



# Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium)

## Study Guide

### 1 Overall impression

The quality of the education is without a doubt very good. Professors as well as the administrative staffs are always ready to help you if you need anything.

### 2 Making preparations

(e.g. administrative matters, finding information)

You should make sure to apply on time and stick to the deadlines set. All informations are available on the website of the university.

### 3 Contacts/Responsibilities

(e.g. important contact persons at the Partner University and Faculty)

The contact person for the degree is the double degree masters coordinator.

### 4 Housing

Being a local, I found a place to stay with a few friends. Nevertheless, if you are looking for a room, I recommend using the dedicated service of the university. One of the website used by local students is called "kotwijs.be".

### 5 Arrival

The academic year always starts in the last week of September. You should arrive at least one week before the beginning of the semester to get to know the city and always participate to the events organised by the different student associations.

### 6 Telephone

(e.g. costs, carriers)

Different providers operate in Belgium. I personally recommend to use Orange or Telenet.

## **7 Bank account**

If you are a EU citizen, you will not need to open a local bank account. For non-EU citizens, a bank account can be easily opened in one of the many banks operating in Belgium. You should consider looking at KBC or ING. TIP: you will need your passport and address to be able to open one.

## **8 Transport**

For sustainable reasons, I recommend to travel by train from Zurich HB via Germany. The most convenient route includes one stop in Frankfurt HB. You should take the train until Liège and from there take a local IC train directly to Leuven.

Other options exist such as the plane. Unfortunately, only one Airline group is operating a route between Zurich and Brussels (Lufthansa group). Therefore, they are free to decide on the price to charge. The train will definitely be the cheapest option.

## **9 General information about the Partner Faculty and student life**

The Faculty of Law of the KU LEUVEN is well known and is the oldest in Belgium. Student life is a big thing in Belgium and especially in Leuven which is the biggest student city in Belgium. You will make a lot of friends who are coming from all over the world.

## **10 Teaching and studying at the Partner Faculty**

(e.g. program structure, methodology, exams, etc.)

The platform used, Toledo, is in my view the best one you could get. Professors tend to post material in advance and will provide you with recordings. You have to decide on your courses before the end of October (ISP). One very unique thing is that you can already see the exam dates and even choose between two different dates.

## **11 City**

(e.g. cultural activities, sports, discounts, nightlife, must-sees, short trips, etc.)

Belgium offers many student discounts. The Oude Markt is the place to be if you want to enjoy the real student experience in Leuven. You cannot come to Belgium without tasting all the specialities and visiting all the major cities, such as Brugge, Antwerp, Brussels, Gent, Namur, Liège.

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