

# Studying at the University of Antwerp

Programmes in English  
2021-2022



Universiteit  
Antwerpen

## Bachelor programmes

- **Social-economic Sciences** (60 ECTS credits)

## Master programmes

- **Applied Economic Sciences:** Economic Policy (60 ECTS credits)
- **Biology:** specialisation Biodiversity, Conservation and Restoration (120 ECTS credits)
- **Biology:** specialisation Global Change Biology (120 ECTS credits)
- **Biomedical Sciences:** specialisation Neurosciences (120 ECTS credits) (Research)
- **Biomedical Sciences:** specialisation Infectious and Tropical Diseases (120 ECTS credits) (Research)
- **Business Economics** (60 ECTS credits)
- **Chemistry** (120 ECTS credits)
- **Computer Science:** specialisation Computer Networks and Distributed Systems (120 ECTS credits)
- **Computer Science:** specialisation Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (120 ECTS credits)
- **Computer Science:** specialisation Software Engineering (120 ECTS credits)
- **Digital Text Analysis** (60 ECTS credits)
- **Electronics and ICT Engineering Technology** (60 ECTS credits)
- **Epidemiology** (120 ECTS credits)
- **Laws (LL.M)** (120 ECTS credits)
- **Linguistics and Literature:** English (60 ECTS credits)
- **Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management** (120 ECTS credits)
- **Molecular Biology** (120 ECTS credits)

- **Philosophy** (120 ECTS credits) (Research)
- **Physics** (120 ECTS credits)
- **Political Science** (60 ECTS credits)
- **Rehabilitation Sciences and Physiotherapy:** specialisation Internal Conditions (120 ECTS credits)
- **Rehabilitation Sciences and Physiotherapy:** specialisation Neurological Conditions (120 ECTS credits)

## Advanced Master programmes

- **Development Evaluation and Management** (60 ECTS credits) (IOB)
- **Global Health** (120 ECTS credits)
- **Globalisation and Development** (60 ECTS credits) (IOB)
- **Governance and Development** (60 ECTS credits) (IOB)
- **Maritime and Air Transport Management** (60 ECTS credits) (C-MAT powered by AMS)
- **Water Sustainability:** Integrating Technology- and Nature-based Solutions (Think Water) (60 ECTS)

## Postgraduate programmes

- **Algology** (40 ECTS credits) (Interuniversity Certificate)
- **China-EU Cultural Curatorship Studies** (55 ECTS credits)
- **Energy and Climate** (30 ECTS credits) (IMDO)

## Erasmus Mundus programmes

- **Leading International Vaccinology Education (LIVE)** (120 ECTS credits)
- **Applied Ecohydrology** (120 ECTS credits)

## Preparatory one-year programme: Dutch as a Foreign Language in an Academic Context

This programme is offered by Linguapolis, the language institute of the University of Antwerp. It is aimed at non-Dutch-speaking students who want to prepare to enter higher education in Dutch.

[www.linguapolis.eu](http://www.linguapolis.eu) | [www.linguapolis.eu/prepyear](http://www.linguapolis.eu/prepyear)

## NEW! Educational Masters

Looking to embark on a career in education?

The University of Antwerp offers a Master of Teaching with different specialisations, all taught in Dutch, subdivided into seven clusters.

✓ [www.uantwerp.be/master-of-teaching](http://www.uantwerp.be/master-of-teaching)

# Welcome!

Our university is located in the city of Antwerp, in the heart of Belgium and Europe. The port of Antwerp is one of the biggest in the world. The city of Antwerp is not just an ancient medieval and baroque city, full of history. It is also a bustling metropolis with a vibrant social scene, impressive architecture and cultural contrasts. Over 170 nationalities live here, more than in New York! This cosmopolitan nature is also reflected at the University of Antwerp.

