



Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium)

Study Guide

1 Overall impression

The double degree program provides a wide range of elective modules, which makes it possible for students to personalize their studies. Thanks to that, not only my legal knowledge got broadened, but also I could dive into the field that I have a passion for. The interests inspired during my study will accompany me for a long time after graduation.

2 Making preparations

(e.g. administrative matters, finding information)

Students can find necessary information in three UZH booklets, namely Information Brochure, Program Regulations and Framework Ordinance, which explain both study matters and administrative ones in detailed manners. More than that, double degree coordinators are always willing to answer enquires. I am grateful to them.

3 Contacts/Responsibilities

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

Double degree coordinator at KU Leuven: Ms. Els Depijpere;
Email address: law.doubledegree@kuleuven.be.

4 Housing

Being different from Zurich, there are plenty of student dormitories in Leuven. It will be easy to find one.

5 Arrival

Upon arrival, both UZH and KU Leuven organized the registration process in very organized ways. There were many instructions distributed to students, and no needs to worry.

6 Telephone

(e.g. costs, carriers)

In Zurich, I used Lycamobile with an unlimited data package and a comparatively low price. In Leuven, I used Orange.

7 Bank account

I got an UBS account in Zurich and an ING account in Leuven.

8 Transport

I traveled from Zurich to Leuven by FlixBus, which allowed me to carry my bicycle with me and costed less than travelling by train.

9 General information about the Partner Faculty and student life

The study at KU Leuven requires a devotion. I would suggest future outgoing students to try their best to complete their writing of Master's thesis before leaving Zurich.

10 Teaching and studying at the Partner Faculty

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

Based on my experiences, exams were difficult to pass at KU Leuven. Although there was a chance to resit at the end of every academic year, usually the resit would not be easier than the original one. In order to pass exams, students were highly recommended to finish all the assigned reading tasks, which was not easy to achieve. Moreover, there was a kind of surprising fact that many courses worth 3 credits at KU Leuven contained as many reading tasks as courses worth 6 credits.

11 City

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

Leuven is a small university city with convenient accesses to many facilities and events for students. A wonderful thing is that beers with great qualities are easy to be found.

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