Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium)

1. Overall impression

It was a wonderful experience. The University and the law faculty are both international. Access to the required websites can be found in English as well which is really helpful. The city itself is a college town and most people are places are approaching. The quality of teaching is really high and is highly recommended for European Law studies.

2. Making preparations

(e.g. administrative matters, finding information)

International office and many other associations related to the university provide guidance and assistance to international students.

3. Contacts/Responsibilities

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

There will be a person as coordinator/advisory assigned to double degree students. The lady who was in charge of my program no longer works there.

4. Housing / Finding accomodation

Finding accommodation in Leuven is not a hard job. There are many places both on the private market and university-related housing services.

5. Arrival

Arriving in Leuven just a few days earlier would be suffice (if accommodation is done beforehand).

6. Telephone

(e.g. costs, carriers)

There are several options. Choose a carrier with a pre-paid SIM cards, if data is more needed than credit for calls and messages.

7. Bank account

There are many options. Basic account is provided for any student upon request and having legal residency in Belgium.

8. Transport (e.g. from Switzerland, to the University)

The best option is flying to Brussels and taking train to Leuven.

9. General information about the Partner Faculty and student life

Student life is lovely in Leuven, filled with many international students and students in general. Life is cheaper than in Switzerland.

10. Teaching and studying at the Partner Faculty

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

Structure and regulations are different from the UZH's. Regarding the expectations, the law faculty is demanding and expectations are really high. Grades at the law faculty and the university, in general, are far below the average. If somebody is concerned about their grades, reflect more about KU Leuven.

11. City

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

Nightlife is really lively. The city is very cozy and it is so close to Brussels and many other central European countries.