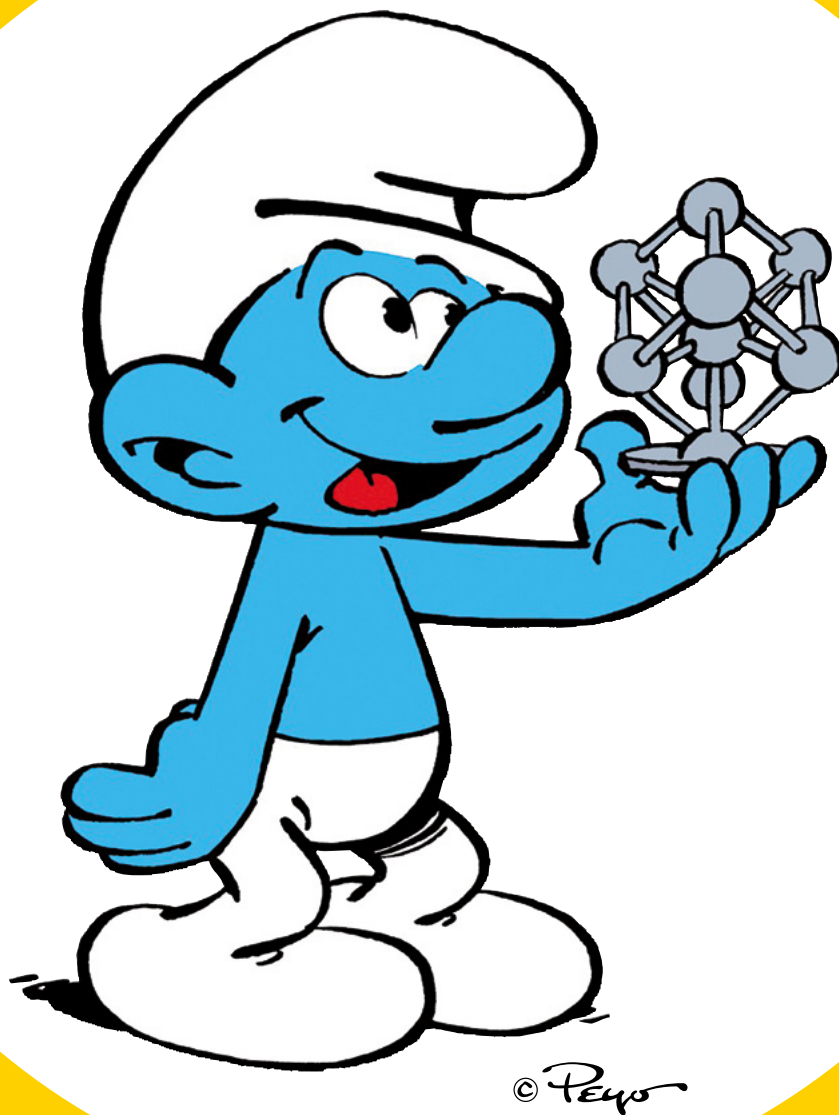


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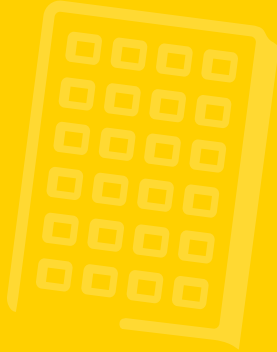
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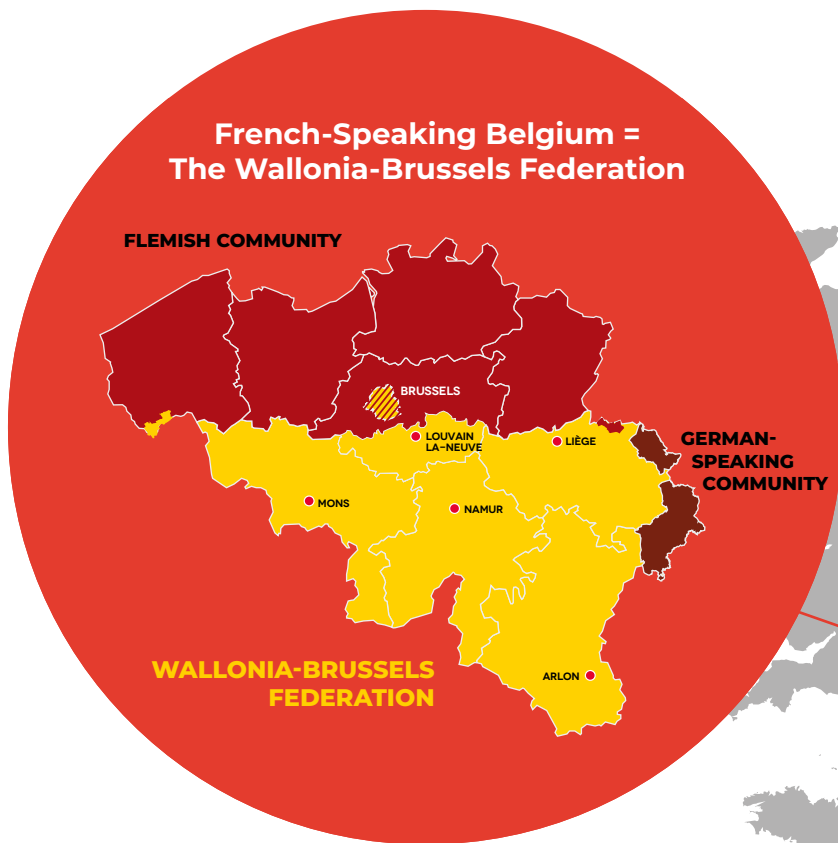
To get more detailed information about higher education in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, student life and all study programmes available, go to www.studyinbelgium.be

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BELGIUM AND THE WALLONIA-BRUSSELS FEDERATION



KEY FIGURES



AREA:
30,528 km²



POPULATION:
Nearly **11,800,000**
inhabitants



including more than
4,700,000
in the Wallonia-Brussels
Federation



FORM OF STATE:
Federal parliamentary
constitutional
