

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2014-2015

Monday 18 August 2014	Start of the registration period for academic year 2014-2015
Tuesday 16 September 2014 till Friday 19 September 2014	Orientation Days for International Students
<b>Monday 22 September 2014</b>	<b>Opening ceremony of the academic year 2014-2015</b>
Tuesday 23 September 2014	Start of classes in the first semester of 2014-2015
Saturday 20 December 2014	End of classes in the first semester
Monday 22 December 2014 till Sunday 4 January 2015	Christmas and New Year holidays
Monday 05 January 2015 – Sunday 11 January 2015	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 12 January 2015 – Saturday 31 January 2015	First semester exams
Monday 02 February 2015	Patron's Feast Day – university offices will be closed!
Monday 02 February 2015 – Sunday 08 February 2015	Mid-year break. No classes
Wednesday 4 February 2015 till Friday 06 February 2015	Orientation Days for International Students
Monday 09 February 2015	Start of classes in the second semester
Monday 06 April 2015 – Monday 19 April 2015	Easter holidays
Saturday 23 May 2015	End of classes in the second semester
Monday 25 May 2015 – Sunday 07 June 2015	Exam preparation. No classes
Monday 08 June 2015 – Saturday 27 June 2015	Second semester exams
Monday 17 August 2015	Start of the registration period for 2015-2016
Monday 17 August 2014 – Saturday 05 Sept. 2015	Examination retakes for failed students 2014-2015
<b>Monday 21 September 2015</b>	<b>Opening ceremony of the academic year 2015-2016</b>

## 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 1 August 2014 till Friday 29 August 2014** (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 **€ 360** 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 90 days)
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/>

## Exchange Programmes: Key data

Full legal name of the Institution	KU Leuven
ERASMUS code	B LEUVEN01
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Postal code and town	3000 Leuven
Country	Belgium
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## HOUSING

### UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALLS

The KU Leuven has reserved about 200 of its 1400 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 9 residences across the City of Leuven. The offer of rooms in university residences is limited.

You can find more information concerning these rooms and an application form on the following website:

<https://admin.kuleuven.be/sab/ex/en/accommodation/index>

Practical arrangements (date of arrival, what to do on arrival, checking in etc) can be made directly with the landlord.

### PRIVATE MARKET

Most exchange students stay in individual rooms with shared facilities in houses on the local private housing market. Depending on the period of your stay and the time of your arrival the offer can be limited. Information regarding private accommodation in Leuven for exchange students can be found on

[www.kuleuven.be/studentenvoorzieningen/accommodation/student/exchange.html](http://www.kuleuven.be/studentenvoorzieningen/accommodation/student/exchange.html).

**Check this site for the latest information!**

**Single room:** furnished, kitchen and bathroom to share with other students in the house. Blankets, sheets and pillows are usually NOT provided! Average price private market: €350 /month.

The average price for a single room with private comfort, e.g. a private toilet or kitchen, is €400 / month.

**Studio** (not available in the university residences): furnished, private kitchen and bathroom. Blankets, sheets and pillows are NOT provided! Average price private market: between €450 and €500 /month.