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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 by sending **the completed nomination excel sheet** to

incomingstudents@uantwerpen.be

- Nominations are only accepted **within the deadlines**.

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. Students receive an email with the decision in principle 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.

Important deadlines:

Deadlines for 1ST SEMESTER

Nominations: 15 APRIL 2016

Applications: 15 MAY 2016

Deadlines for 2ND SEMESTER

Nominations: 15 OCTOBER 2016

Applications: 1 NOVEMBER 2016

ATTENTION!!

April 15th & May 15^{stt} are the only APPLICATION deadlines for the following faculties:

- 1) Applied Economics

In case of practical trainings in hospitals and research:

- 2) Pharmacy/Biomedical/VET Sciences and
- 3) Medicine & Health Sciences

➔ If applied for at a later stage, positions might be filled up.

Academic Calendar

<u>First semester</u> Orientation days: 22 & 23 September 2016 (attendance is compulsory) Beginning of term: 26 September Christmas break: 26 December - 8 January Exam period: 9 - 27 January 2017 End of term: 27 January 2017 Semester break: 6 - 10 February 2017	<u>Second semester</u> Orientation days: 9 & 10 February 2017 (attendance is compulsory) Beginning of term: 13 February Easter break: 3 - 16 April 2017 Exam period: 29 May – 30 June 2017 Announcement of exam results : 3 – 7 July End of term: 30 June 2017
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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 principle 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 consult with the international coordinators.

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. 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 socialize with other international students. The orientation days are also the start of the 'Ice-breaking week' organised by the Erasmus Student Network (ESN).

Dates

1st semester: 22 – 23 September 2016

2nd semester: 9 - 10 February 2017

Students are welcomed at the faculty during the first week of term with academic information specific for their study in Antwerp. 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 in time with their search.

[Kotweb](#) (student accommodation website) offers the largest range 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 Officer:** Ms. Jasmien Hoefkens, jasmien.hoefkens@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, even if they have a European Union residence permit from another EU country. 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 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.uantwerp.be/en/education/from-choosing-a-programme-to-graduat/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 programme. Participants can acquire ECTS credits upon successful completion. Looking for an unforgettable extension of your stay in Antwerp? Discover all summer schools on www.uantwerp.be/asu

Useful Websites

City of Antwerp assisting students "GATE 15": <https://www.gate15.be/en/home>

Antwerp: <http://www.visitantwerpen.be/> / <http://thisisantwerp.be/>

Flanders : <http://www.visitflanders.com/>

Belgium: http://www.belgium.be/en/about_belgium/