

FACT SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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ADMISSION PROCEDURE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The Admission Procedure for exchange students coming to the University of Antwerp includes **two mandatory phases**:

1. The home university **nominates** the student to the University of Antwerp
2. The student submits the **application** to the University of Antwerp

The University of Antwerp is using an **online management system** 'Mobility-Online' for the admission procedure and the administration of the student mobility.

NOMINATION: Deadlines and procedures for UNIVERSITIES

Nominations are only accepted **within the deadlines** and through the **nomination template** of the University of Antwerp (excel table) which is sent to all partner universities in advance. The completed nomination list and inquiries should be sent to : incomingstudents@uantwerpen.be.

Deadlines for nomination of students coming to Antwerp during:

1st semester and full academic year

- **15 APRIL 2015**, if the student needs a visa to study in Belgium
- **1 MAY 2015** for nationals of the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Switzerland

Attention! 15 April /1 May is the only nomination deadline for the faculties:

- faculty of Applied Economics
- faculties of Pharmacy/Biomedical/VET Sciences and Medicine & Health Sciences in case of practical trainings in hospitals and research. If applied for at a later stage, positions might be filled up.

2nd semester

- **1 OCTOBER 2015**, if the student needs a visa to study in Belgium
- **15 OCTOBER 2015**, for nationals of the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Switzerland

APPLICATION: Deadlines and procedures for STUDENTS

Nominated students apply for admission through 'Mobility-Online'. Once nominated, they receive the necessary information by email in order to submit their application. All required documents should be uploaded by the deadline in the workflow in Mobility Online. A manual is available at www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange

No applications will be accepted after the deadline.

Deadlines for student applications coming to Antwerp during:

1st semester and full academic year

- **1 MAY 2015**, if the student needs a visa to study in Belgium
- **1 JUNE 2015**, for nationals of the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Switzerland

Attention! 1May/1 June is the only application deadline for the faculties:

- faculty of Applied Economics
- faculties of Pharmacy/Biomedical/VET Sciences and Medicine & Health Sciences in case of practical trainings in hospitals and research. If applied for at a later stage, positions might be filled up.

2nd semester

- **1 NOVEMBER 2015** if the student needs a visa to study in Belgium
- **15 NOVEMBER 2015**, for nationals of the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Switzerland

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**. This letter will be sent by regular post to their home address.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR – www.uantwerpen.be/en/about-uantwerp/news/academic-calendar

First semester	Orientation days: 17 & 18 September 2015 (attendance is compulsory) Beginning of term: 21 September Christmas break: 21 December - 3 January Exam period: 4 - 29 January 2016 End of term: 29 January Semester break: 1 – 5 February	Second semester	Orientation days: 4 & 5 February 2016 (attendance is compulsory) Beginning of term: 8 February Easter break: 4 - 17 April 2016 Exam period: 23 May – 25 June Announcement of exam results : 29 June - 1 July End of term: 1 July
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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

All **study programmes** at the University of Antwerp are measured in terms of **ECTS credits**. Bachelor programmes count 180 credits, master programmes 60 up to 240 credits depending on the field of study. A full-time workload amounts to 60 credits per academic year or 30 credits per semester. 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 sound study programme. **In principle students need to take up 30 credits per semester. As a general rule exchange students have to sign up for a minimum of 20 credits.** Students can choose courses from faculties other than their own, but limited to two courses per faculty and subject to written approval of both faculties.

Most bachelor courses are taught in Dutch. However all faculties offer a number of courses and seminars or a year-programme in English to accommodate exchange students. Please check carefully the language of instruction when making your choice. Course descriptions are available in Dutch and in English but the course offer is not entirely offered in English.

The course catalogue and course offer in English can be found on www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange.

As part of the admission procedure a **Learning Agreement** with the course selection and the number of credits needs to be set up and signed by the student, the home institution and the University of Antwerp in order to approve the study programme before arrival. Students coming from a European Institution should use the Erasmus + template. Students coming from outside of Europe can generate their Learning agreement in 'Mobility Online'. 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

To communicate adequately and to attend classes in English successfully during your study period in Antwerp a good level of English knowledge is essential.

Proof of evidence needs to be submitted when applying for admission. Accepted certificates are international language tests:

- 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).
- Students coming from a European University can also upload the certificate of the [Erasmus Plus Online linguistic support website](#))

No other certificates are accepted.

In order to attend classes in Dutch successfully international students can register for an intensive Dutch language course before the start of each semester. To those attending the study offer in English in order to get maximum benefit from the stay in Antwerp we advise to learn some Dutch. Dutch language classes are also offered during the semester. Information can be found on www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange

ACCOMMODATION

There is plenty of offer on the student accommodation market in Antwerp and most rooms are rented for a period of 10 to 12 months, so students staying for a full academic year should have no problem finding a room.

For students staying in Antwerp **for one semester or less than 6 months** the housing application is included in the workflow in Mobility Online. **Deadlines through the university: JUNE 1 and NOVEMBER 15** (same dates as the admission procedure).

All information about housing can be found here:

<https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/education/from-choosing-a-programme-to-graduat/information-for/international-students/exchange-students/arrival/housing/>

Contact:

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University of Antwerp, building G (City Campus) – building TPC (Campus Groenenborger)

ORIENTATION DAYS

Right before the start of each semester the international relations office welcomes all exchange students during 2 orientation days. **For a smooth integration it is compulsory to attend the orientation days.** Everything students need to know about the university, living and studying in Antwerp will be explained. Student registration and other practical matters are included in agenda. The programme is very interactive and an excellent opportunity to socialize with other international students. The orientation days are the start of the 'Ice-breaking week' organised by the Erasmus Student Network (ESN).

Dates

1st semester: 17 – 18 September 2015

2nd semester: 4 - 5 February 2016

Students are welcomed by the faculty during the first week of term with academic information specific for their study in Antwerp. Practical information about these info sessions will also be announced during the Orientation Days.

VISA

Information on www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange

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: www.uantwerp.be/en/education/from-choosing-a-programme-to-graduat/budget-social-facilities/health-insurance/

Fire Insurance: <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/education/from-choosing-a-programme-to-graduat/information-for/international-students/exchange-students/arrival/housing/>

IMPORTANT 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/