monarchy



CAPITAL:
Brussels



CURRENCY:
Euro (€)



KING:
Philippe



OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:
French,
Dutch,
German





DJS LOST FREQUENCIES, DIMITRI VEGAS & LIKE MIKE AND HENRI PFR, STROMAE, JACQUES BREL, ANGÈLE, LES SHTOUMPFES, TINTIN, MARSUPILAMI, RENÉ MAGRITTE...

OUR STARS ARE KNOWN WORLDWIDE!



WE INVENTED THE SAXOPHONE.

BUT WE LEFT THE INVENTION OF JAZZ TO SOMEONE ELSE.*



ONLY FRANK SINATRA, DAVID BOWIE, NINA SIMONE, CÉLINE DION, NIRVANA...*

NOT ALL ARTISTS HAVE COVERED A JACQUES BREL SONGS.



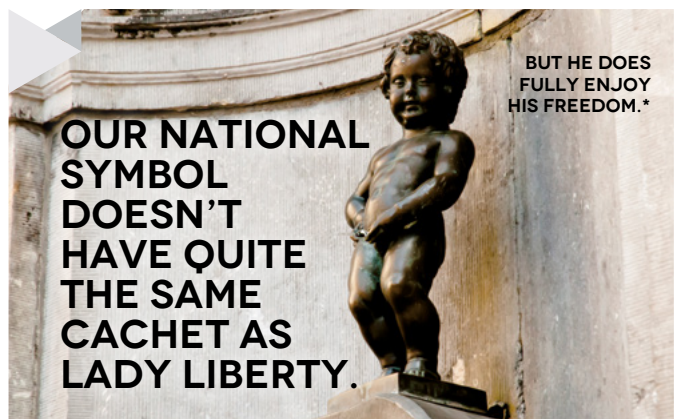
NO WONDER THE BEST ONE IS FOUND IN BELGIUM!*

CHOCOLATE IS BEST WHEN IT'S KEPT OUT OF THE SUN.



THEY'VE TAKEN A VOW OF SILENCE.