First-rate research and education make the University of Antwerp a wonderful place to study and to work. We foster the nexus between research and education. Internationalization is one of the keywords in our mission statement. It is no coincidence that the University of Antwerp is a partner in one of the most promising European University Networks, the Young Universities for the Future of Europe ([www.YUFE.eu](http://www.YUFE.eu)).

Dependent on the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic, the academic year 2021-2022 might be different than the ones before. Although we are proud to welcome over 20,000 students by now, the University of Antwerp has always and will still operate on a human scale. We will keep doing our utmost to maintain the face-to-face contact among students, with faculty and staff. We will organize as many classes as possible on campus, combined with online activities. Classes and lectures might be held in smaller groups than before. Lab activities will continue with the help of protection tools such as masks and screens. If necessary, online alternatives will be organized from day one.

Are you keen to find out more? Feel free to contact our International Students Office or visit [www.uantwerp.be](http://www.uantwerp.be).



Cordially,

Prof. dr. Herman Van Goethem  
Rector



# Antwerp

The city of Antwerp is well known for its major international port and for being the world centre for diamond trade. Antwerp has always played an important role in the political and cultural history of the Low Countries. It is a charming and green city with many excellent museums and a large cultural heritage, with Rubens as its most famous ambassador. This, combined with over 2000 bars and restaurants, along with some of the finest fashion districts in Europe, makes Antwerp the ideal city for students.

## Metropolis @ the river Scheldt

- 530,104 inhabitants
- 170 nationalities
- area of 20,451 ha
- 706 cafés, 24 ice cream parlours, 1,854 restaurants and takeaways
- 32 municipal sport halls
- 16 cultural and meeting centres
- 38 parks in and around the city
- 4200 city bikes for rent
- 50 art galleries
- 28 museums
- 17 public libraries
- 7 km walk along the quay

## An innovative business city!

- World port city  
Second largest port in Europe
- Oil and chemical cluster  
Largest integrated oil and chemical cluster in Europe
- World diamond centre  
Largest diamond trade centre in the world
- Retail and fashion capital  
Preferred city in Belgium by (inter)national retailers
- Digital innovative  
Fast-growing ecosystem for digital products and technologies
- Creative  
Rapidly growing sectors: design, advertising and media
- Ambition to shift towards a circular economy



“Antwerp (Antwerpen/Anvers in Dutch/French) is Belgium’s second city, biggest port and capital of cool. It has long been a powerful magnet for everyone from fashion moguls and club queens to art lovers and diamond dealers.”

Lonely Planet



# University of Antwerp

The University of Antwerp has about 20 000 students, which makes it the third largest university in Flanders. It is characterised by high standards in education, internationally competitive research and an entrepreneurial approach. We have four campuses spread over the city of Antwerp. Depending on your study choice, you will end up either in the city centre or in the green outskirts.

## International

The University of Antwerp is an international university, with students from all over the world. Around 19% of our students are international students, representing 130 nationalities. The university participates in several European education programmes and is a member of the prestigious Utrecht Network, YERUN and AURORA. It is also a partner in one of the most promising European University Networks, the Young Universities for the Future of Europe ([www.YUFE.eu](http://www.YUFE.eu)).

Playing a prominent part in international research, the University of Antwerp works with universities and research institutions from all over the world. Many international researchers are members of our university's research teams. The individual research carried out by our academics is fully integrated into the courses taught at the university.

The Faculty of Business and Economics has AACSB and EPAS accreditations, both hallmarks for excellence in business education.

## Student-centred learning

The University of Antwerp is a firm believer in student-centred learning. We start from the premise that all students have the desire to learn and increase their knowledge. Our study programmes are designed to support and activate this desire. Studying means taking responsibility and making a commitment, but it is also a social process where you learn from others, both from lecturers and classmates. We focus on competence-oriented education. These competences include specific skills and attitudes, in addition to knowledge and insight.

