provided.</p>	
<h3>University Residence halls</h3>	
<p>The KU Leuven has reserved about 1200 of its 2400 non-subsidized university residence rooms to house international students. These rooms are randomly located amongst rooms for Flemish students and they are spread over 13 residences across the City of Leuven. The offer of rooms in university residences is limited.</p>	<p>You can find more information on the conditions and how to apply on this website.</p>
<h3>Private market</h3>	
<p>Most exchange students stay in individual rooms with shared facilities in houses on the local private housing market. Rooms with private comfort, e.g. private toilet, shower or kitchen are more expensive.</p>	<p>Check this website for the latest information.</p>
<h3>Expected living costs</h3>	
<p>Find more information on this website</p>	
<h3>Introductory Dutch courses</h3>	
<p>At the request of the International Office, the Leuven Language Institute organizes ‘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 for free.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 2024 till Friday 30 August 2024 (20 hours a week). The course is intended for students of different levels, from beginners to intermediate and advanced. The tuition fee is € 460.</p> <p>For the latest information, please visit the ILT website.</p>	
<h3>Insurances and health care</h3>	
<p>Find all the necessary information in the brochure “Living in Leuven”.</p>	

Registration at KU Leuven

Please attend one of the Compulsory Info Sessions for Exchange Students ([see Orientation days](#))

For up-to-date information about the registration procedure please check [this webpage](#).