OUR TRAPPIST MONKS WILL NEVER SAY THEY BREW THE BEST BEER IN THE WORLD.*



BUT HE DOES FULLY ENJOY HIS FREEDOM.*

OUR NATIONAL SYMBOL DOESN'T HAVE QUITE THE SAME CACHET AS LADY LIBERTY.



14,500 KM OF CYCLE PATHS IN A COUNTRY THAT IS ONLY 280 KM LONG.

NOT BAD AT ALL, IS IT? *



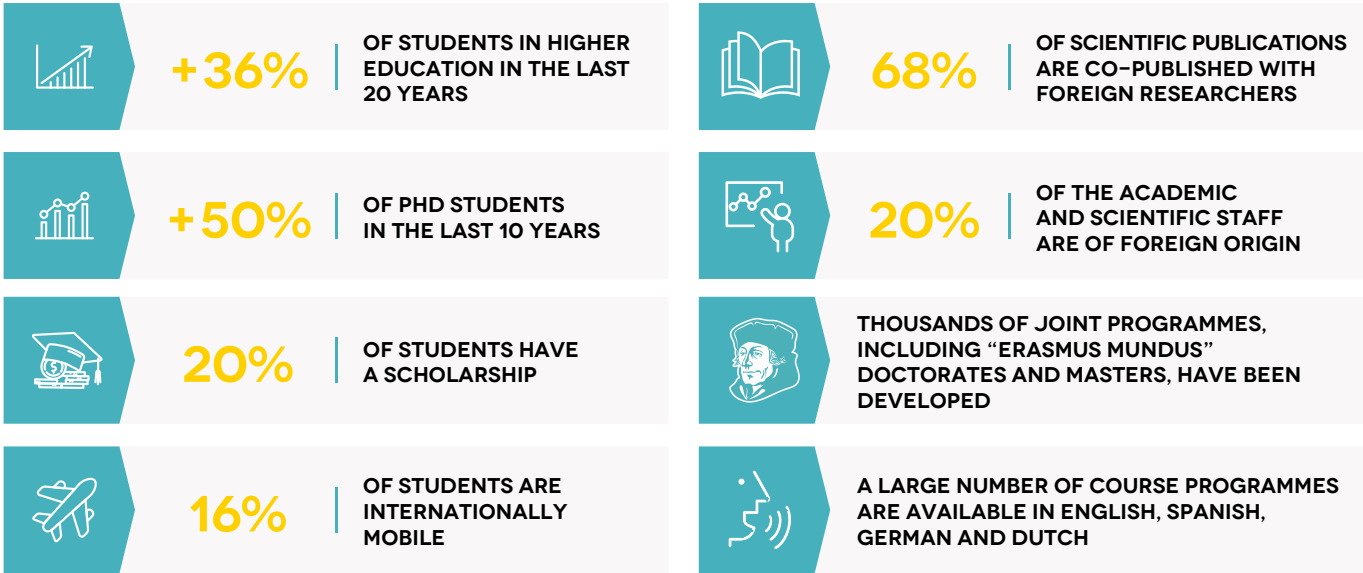
THAT IS, IF IT WAS IN OUR NATURE TO NAME-DROP.*

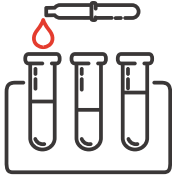
WE'D DROP NAMES LIKE VAN NOTEN AND DEMEULEMEESTER.

*Source: Texts taken from the 2017 promotional campaign "Belgium. Uniquely phenomenal" FPS Chancellery of the Prime Minister

