



UCLouvain welcomes **34.000 students** in **seven locations** in Brussels and Wallonia. Its main campus is in the pedestrian city of **Louvain-la-Neuve**. Our university offers **courses in all disciplines**, from bachelor's to doctoral degree level, as well as many lifelong learning programmes. It is also a pioneer in the creation of massive open online courses (MOOCs), and the first French-speaking university in Europe to offer online courses on the edX platform, with 30 courses available in 2020 and 200.000+ learners following its on-line courses via the edX platform worldwide! Check the [UCLouvain institutional video!](#)

Education and research

With a Nobel Prize, 21 Prix Francqui (the 'Belgian Nobel') and many other honours, **UCLouvain offers an education fuelled by solid research**. The university's drive to innovate is clear: €260 million in annual research investment, 329 projects funded by European framework programmes (as of 2020) and close relationships with the business world, particularly with the 275 companies in the university's two science parks. Meanwhile, UCLouvain's research development efforts are currently responsible for 66 active spin-offs.

Open to the world

Since its creation, UCLouvain has not only been **open to the world**; it has reached out to the world and invited it in: 25% of its teaching staff, 47% of its research staff and 18% of its student body is international. This openness is also reflected in its many exchange partnerships with universities worldwide, active participation in international networks and long-held tradition of cooperation with developing countries.

Top-ranked Belgian francophone university

Placing 158 in the 2022 Times Higher Education ranking of the world's universities, UCLouvain is ranked **first among Belgian francophone universities**. It is also **one of Europe's most well-established universities**, having been founded in 1425. Erasmus, Gerardus Mercator and Andreas Vesalius are among the greats to have graced its halls; it's where Georges Lemaître formulated his Big Bang theory and Christian de Duve conducted research that won him the 1974 Nobel Prize in Medicine.

Studying at Ecole Polytechnique de Louvain (EPL)

EPL has adopted a **project-based approach** 20 years ago, developing and improving its teaching methods ever since. It has developed strong links with industrial partners, some of them world leaders in their fields. This has resulted in interesting internship opportunities for students, cutting-edge applied research and excellent job opportunities upon graduation. Studying at EPL also opens doors to programmes with our prestigious partners across the globe. Furthermore, master's courses are in English. EPL is located in Louvain-la-Neuve, the main campus of UCL. It is a safe environment, free of car traffic, and surrounded by 300 hectares (750 acres) of woods. Yet it is close to Brussels and thus ideally connected to all of Europe, with capitals such as London, Paris or Amsterdam just a short train ride away. The campus offers excellent sports infrastructures, and the students enjoy a rich and engaging social life.

Welcome to UCLouvain !

UCLouvain organizes plenty of welcoming activities for international students arriving at the Louvain-la-Neuve campus. An International Students' Day takes place in Louvain-la-Neuve just before the beginning of each term of the academic year. It is the perfect place to be, to learn about what UCLouvain can offer and about student's life.



New housing opportunity for Summer 2023 !

A new housing offer is available for Summer 2023 with aparthotel-type accommodations on the campus of Louvain-la-Neuve.

Several family suites have been prebooked for Yale students, each family suite meant for 2 students to share. Each suite includes two separate bedrooms and bathrooms, and the students will share the living room, kitchen and toilets. For more information and pictures, check: [Martin's Aparthotel Long stay](#)

The Louvain School of Engineering will make a financial contribution to this housing rentals so that the rental cost will be capped at 1.000€ / month for Yale Students.