## Young and excellent

The University of Antwerp is ranked 5th in the Times Higher Education Millenials 2020. This proves that our future-oriented approach works. The University of Antwerp offers a number of programmes exclusive in Flanders. For our brightest and most promising students we have developed the 'Honours College' in several faculties, a master class project that aims at providing extra challenges and support in terms of career development for top students. Students are partners at our university. Our student-centred and research-based education is directed at maximal student participation, with a minimal distance between professors and students. The university's axiom of active pluralism and diversity is not just a saying: The University of Antwerp wants its students to become critical and articulate citizens. For this reason all students take a university-wide course on general world views.



# Faculties

- Applied Engineering
- Arts
- Business and Economics
- Design Sciences
- Law
- Medicine and Health Sciences
- Pharmaceutical, Biomedical and Veterinary Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Science

The University of Antwerp also counts 15 institutes and centres, including the Institute of Development Policy (IOB).



## E-learning

E-learning plays a significant role within the university. Lectures and seminars only account for part of a class. Education is also offered through the electronic learning environment Blackboard in the form of assignments, tests, exercises, group work and question time via a forum. Our teaching staff uses Blackboard for all official communication and for the distribution of course materials.

## ECTS credits

The University of Antwerp applies the 'European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System' (ECTS) in all its degree programmes. All study programmes are measured in terms of ECTS credits.

A full-time one-year study programme amounts to 60 ECTS credits (30 ECTS credits per semester), which implies a student workload of about 1500 to 1800 hours. One ECTS credit stands for 25 to 30 hours of work including contact hours, preparatory work, study and assessment.

## Higher education in Flanders

Higher education in Flanders has adopted the Bachelor-Master structure. A three-year undergraduate cycle of 180 ECTS credits leads to a Bachelor's degree and is followed by a one-year, two-year or three-year graduate cycle of 60, 120 or 180 ECTS credits leading to a Master's degree.

Advanced Master's programmes offer further specialisation in a specific field of study. A doctoral PhD degree is the highest level of specialisation in scientific research. In Belgium this degree can only be awarded by universities. For professionals who want to upgrade their knowledge and skills, we offer short-term postgraduate certificate programmes.



# Student facilities

## Computers and ICT

At the University of Antwerp you study in a modern, technological learning environment. On every campus you will find computers with an internet connection, which students can use free of charge. The Student Information System Antwerp (SisA) is the digital heart of educational administration at the University of Antwerp. And Blackboard, the digital learning environment, is your online compass. It not only provides you with the most up-to-date information about every module you are taking, but is also a student intranet.

✓ [www.uantwerp.be/computers-and-ict](http://www.uantwerp.be/computers-and-ict)

## Libraries

The university's five libraries are a favourite place to study for many students. Our libraries are modern, academic libraries, as well as heritage libraries. They offer a vast collection of books, magazines, educational materials from various fields and a diverse collection of printed heritage materials. Most databases and electronic journals can also be accessed remotely.

✓ [www.uantwerp.be/en/library](http://www.uantwerp.be/en/library)

## Study choice guidance and support during your studies

- Study coaching
- Psychological support
- Social and financial problems
- Medical problems
- Functional impairment
- Career coaching
- Language tutoring

✓ [www.uantwerp.be/study-choice-guidance](http://www.uantwerp.be/study-choice-guidance)

✓ [www.uantwerp.be/support-during-studies](http://www.uantwerp.be/support-during-studies)

## Language courses

Belgium has three official languages: Dutch, French and German. Antwerp is located in the Northern part of Belgium, Flanders, where Dutch is the lingua franca. Linguapolis, the language institute of the University of Antwerp, offers intensive Dutch language courses at the beginning of each semester and during the academic year. It also offers intensive courses for 13 other languages, from French and German to Chinese and Korean, and specific Academic English modules as well.

✓ [www.linguapolis.eu](http://www.linguapolis.eu)

Students at the University of Antwerp can sign up for online language courses for only ten euros per year. Altissia offers online language courses in Dutch, English, French, German, Italian and Spanish. All languages and levels are available at the same time, from beginners to advanced level. Each module consists of exercises, vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. The modules don't focus on academic language, but on the language used in everyday situations.