STUDY, RESEARCH, INNOVATION

IN THE STUDENT POPULATION





+ €380,000,000

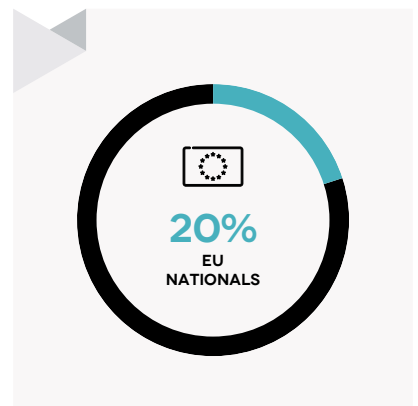
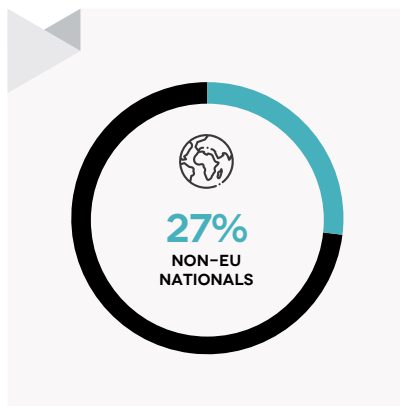
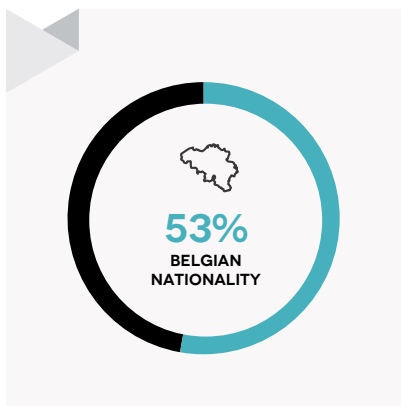
ALLOCATED EACH YEAR TO
RESEARCH



1,000

PHD GRADUATES
WITH THESIS (PHD)

PERCENTAGE OF PHD STUDENTS BY NATIONALITY



**BELGIAN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
RECOGNISED WORLDWIDE:**



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**NOBEL PRIZES IN
MEDECINE**



5

**NOBEL
PEACE
PRIZES**



1

**NOBEL PRIZE IN
LITERATURE**



1

**NOBEL PRIZE IN
CHEMISTRY**



1

**NOBEL PRIZE IN
PHYSICS**



STUDY IN BELGIUM

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HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

In French-speaking Belgium, study programmes are delivered in three different types of higher education institutions: universities, university colleges and schools of arts.

List of higher education institutions

5 UNIVERSITIES

Université catholique de Louvain, <https://uclouvain.be>
 Université libre de Bruxelles, <https://www.ulb.be>
 Université de Liège, <https://www.uliege.be>
 Université de Mons, <https://web.umons.ac.be>
 Université de Namur, <https://www.unamur.be>

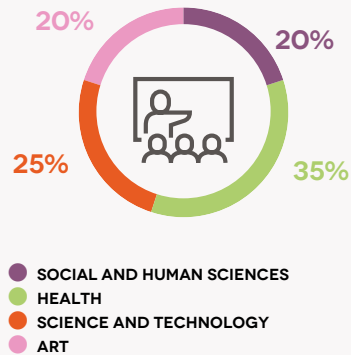
19 UNIVERSITY COLLEGES

Haute Ecole Albert Jacquard, <https://www.heaj.be>
 Haute Ecole Bruxelles-Brabant, <https://www.he2b.be>
 Haute Ecole Charlemagne, <https://www.hech.be>
 Haute Ecole Ephec, <https://www.ephec.be>
 Haute Ecole Francisco Ferrer, <https://www.he-ferrer.eu>
 Haute Ecole Galilée – IHECS, <https://www.ihecs.be>
 Haute Ecole ICHEC – ECAM – ISFSC, <http://he-ichec-ecam-isfsc.be>
 Haute Ecole en Hainaut, <https://www.heh.be>
 Haute Ecole Léonard de Vinci, <http://www.vinci.be>
 Haute Ecole libre de Bruxelles - Ilya Prigogine, <https://www.helb-prigogine.be>
 Haute Ecole libre Mosane, <https://www.helmo.be>
 Haute Ecole Louvain en Hainaut, <https://www.helha.be>
 Haute Ecole Lucia de Brouckère, <https://www.helldb.be>
 Haute Ecole de Namur-Liège-Luxembourg, <https://www.henallux.be>
 Haute Ecole provinciale de Hainaut – Condorcet, <https://www.condorcet.be>
 Haute Ecole de la Province de Liège, <https://www.provincedeliege.be/hauteecole>
 Haute Ecole de la Province de Namur, <https://hepn.be>
 Haute Ecole Robert Schuman, <https://www.hers.be>
 Haute Ecole de la Ville de Liège, <https://www.hel.be>

