



Welcome to ESL, the Economics School of UCLouvain

Factsheet 2026-2027





Welcome to Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

UCLouvain, Université catholique de Louvain An international campus

Since its foundation in 1425, “openness to the world” has been at the core of UCLouvain teaching and research missions. Today, this has resulted in

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a high percentage of international students at UCLouvain: nearly one fifth of our students come from abroad, representing over 122 nationalities from five different continents;



many exchanges of students, teachers and researchers through European networks (Erasmus+) and International networks (Circle U., The Guild,...): one fourth of UCLouvain graduates benefit from an experience abroad and UCLouvain welcomes as many students through its partnerships;



a highly-driven partnership policy with Higher Education Institutions all around the world.



40.000

students

UCLouvain

Facts and numbers

7

campuses in Wallonia and Brussels

1st

French-speaking University in Belgium

30

km from Brussels, the capital of Europe

20

faculties



The Economics School of Louvain

ESL

The **Economics School of Louvain** (ESL) is part of the Faculty of Economic, Social and Political Sciences and Communication (ESPO), and jointly organizes its master programs with the Economics School of Namur (ESN).

The advantages of our collaboration:

International study and work environment

- Internationally renowned Professors
- World-class research (LIDAM)
- Large network of Partner Universities

Large choice of courses

- Specialized and research oriented
- Interdisciplinarity
- Master and Undergraduate levels

Personalized education

- Small class
- Access to Professors and Research Assistants
- Support dedicated to Students



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Process of nomination

Nominations and applications should be sent through our **Mobility Online Platform**.
An identification code will be sent to the partner university at the end of February each year.

	1st term (Sept. to January)	2nd term (February to June)
Deadline for nominations	by April 30th	by October 31st
Deadline for applications	by May 31st*	by November 30th*
*don't wait until the last minute !		



Academic calendar 2026-27

	1st term	2nd term
Courses start	Sept. 14, 2026	Feb. 1, 2027
End of term	Dec. 19, 2026	May 15, 2027
Exam session	Jan. 4 to Jan. 22, 2027	May 31 to June 26, 2027
Retake exam session	Aug. 16 to Sept. 4, 2027	Aug. 16 to Sept. 4, 2027





Courses



Which courses ?

- Courses in **English** and in **French**
- A full track in **English** is possible
- **Undergraduate** level courses in economics and management and **Master** level courses in economics
- Possibility to select courses from other disciplines

Workload

- A normal workload represents **30 ECTS** per semester.
- 1 course of 5 ECTS represents on average 30 contact hours.
- We expect you to have a workload comparable to the one you would be required to have at your home university.

French language courses

French courses for foreigners are organized by the Institut des Langues Vivantes (ILV) from beginner to advanced level.

<https://www.uclouvain.be/fr/ilv/francais-cours>



[uclouvain.be/en/faculties/espo/esl/course-catalogue](https://www.uclouvain.be/en/faculties/espo/esl/course-catalogue)

Grading scale

Grade	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	<10
% of students awarded the grade	0.5	1.8	5.1	8.6	14.9	16.0	16.4	12.4	9.9	7.3	7.1	-
ECTS grade	A			B		C		D		E		F



Housing information

Finding accommodation is the student's responsibility.
We recommend you start searching as soon as you are nominated.

Student accommodation on campus is available for students.

They can choose between:

- University Housing (LOGE - UCLouvain accommodation office)
- Privately-owned accommodation

University Housing is limited.

Students should apply as soon as possible.

- Applications from Mar. 31st until Jul. 31th for Fall Term
- Applications from Jul. 31st until Nov. 30th for Spring Term

uclouvain.be/en/logement/housing-in-louvain-la-neuve



Students considering private housing on campus in Louvain-la-Neuve should be cautious about potential scams.

It's essential not to transfer money to landlords before physically inspecting the property or obtaining verifiable proof of legitimacy.

Stay vigilant to avoid falling victim to fraudulent schemes.



Living costs and practical information

Average monthly rent for UCLouvain accommodation (a room) is 295 euros.

Average rent for privately-owned accommodation is between 600 and 800 euros for a one-bedroom flat, and between 750 and 900 euros for a two-bedroom flat.

uclouvain.be/en/education/practical-information



Good to know

WELCOME ACTIVITIES

At the beginning of each semester, UCLouvain organizes activities for Erasmus students :

- visits
- guided tours
- information sessions on sports
- culture
- housing
- etc.

uclouvain.be/en/international/first-days



SPORTS AT UCLouvain

Access to 90 sports (fitness, badminton, tennis, soccer, zumba, dance, ...)

Sports Card and fee: uclouvain.be/fr/sport



KOT ERASMUS

Coming to Louvain-la-Neuve next semester ? You want to meet other Erasmus students ?

Don't hesitate to contact the 'Kot Erasmus' !

Kot Erasmus welcomes, supports, assists, and accompanies Erasmus students throughout their exchange. They organize parties, meetings and dinners.



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