

A Master's programme at UCL : Practical information

HOW DO I ENROL AT UCL ?

By completing an admission application form online on the UCL website:

- Before April 30 if you come from a non-EU country,
- Before August 31 for students from an EU country.

Once you have filled in this form and submitted your documents, your application will be examined by a Faculty board. If admitted, the Office of the Registrar will send you an admission letter (called "Autorisation d'inscription"). This procedure can take up to several weeks.

Exception: If you come from an EU country and if you hold a Belgian diploma, you don't have to complete an admission application. You can directly enrol online.

 www.uclouvain.be/en-inscription

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO STUDY AT UCL ?

UCL is a private university but is subsidized by the government of the French Community of Belgium, which is why its course fees are relatively low.

- To enrol for a Master's degree, students who are citizens of one of the 28 countries of the European Union pay €835 per annum.

- Students who are non-EU citizens pay international fees:
 - Citizens of developing countries pay between €835 to €2,758.
 - Citizens of industrialized countries pay €4,175.

Please note: all these amounts may be subject to changes. Please check the University website for the most recent information.


- International fees may be waived for students who fulfil certain conditions.
- Course fees are the same at all subsidized universities in the French Community of Belgium.

 www.uclouvain.be/en-357747

HOW DO I APPLY FOR MY VISA ?

If your request for admission is accepted, the University will send to you by mail an admission letter ("Autorisation d'inscription"). You can use this document to ask for a visa at the Belgian Embassy or Consulate.

If you are a citizen of one of the 28 countries of the European Union or of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway or Switzerland, you don't need to apply for a visa but you have to register (within eight days upon arrival) at the Municipal service (aka Administration Communale) of your residency.

 www.uclouvain.be/en-visa



WHAT IS THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR ?

The start of the new academic year is in mid-September (this is the only time students can start). Classes are spread over two terms (from September to December and from February to May) and there are three examination sessions: in January, June and August.

 www.uclouvain.be/en-calendrier-academique

WHAT KIND OF ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE?

UCL offers a large selection of furnished accommodation reserved for its students. Many students live in shared flats (with their own room and a communal kitchen, living room and bathroom). If you would like to live in UCL accommodation, you can submit a request using the form you will receive with your admission letter. A list of private accommodation is also available on the various university campuses.

 www.uclouvain.be/en-logement

WHAT BUDGET DO I NEED?

A single student should plan on an annual budget of around €9,500 (excluding tuition and other fees). Shared households should assume an additional budget of at least €3,000 for each dependent. This estimate includes settling-in expenses, accommodation, food, transport, healthcare, leisure, etc.

 www.uclouvain.be/en-353491

WHERE CAN I OBTAIN A STUDY GRANT?

UCL does not award any grants to international students wishing to do a Master's degree. However, there are some Belgian and international organizations that do offer financial assistance: the Development Cooperation Committee (ARES-CCD), the Directorate-General for Development Cooperation (DGD) and the association of French-language universities (AUF). Finally, the European Union funds grants for Erasmus Mundus Master's. You can also contact your home institution, your local government or international organizations (EU, UN, World Bank, etc.).

 www.uclouvain.be/en-326654

WILL I BE ALLOWED TO WORK WHILE PURSUING MY STUDIES?

In Belgium, foreign students are entitled to work part-time for a maximum of 19 hours a week during the academic year, and 38 hours a week during the summer holidays, but must apply for a special work permit. Current legislation does not allow students to finance their studies through student jobs alone.

 www.studentatwork.be

More practical information:
[www.uclouvain.be/
international-student](http://www.uclouvain.be/international-student)

IS IT POSSIBLE TO STUDY FRENCH AT UCL?

Of course! Students who wish to improve their knowledge of French while following their Master courses may register to take French courses at the Language Institute of the UCL (ILV). Furthermore, UCL, in collaboration with the Centre de Langues de Louvain-la-Neuve (CLL), organises during the summer and winter holidays intensive courses of French especially for international students (at a special rate).

 www.uclouvain.be/languages

DO I HAVE TO APPLY FOR A HEALTH INSURANCE?

If you are a citizen of the European Union (plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), you have to apply for your European Health Insurance Card. This card is free and gives you the same access to public healthcare (e.g. doctors, pharmacies, hospitals or treatment centres) as enjoyed by residents of the country you are visiting.

If you are not a citizen of the European Union, join a health insurance group ("mutuelle") as soon as you arrive. These groups reimburse the cost of medical care (either in full or in part depending on the type of services provided) and some types of medication. You can choose any health insurance company - these groups are run by a range of different organizations: Socialist, Christian, Liberal and independent.

You can also take out non-compulsory, "complementary" health insurance, which covers some or all of the costs not reimbursed by compulsory health insurance.

 www.uclouvain.be/en-351564


DOES UCL ONLY WELCOME CATHOLICS OR CHRISTIANS?

No. Many religions coexist at UCL and no religious commitment is requested from its members.

Where can I get further information?

For information about how studies are organized at UCL and about the programmes available, or for general help and advice, contact the Student Advisory Service:

Centre d'Information et d'Orientation (CIO)
Rue Paulin Ladeuze, 3 - 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve
Belgium
info-cio@uclouvain.be

 www.uclouvain.be/cio

For information about admission and enrolment procedures, contact the Office of the Registrar:

Office of the Registrar
Halles universitaires
Place de l'Université, 1 - 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve
Belgium

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