✓ [www.altissia.org](http://www.altissia.org)



## Antwerp Summer University

Broadening your horizon by studying, travelling and meeting people: At Antwerp Summer University you have it all! Antwerp Summer University offers short-term and high-quality academic programmes based on the excellence of the University of Antwerp and its regional and international partners. In a friendly and supportive learning environment, you can discover new academic disciplines or deepen your knowledge in your specific study field. Come and learn from experts, all outstanding in their disciplines, and meet fellow students from all over the world. Join them for intensive and interesting study programmes and spend a happy summer in Antwerp!

✔ [www.uantwerp.be/asu](http://www.uantwerp.be/asu)

## Housing

Our housing service helps you find your way on the private rental market through a unique database developed for students in Antwerp: Kotweb. Our housing officers can also provide assistance with contracts and rental agreements. Most Belgian students either live at home or rent a room in shared accommodation close to their campus.

✔ [www.studentkotweb.be/en](http://www.studentkotweb.be/en)

✔ [www.uantwerp.be/housing](http://www.uantwerp.be/housing)

## Sports and culture

The Culture and Sports Service present a combined offer of culture and sports in one affordable package: the UAntwerpen Plus Pass. The Plus Pass costs 25 euros and gives you access to the University of Antwerp sports programme and to a number of art events organized by the Culture Office.

✔ [www.uantwerpenplus.be/en](http://www.uantwerpenplus.be/en)



# Student participation

## Student representation

Whether it's planning examination schedules or discussing the prices at the student restaurants, elected student representatives are involved in the university's decision making process.

Students are represented in various bodies of the University of Antwerp and the city of Antwerp. In many meetings students comprise a third of the vote. Even if you are not a member of the Student Council or a representative in one of the many boards at the university or faculty level, you can still have your voice heard.

## Student clubs

There are more than 40 different student clubs active on our campuses. Unifac and ASK-Stuwer are the umbrella organisations. On the first day of the academic year they organise 'Students on Stage' for all new students. This is a good way to get to know our student clubs and their activities. Other activities during the year include orientation days for Bachelor students and numerous other activities such as 'cantussen' (singing and drinking events), parties, a film week, cocktail parties, student balls, a go-kart race and several other events.

You can always check out the STAN website to find loads of information about the most important aspects of your student life.

✓ [www.uantwerp.be/student-associations](http://www.uantwerp.be/student-associations)

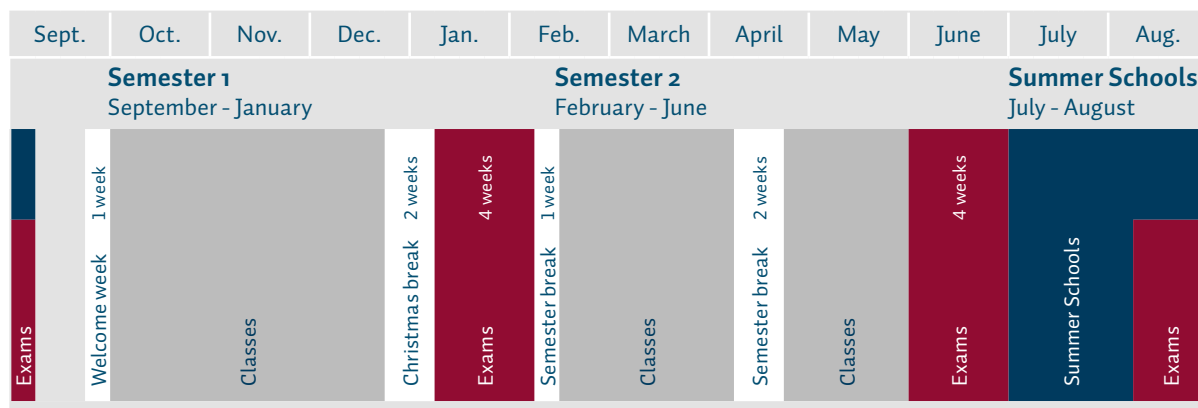
✓ [www.stanstan.be/en/studentlife](http://www.stanstan.be/en/studentlife)