16 SCHOOLS OF ARTS

Académie des Beaux-Arts de Tournai, <http://www.actournai.be>
 Académie royale des Beaux-Arts de la Ville de Bruxelles, <https://www.arba-esa.be>
 Arts², <https://www.artsaucarre.be>
 Beaux-Arts de Liège - École Supérieure des Arts, <https://beauxartsdeliege.be>
 Conservatoire royal de Bruxelles, <http://www.conservatoire.be>
 Conservatoire royal de Liège, <https://www.crlg.be>
 Ecole nationale supérieure des Arts visuels de La Cambre, <https://www.lacambre.be>
 Ecole supérieure des Arts de l'Image "Le 75", <https://leseptantecinq.be>
 Ecole supérieure des Arts - Ecole de Recherche graphique, <http://www.erg.be>
 Ecole supérieure des Arts du Cirque, <http://esac.be>
 Ecole supérieure des Arts Institut Saint-Luc Tournai, <http://stluc-sup-tournai.be>
 Ecole supérieure des Arts Saint-Luc de Bruxelles, <http://www.stluc-bruxelles-esa.be>
 Ecole supérieure des Arts Saint-Luc de Liège, <https://www.saint-luc.be>
 Institut des Arts de Diffusion, <http://www.iad-arts.be>
 Institut national supérieur des Arts du Spectacle et des Techniques de Diffusion, <https://insas.be>
 Institut supérieur de Musique et de Pédagogie, <https://www.imep.be>

Percentage of international students enrolled in a master's programme in universities by field of study



The universities

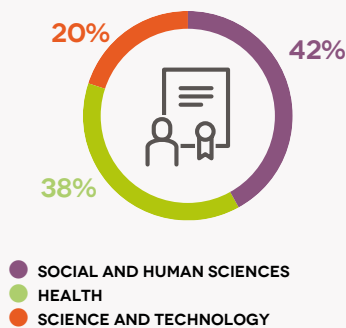
Theoretical and scientific education

Spread throughout the Wallonia-Brussels Federation territory, the French-speaking universities of Belgium offer their students quality education, which is divided up into four fields of study: science and technology, human sciences, health sciences and art.

Research at the heart of the French-speaking Belgian curriculum

In addition to an in-depth knowledge of the chosen subject, the universities of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation offer a solid general education, encouraging their students to take a scientific approach. This is why the focus is firmly on research, both basic and applied. This philosophy made the universities of French-speaking Belgium institutions that are famous for the excellence of their research programmes and that have earned a remarkable reputation both in our country and beyond.

Percentage of international students enrolled in a master's programme in university colleges by field of study

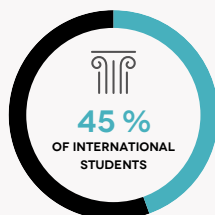


The university colleges

A practical and professionalising education

All the French-speaking university colleges of Belgium offer a quality education, which is closely linked to applied research, universities, and socio-professional environments. Contrary to universities, the teaching method adopted in university colleges is focused on the student and the work environment. The theoretical and conceptual aspects are nevertheless part of the programme, and a heavy focus is put on internships, which are mandatory. If you are looking for courses delivered in small lecture halls with regular work and practice, then a university college is what you need!

Percentage of international students enrolled in schools of arts



The schools of arts

Internationally recognised education in artistic techniques

Enjoying world renown, the schools of arts of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation educate all Belgian and foreign students who wish to perform arts and communication and broadcast technology; plastic, visual and spatial arts; music; theatre and dramatic arts.



