

Fact Sheet for Exchange Students

by **International Relations Office**

Important deadlines



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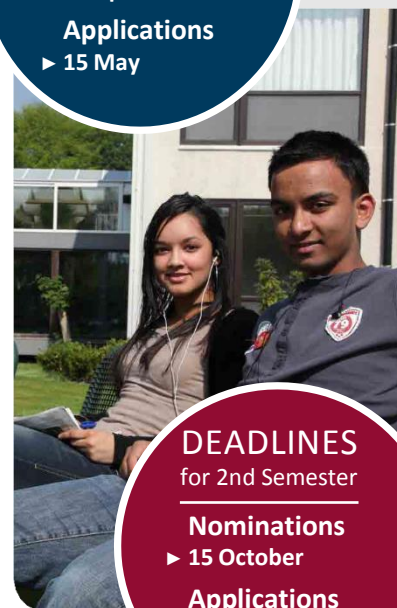
DEADLINES
for 1st Semester

Nominations

► 15 April

Applications

► 15 May



DEADLINES
for 2nd Semester

Nominations

► 15 October

Applications

► 1 November

Admission procedure for exchange students coming to the University of Antwerp includes 2 mandatory phases:

1. Nomination by the HOME UNIVERSITY

The home university nominates the students to the University of Antwerp. The procedure on how to nominate students will be sent out to our partners each year by email.

► Nominations are only accepted **within the deadline**

2. Application by the STUDENT

The student submits the **application** to the University of Antwerp in the **online management system** 'Mobility-Online'

► All applications are processed on an ongoing basis. In general students receive an email with the decision within 6 weeks after the application deadline. Once accepted as an exchange student, they can print out **the acceptance letter** from their workflow in Mobility Online. Students who require a visa to study in Belgium will additionally receive an official **invitation letter**, sent by regular post to their home address.

Attention!!

In case of practical trainings and research, a specific policy applies for the following faculties:

1. Pharmacy/Biomedical/VET Sciences

2. Medicine & Health Sciences

April 15th & May 15th are the only deadlines. If applied for at a later stage, positions might be filled up.

3. Applied Engineering

Students should have a fully signed Training Agreement at least 2 months before the start of their exchange period.

No applications will be processed during the months July and August.

Academic Calendar

Our first semester starts around end of September and the second semester starts at the beginning of February. The latest version of the academic calendar is [always available on our website](#).

Study Information

All [study programmes](#) at the University of Antwerp are measured in terms of ECTS credits. Bachelor programmes count 180 credits, master programmes from 60 to 240 credits depending on the field of study. In general a full-time study programme amounts to 60 credits per academic year or 30 credits per semester, **as a general rule exchange students have to sign up for a minimum of 20 credits**. Course units at the University of Antwerp mostly have an ECTS value of 3 or 6 credits.

When applying for admission exchange students need to formulate a [Learning Agreement](#) with the course selection and the number of credits. The document needs to be signed by the student, the home institution and the University of Antwerp BEFORE ARRIVAL in order to approve the study programme.

Students coming from a European Institution should use the Erasmus + template (from the home university). Students coming from outside of Europe can generate their Learning agreement in 'Mobility Online'.

Main language of instruction is Dutch. However all faculties offer courses and seminars or a full study programme in English to accommodate international exchanges. All course descriptions are available in Dutch and in English mentioning the language of instruction of each course. Check the language of instruction carefully when making your choice. The course catalogue in English can be found on www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange.

Students can choose courses from faculties other than their own, but limited to maximum 2 courses per faculty and UPON EXPLICIT APPROVAL OF BOTH FACULTIES. Please contact the international coordinator of the relevant faculty.

Students applying for a practical training (internship, lab or practical work, research) need to submit more details on the topic and desired position at the time of application. This will allow the faculty to find a position in due time. In case of late application a position cannot be guaranteed.



Language Requirements & Dutch Language Courses

A good level of English is essential during your study period in Antwerp, as it is important to communicate clearly and to attend classes in English successfully. Therefore a proof of English (min. level B2) needs to be submitted when applying for admission. Only certificates of the following language tests are accepted.

