



Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium)

Study Guide

1 Overall impression

The study is fruitful. Not only I learned a lot of legal knowledges that I wished to know, but also my study habits were developed into much better manners. Those knowledges and study habits will be valuable for my future career. One thing worth regretting is that I should finish my master's thesis at UZH instead of writing it at KU Leuven. I didn't expect the study at KU Leuven to be so difficult that I had to study all the time without having time for rests. If the thesis was completed at UZH, my study at KU Leuven would be easier and more pleasant.

2 Making preparations

(e.g. administrative matters, finding information)

There was a pre-semester period lasting for two weeks for students to handle administrative matters. All matters were arranged in a good order.

3 Contacts/Responsibilities

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

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4 Housing

There are many options for accommodation in Leuven. Some of them are run by the university. In general, the living cost is cheaper than that in Zurich.

5 Arrival

The bus routes on Google Maps of Leuven are sometimes wrong.

6 Telephone

(e.g. costs, carriers)

No idea. My SIM card was bought in a third country. I had a German phone contract since it also has EU roaming for free. Prices in Germany are quite cheap, so you might want to take that into account.

7 Bank account

I am using an ING account, which is not bad in my opinion.

8 Transport

I travelled from Zurich to Leuven by Flixbus, which allowed me to bring my bicycle with a cheap charge.

9 General information about the Partner Faculty and student life

The law faculty of KU Leuven is a good place to learn knowledges. But the workload for almost every course is heavy, which leaves not much time for students to enjoy themselves.

10 Teaching and studying at the Partner Faculty

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

Like modules at UZH, courses at KU Leuven are generally case law based. But the reading assignments at KUL are in general more than those at UZH. Also, exams at KUL are not easy to pass if not all the reading assignments have been done. On the other hand, a good thing is that, even in closed-book exams, students can bring source materials (Treaties, Regulations, Directives, etc., excluding opinions of the AG and judgements) and are allowed to highlight words in those materials (making notes in source materials is not permitted for closed-book exams, except for cross-referencing).

11 City

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

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