# Cost of living

	Estimated cost
Temporary accommodation for the first week	€150
Registration at the City Hall	€21
Bicycle rent	€75 per year
Health insurance	€200 per year, depending on residence status
Study material	€500 per year
Living costs: food, clothes, medical costs, household purchases, language course, social activities, transport, etc.	€600 per month €7200 per year
Rent for housing	€390 per month for a room €455 per month for a studio
Rent deposit: This is maximum two months' rent and will be refunded when you leave your room clean and undamaged.	€780 or €910
Utilities: internet, water, electricity, fire insurance, etc.	€40 - €80 per month

# Overview of the academic year

The academic year at the University of Antwerp usually starts on the last Monday of September and is split up into two semesters. Each semester comprises 13 weeks of classes followed by a 4-week examination period.





From  
study choice  
to  
arrival

## Make your choice

On the website of the University of Antwerp, you can read about the programmes we offer and you can browse the individual fact sheets of our programmes.

By using our online study guide, you can narrow down your options, compare curricula and teaching methods and explore career paths. This will help you to choose the study that is best suited to your academic background and interest.

Do check the prerequisites for the programmes you have selected to ensure you meet the degree and language requirements. Contact the relevant faculty for any further questions about the programme's content or prerequisites.

✓ [www.uantwerp.be/education](http://www.uantwerp.be/education)



# Application

International students have to submit an online application file together with supporting documents.

## Language requirements

For programmes taught in English, you need to prove your proficiency in English:

- by submitting a language certificate showing your TOEFL, IELTS or ITACE results

OR

- by submitting proof you have studied at least one academic year (or 60 ECTS credits) in an English-language Bachelor's or Master's programme. Please note that the Board of Admission may still ask for additional proof of proficiency in English.

Each programme has strict application deadlines and these vary for EEA and non-EEA residents \*. Please consult the website for detailed information on the application and the enrolment process.

\* EEA = EU + Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein

✓ [www.uantwerp.be/admission-degree](http://www.uantwerp.be/admission-degree)

# Acceptance

After your application has been approved, you will be sent an official Letter of Acceptance. You can then apply for a student visa on the basis of this document.





## Student visa

If you are a national of an EEA country or from Monaco or Switzerland, you may travel to Belgium on the strength of your national passport or identity card.

If you have any other nationality, you need to apply for a student visa type D at the Belgian embassy or consulate in your current country of residence before leaving for Belgium.

If you have dual citizenship (e.g. non-EU and EU) and you are currently not a resident of an EU country, we strongly advise you to apply for a student visa.

## Scholarship

The University of Antwerp participates in several scholarship programmes:

- Erasmus Mundus
- VLIR-UOS: scholarships for students from developing countries
- Master Mind
- Global Study Awards
- JN Tata Endowment
- BAEF fellowship
- OPEC Fund Scholarship Award
- Aga Khan Foundation
- ...

## Tuition fees

In most cases, your tuition fee is calculated based on how many credits you are using when registering for courses. You can see how many credits each course is worth in the online student guide. Tuition fees are subject to yearly revision and are calculated on an individual basis, partially determined by the nationality of the student. Tuition fees are published online.



