

VUB General Information Sheet - Exchange Students

Contact Information	
Name of University	Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Country	Belgium
Erasmus Code	B BRUSSEL01
Head of Institution	Prof. dr. Caroline Pauwels, Rector
Vice-Rector Internationalisation	Prof. dr. Romain Meeusen
Director International Relations Office	dr. Jacqueline Couder
Short intro	For more than 180 years, VUB has helped build a better society as an innovative, free-inquiring and critical-thinking university. We are linked to the world from our international capital city, Brussels. A never-ending quest for knowledge, insight and enlightenment form the red thread in all we do in education, research and social commitment. With 4 campuses, 16,000 students and 8 faculties, we continue to advance our very personal and democratic approach which enables all members of the VUB community to grow, so they can successfully take up their roles in the world of today and tomorrow.
International Relations office (IRo) postal address	Pleinlaan 2, 1050 Brussels, Belgium
International Relations office (IRo) visiting address	Pleinlaan 5, 1050 Brussels, Belgium
IRo general e-mail address	international.relations@vub.be
IRo incoming students e-mail	exchange.incoming@vub.be
IRo outgoing students e-mail	exchange.outgoing@vub.be
International Relations office web page	http://www.vub.ac.be/en/international
International Relations office Facebook	www.facebook.com/VUBInternationalRelations
Web page incoming exchange students	http://www.vub.ac.be/en/exchange
Web page outgoing exchange students	https://student.vub.be/en/exchange#home

Application Information Incoming Students	
Nomination & Application Deadlines	
Autumn Semester	<u>Deadline Nomination by home university: 1 May</u> <u>Deadline Application to the VUB: 1 June</u>
Spring Semester	<u>Deadline Nomination by home university: 1 October</u> <u>Deadline Application to the VUB: 1 November</u>
Application procedure	The home university nominates students for exchange at VUB. These nominations can be sent to exchange.incoming@vub.be with an excel file we provide. Next, the International Relations office invites the nominated students to apply online. Completing the online application process before the deadline confirms the student's participation in the exchange programme. VUB issues an invitation letter once the application process is completed. The selection of courses is the student's own responsibility.
ECTS requirement	Incoming students are required to take a minimum of 21 ECTS (VUB courses) per semester.
Grading system	< 10: F 10: E 11 - 12: D 13 - 14: C 15 - 16: B

	17 - 20: A VUB is part of Egracons . We strongly encourage our partners to join!
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Transcript of Records (ToR)	Incoming students' ToR will be issued shortly after finishing exams. VUB students' ToR may be sent to Gwen Van der Smissen with postal address <i>Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Student Administration, Pleinlaan 2, 1050 Brussels, Belgium</i> .
Courses available in following disciplines:	Applied Biological Sciences, Applied Linguistics, Applied Sciences, Archaeology & Art History, Biomedical Sciences, Economics & Management, Engineering, History, Law & Criminology, Literature & Linguistics, Medicine, Pharmacy, Philosophy & Ethics, Politics & Social Sciences, Psychology and Educational Sciences, Sciences, Sports Science & Physiotherapy

Academic Calendar + Welcome Activities	
Academic Calendar	For a detailed description of activities and important moments during the academic year: please visit the calendar .
Orientation Week (Autumn)	All students are welcomed for the Autumn semester during Orientation Days (the week before the semester starts). Have a look at the activities under "A Week just for you": Orientation Week ; updates will be added for the coming year. We also organise an annual Kick-off event.
Orientation Day (Spring)	The annual Orientation Day for exchange students, is held the Friday before the start of the second semester in February.
	The International Relations office welcomes all new international students during these sessions. All information regarding VUB, schedules and procedures, as well as campus life and culture is presented. Students are welcome to ask questions regarding their stay at VUB, get a campus tour, as well as a city tour. Dates of Orientation Days are mentioned in an email to students and will be available on the International Relations office's website . More information on practical things and what to do prior to arrival is available online .

Other Relevant Information	
Housing	Incoming exchange students have a vast array of housing opportunities at their disposal. Furthermore, there are multiple possibilities for those who are looking for temporary lodging .
Buddy system	Incoming students can receive support from VUB-students through the buddy system .
Insurances	The insurance provider Partena has visiting hours at the International Relations office once a week.
Visa	Information on visa requirements is available online .
Special needs	Information on special student facilities, can be found here .
Student job opportunities	Want a student job during studies?
Sports facilities	With a swimming pool, a running field and much more, VUB has a great offer in sport facilities .
Culture & Leisure	All cultural events and leisure activities are available on the student portal .
Transportation	Brussels has a good public transportation network. Have a look on the overview of the metro and train network . There are several buses and trams which stop near our largest campus: Brussels Humanities, Sciences & Engineering Campus . Our other campus are also easily accessible: Brussels Health Campus , Brussels Photonics Campus and Brussels Technology Campus . <i>Etterbeek</i> is the nearest train station for our largest campus and metro stops <i>Pétillon</i> , <i>Hankar</i> & <i>Delta</i> (all orange line 5) are within walking distance. All transportation details can be found here .

