BRUSSELS, HOME TO VUB, CAPITAL OF EUROPE:

- at the heart of Europe
- within easy reach by train or plane
- houses many international and European organisations
- home to one of the world’s largest diplomatic and press communities
- 33% of its population is foreign
- 104 different languages spoken
- multilingual, multicultural

VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL (VUB):

- over 18,500 students, 144 different nationalities
- 4 campuses, 8 faculties
- 1 university hospital
- in top 200 worldwide in QS World University Rankings 2021
- #59 in Reuters most innovative universities 2019

STUDY FIELDS:

Political Sciences  
Sociology  
Communication Studies  
Applied Economics  
Business Economics  
Management  
Medicine  
Pharmacy  
Biomedical Sciences  
Architectural Engineering  
Electrical Engineering  
Chemical Engineering  
Civil Engineering  
Engineering Technology  
Materials Science  
Mechanical Engineering  
Hydrology  
Industrial Engineering  
Biomedical Engineering  
Applied Computer Science  
Photonics  
Physical Education  
Physiotherapy  
Philosophy  
History  
Art Sciences & Archaeology  
Linguistics & Literary Studies: FR, IT, ES, NL, EN, DE  
Applied Linguistics: FR, IT, ES, NL, EN, DE  
Psychology  
Adult Educational Sciences  
Educational Sciences  
Law  
Criminology  
Bioengineering Sciences  
Geography  
Mathematics  
Computer Science  
Biology  
Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management  
Chemistry  
Physics and Astronomy  
Urban Studies  
Urban Design & Spatial Planning

VUB: 1834-1989-1970  
8 FACULTIES  
18,500 INSCRIPTIONS  
of which 235.5% INTERNATIONAL SPREAD ACROSS 4 CAMPUSES  
31 BACHELORS  
74 MASTERS  
23 ADVANCED MASTERS  
21 POSTGRADUATES  
BRUSSELS HUMANITIES, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING CAMPUS  
144 NATIONALITIES  
3,391 PERSONNEL  
BRUSSELS HEALTH CAMPUS  
BRUSSELS TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS  
BRUSSELS PHOTONICS CAMPUS  
>60,000 ALUMNI  
369,234 CONSULTATIONS  
3,691 PERSONNEL  
31,501 HOSPITALISATIONS  
721 BEDS  
20,000 STUDENTS  
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION  
WWW.VUB.BE/EN/EXCHANGE
HOW TO APPLY:
1. Check if your home university/faculty has an agreement with VUB
2. The home university officially nominates students via email to exchange.incoming@vub.be
3. VUB sends nominated students a link to the online application form. This needs to be filled in with academic and personal details, and the Learning Agreement and required application documents need to be uploaded:
   • transcript of records
   • proof of language competency
   • proof of health insurance (if relevant)
   • copy ID-card/passport
   • passport photo
4. Evaluation/Selection

ACCOMMODATION:
Rooms on the Brussels Humanities, Sciences & Engineering Campus have been reserved for exchange students. Other options off campus are also available. On average, you’d pay between €350-€500 a month.

VISA/HEALTH INSURANCE:
3 elements play a role:
• How long you will stay in Belgium (more than/less than 90 days)
• Your nationality (EEA* or non-EEA)
• Purpose of your stay (e.g. study)
Visas must always be obtained in country of origin. ID-cards will always be obtained in Belgium.

Health insurance is mandatory - contact us for more info.

ORIENTATION DAYS:
The days leading up to the start of the academic year, we organise Orientation Days. We encourage you to attend events during these days, so you get acquainted with Brussels, the university, and various procedures to help you settle in and feel at home.

FACILITIES AT VUB:
Student organisations, sports complex, swimming pool, gym, restaurant with student-friendly prices, campus with green open spaces, and much more!

ACADEMIC YEAR:
Autumn Semester: mid-September-Mid-February
Spring Semester: mid-February-Mid-July

DEADLINES:
Autumn Semester or full year:
- nomination: 1 May
- application: 1 June

Spring Semester:
- nomination: 1 October
- application: 1 November

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered

MORE INFORMATION:
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* EEA = European Economic Area
WHAT DOES VUB HAVE TO OFFER?

• An international university in an international city at the heart of Europe
• High-quality research and tailor-made education: you are not a number.
• We actively contribute to a more sustainable future for tomorrow
• We have a rich history going back to 1834.

AND BELGIUM?

• 11th in the world for higher education and training*
• 5th for healthcare and primary education*
• Home to chocolate, waffles, mussels & chips, beers, etc
• An impressive cultural heritage going back to Roman times
• Famous for its summer music festivals

VUB, like the city it calls home, is an international university, with increasing numbers of international students and staff on its campuses. As a university, it embraces all that the city stands for: welcoming, open, innovative, diverse and interesting.

Welcome to VUB. Welcome to Brussels!

“I really like my courses and although there are many processes at VUB, it is a great school. Brussels is full of young people and there is always something happening. People are very friendly. I love the diversity and multi-cultural atmosphere.”

Katerina from Czech Republic, 2019

* World Economic Forum’s Global Competitiveness’ Index 2017-2018