

STUDY IN BELGIUM

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Why study in Belgium? Why not?

Aside from its rich culture influenced by the Regions and Communities, Belgium serves as home as well to some of the world's most iconic tourist spots (think Atomium or the Grand Place) and gastronomy favorites such as the Belgian Frites, Waffles, Chocolates and Beer. But Belgium is more than just its food. You will find that it is also a well-known destination for students pursuing higher education. Instead of finding reasons why to study in BE, think why not?

- Reasonable Living Costs;
- Central Location;
- Rich culture and multilingual society;
- Quality Education and Historic Universities.

"We sent 52 Filipino students to Belgium who will be pursuing their higher education. Half of them are scholars or university funded, but almost half of them are self-funded as well. -
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-This in itself is a testament to the quality of Belgian education. Because whether or not you are on a scholarship, student life in Belgium will equally be as fulfilling and rich, both in the cultural and academic aspect."

Belgian to the Philippines

Ambassador Michel Parys said in his speech during the Student Send Off for Filipinos going to Belgium last 18 August 2022, hosted at the Residence.



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What studying in Belgium offers:

Reasonable Living Costs

Proof of financial means required by the Embassy is indexed at EUR 730/month for 2022/2023. Many schools have rooms available for students. You can request for a list of accommodations. from your university coordinators.

Central Location

Highly accessible to most of Europe and serves as the seat of the European Union Council, the European Parliament and the College of Europe are both based in Belgium. Brussels, the country's capital, is also within hours away to its neighboring countries.

Rich culture and Multilingual Society

French, Flemish / Dutch and German are widely spoken. French and Flemish language universities – Many of which offer Masters courses in English.

Quality Education

Several Belgian universities appear in the top 200 of international rankings, including Reuters ranking for Europe's most innovative universities, which is topped by a Belgian university (Reuters Top 100: The Most Innovative European Universities, 2019). Moreover, Belgium also houses some of the world's oldest and historic universities.



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Higher Education in the Flemish Community

5 Universities

- KU Leuven
- Universiteit Antwerpen
- Universiteit Gent
- Universiteit Hasselt
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel

13 University colleges

Higher Education in the French Community

6 Universities

- Université catholique de Louvain
- Université libre de Bruxelles
- Université de Liège
- Université de Mons
- Université de Namur
- Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles

19 University colleges

16 Colleges of arts



Scholarships and Coverages

Scholarships in Belgium aside from direct university funding and the European Commission's Erasmus+ are categorized to two umbrellas: VLIR for Flemish/Dutch-speaking Belgium and ARES for French-Speaking Belgium.

VLIR is the Interuniversity Council for Flemish Higher Education Institutions. ARES, on the other hand, is the federation of higher education institutions of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation.

The **Belgian Development Cooperation** funds scholarships and internships through these two umbrella organizations

VLIR-UOS scholarships cover tuition fees, travel, insurance and living expenses (board and lodging for the full duration of the Master's program (12/24 months).

ARES scholarships are offered for advanced bachelor's, master's degrees and continuing education programs covering international travel costs, living allowance, Indirect mission costs, registration fees and insurance costs.

Erasmus+ Scholarships cover the cost of a student's participation in the program, travel and a living allowance.

Important links:

- <https://www.vliruos.be/en/home/1>
- <https://www.ares-ac.be/fr/>
- <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/>
- <https://education.ec.europa.eu/>

Student Visa

Visa-related inquiries may be sent to manila.visa@diplobel.fed.be. For Study Visa, an application for Long Stay (Visa D) is recommended and a total of EUR 180 will be paid as visa fee.

Testimonials



ARNIE GEM MORADA

Erasmus Mundus Master
MITRA Program
Université de Lille, France
University College Cork,
Ireland
KU Leuven, Belgium

"Through the Erasmus Mundus Master MITRA program, I had the unique opportunity to study in three different universities around Europe. Given the choice to return to one of these institutions for my last semester, I had no doubt that KU Leuven was the right choice for me. KU Leuven offers education that enlightens the minds of many, providing the best and most innovative educational tools and facilities that allow critical quantitative and qualitative research for its students. In my opinion, the cosy and safe city of Leuven is a place of knowledge that felt like home for what has been two remarkable years of my life."

"I spent five years in Belgium for VUB's Language course on Dutch and French. If you will be staying in a country outside your own, it's a must that you learn their language. Not only is it a show of respect to the culture of your host, it also helps you make the most out of your stay. The quality of your experience significantly upgrades, especially getting around. However, nonetheless, our College Dean (Rector) was equally as accommodating even when I could only speak English in my first few years. By the end of my course, I met so many different people, from all walks of life and nationalities, even making life-long friends who I still get in touch with every now and then."



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