✓ [www.uantwerp.be/student-visa](http://www.uantwerp.be/student-visa)

✓ [www.uantwerp.be/scholarships](http://www.uantwerp.be/scholarships)

✓ [www.uantwerp.be/tuition-fees-degree](http://www.uantwerp.be/tuition-fees-degree)

### Do you have a Chinese degree?

If you want to come to Belgium to study, you will have to go through a mandatory academic screening, called Akademische Prüfstelle (APS). The screening is done by the German Embassy in Beijing and consists of two parts: a formal check of the diploma and an interview with the student to test his/her academic knowledge. Upon a successful screening you will get an APS certificate. Without this APS certificate you cannot get access to higher education in Flanders and you will not receive a Belgian student visa.

The screening can take several months. It is therefore recommended to start the procedure on time and to contact the Academic Evaluation Centre in Beijing as soon as possible ([info@aps.org.cn](mailto:info@aps.org.cn) | [www.aps.org.cn](http://www.aps.org.cn)).



## Welcome Week

Just before the start of each academic year all international degree students attend the Welcome Week to discover the university and the student life in Antwerp. It is also an excellent opportunity to meet other international students and to get to know the social side of being a student in Antwerp. Learn to cook a typical Flemish meal, refresh your biking skills, speak your first words in Dutch and discover the student bars of Antwerp! We will also guide you through all the formalities you need to complete as a new student. The Faculty Day during this week is a chance to get to know the professors and students in your programme.

✓ [www.uantwerp.be/welcome-week](http://www.uantwerp.be/welcome-week)

# Join us in Antwerp!

*"The professors at my faculty are all very well prepared to teach international students which is a must as the programme targets an international audience. Almost half of my fellow students are international students."*



> **Julia Port | Germany**  
**Master of Biomedical Sciences: Infectious and Tropical Diseases (Research) (M.Sc.)**



*"The Master of Applied Economic Sciences has a quantitative approach. I was able to use methodology and models in my thesis that a year before seemed far beyond my reach. I'm confident that I can walk into any seminar or read any academic paper and not only understand the premise, but actually contribute to the discussion."*

> **Kathleen Brown | USA**  
**Master of Applied Economic Sciences: Economic Policy (M.Sc.)**



*"I had a look at several European countries and study programmes, but in the end I chose Antwerp because the Master of Biology: specialisation Biodiversity, Conservation and Restoration was exactly what I had been looking for.*

*Not only because I was finally able to merge my two previous degrees from the University of Miami in "Biology" and "Ecosystem Science and Policy" and it's solely taught in English, but also because it offered the possibility to return to Africa to pursue my research interests for my thesis. And after all it's good to be able to get a European view on my field of study, which certainly will make me a better biologist. Furthermore my study programme can be considered as pretty international, since almost half of my fellow students are from abroad. I think it's a great enrichment if you have so much different knowledge and many points of views around."*

> **Blake Alexander Simmons | USA**  
**Master of Biology: specialisation Biodiversity, Conservation and Restoration (M.Sc.)**

*"I think people here are more open than in other cities in Europe, they are used to people coming from everywhere, and if they realize that you cannot speak Dutch, they do not mind speaking English to you. Regarding the academic level, I think lecturers expect a lot from the students, so it's important that you have the required academic background before starting the course."*

> **Phui San Cheong | Malaysia**  
**Master in Business Economics (M.Sc.)**



*"The University of Antwerp is located in one of the most important and busiest EU ports, which is promising for opportunities in terms of interesting internships within international firms with a multi-cultural atmosphere. The tuition fee was quite affordable. Labs and technical classes are taught by (post)doctoral researchers using cutting-edge technologies, which I liked the most. The curriculum is also adjusted to the hot topics within the industry and academic world, which guarantees your future job perspectives."*

> **Emad Heydari Beni | Iran**  
**Master of Computer Science: Computer Networks and Distributed Systems (M.Sc.)**



*"Joining UAntwerp is a huge challenge since the level of education is quite high but definitely worth the effort. The academic staff is very professional and eager to share their expertise. Your stay in Antwerp will undoubtedly be one of the best experiences of your life."*

> **Gerardo Orellana | Ecuador**  
**Master of Computer Science: Data Science (M.Sc.)**

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