- For students studying at a European University: [Erasmus+ OLS language test certificate](#)
- TOEFL min score 79-80
- IELTS min. score 6.5
- Cambridge first Certificate min level B2 (CFR)
- Test results from a language institute (from the home university or other)

In order to get maximum benefit from the stay in Antwerp we recommend to learn some Dutch. Dutch language classes are offered before and during the semester. Before the start of each semester a special course "Survival on Arrival" is organised for the exchange students to learn some basic Dutch for the everyday life. Information can be found on www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange

Orientation days

Right before the start of each semester all exchange students are warmly welcomed by the international relations office.

For a smooth integration it is compulsory to attend the orientation days. Everything students need to know about studying at the University of Antwerp and living in Belgium/Antwerp will be explained. All practical matters and student registration are included as well. The interactive programme is an excellent opportunity to connect with other international students. The orientation days are also the start of the 'Ice-breaking week' organised by the Erasmus Student Network (ESN).

Students are also welcomed at the faculty during the first week of term, providing them with academic guidance to ensure a successful start of their study period in Antwerp.

All necessary practical information about these info sessions will be announced during the Orientation Days.

Accommodation

All information about housing in Antwerp can be found at www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange/housing

Most rooms are rented for a period of 10 to 12 months. Students staying for a full academic year should therefore have no problem finding a room. However we advise students to start on time with their search.

Kotweb (student accommodation website) offers the largest selection of student accommodation and is the reference for student accommodation in Antwerp and any related information.

For students staying in Antwerp **for one semester or less than 6 months** the **International Housing Office** handles the applications. The housing application is included in the workflow in Mobility Online. **Deadlines:** see 'admission procedure'.

For additional questions or advice students can contact the **International Housing Officers:** internationalstudenthousing@uantwerpen.be



Visa & Residence Permit

Students who need a visa to study in Belgium should apply for a student visa (type D) with the Belgian embassy or consulate in their current country before leaving for Belgium. Students are urged not to come on a tourist visa alone, **also a residence permit from another EU country is NOT sufficient.**

It is advised to start the visa application procedure well in advance.

Information on www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange

International students staying in Antwerp for **more than 3 months** will have to apply for a residence permit upon arrival. The University of Antwerp assists students with the procedure.

Information on www.uantwerpen.be/residencepermit

Insurances

Registration as a student at the University of Antwerp includes accident and third party liability insurance, during educational and recreational activities in university buildings, during transfers to and from the university and during excursions approved by the university.

Health Insurance: Before leaving for Antwerp students should report to their insurance company and carefully examine whether or not their health insurance covers all medical costs for the entire period of stay in Belgium. If that is not the case, they can choose to take up insurance with a local health insurance federation in Antwerp upon their arrival. www.uantwerpen.be/en/education/studying/budget-social-facilities/health-insurance

Fire Insurance: www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange/housing

Antwerp Summer University



Antwerp Summer University offers several intensive courses during the summer months. Topics cover almost all disciplines offered at the University of Antwerp. All short-term programmes consist of high quality education (lectures, visits, workshops) and include fun and an interesting social activities. Participants can acquire ECTS credits upon successful completion.

Looking to extend your stay in Antwerp? Discover all summer schools on www.uantwerpen.be/asu



Student Councelling

When the stress is getting too much, or when students are feeling mixed up about something, (anything!) they can turn to a student counselor at the Student Information Point, or "STIP". Besides assistance for student counselling, STIP also provides guidance for students with a functional impairment.

More information on www.uantwerpen.be/en/campus-life/student-counselling

For additional questions or advice students can contact STIP at stip@uantwerpen.be

Useful Websites

- ▶ City of Antwerp assisting students "GATE 15" www.gate15.be/en/home
- ▶ Antwerp www.visitantwerpen.be
www.thisisantwerp.be
- ▶ Flanders www.visitflanders.com
- ▶ Belgium www.uniquelyphenomenal.be
- ▶ ESN Antwerp www.esnantwerp.org