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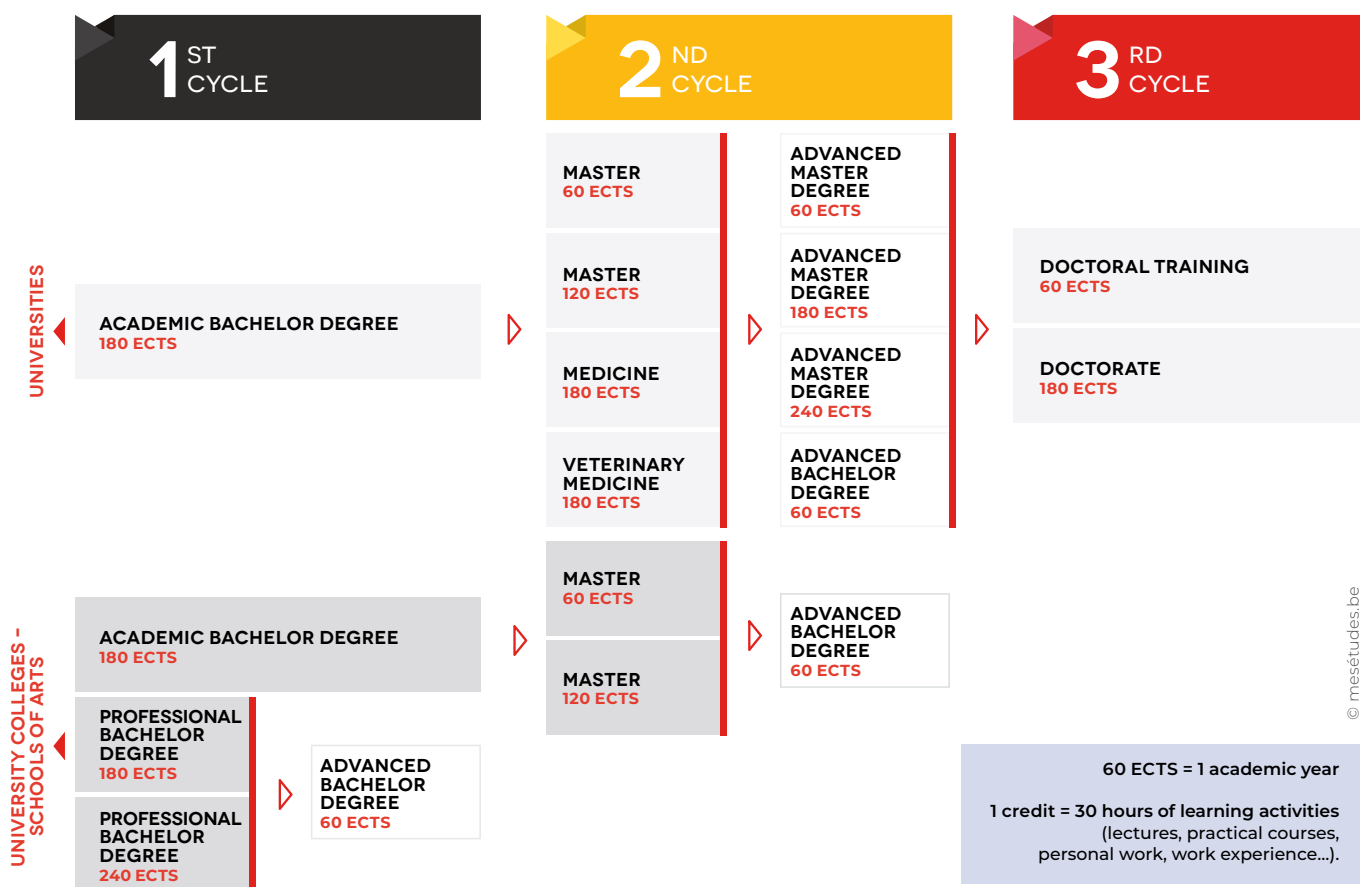
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BELGIAN DEGREES RECOGNISED IN ALL EUROPE

In French-speaking Belgium, higher education is based on a system of three study cycles: the bachelor, the master and the doctorate. Each degree obtained gives you ECTS. The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a tool for making studies and courses more transparent and it allows credits taken at one higher education institution to be counted towards a qualification studied for at another. ECTS represent learning based on defined learning outcomes and their associated workload. ECTS enhances the flexibility of study programmes, supports the planning, delivery and evaluation of higher education programmes, and aims to make education systems more comparable internationally. ECTS has been adopted by most of the European countries and is expanding worldwide.

How higher education works

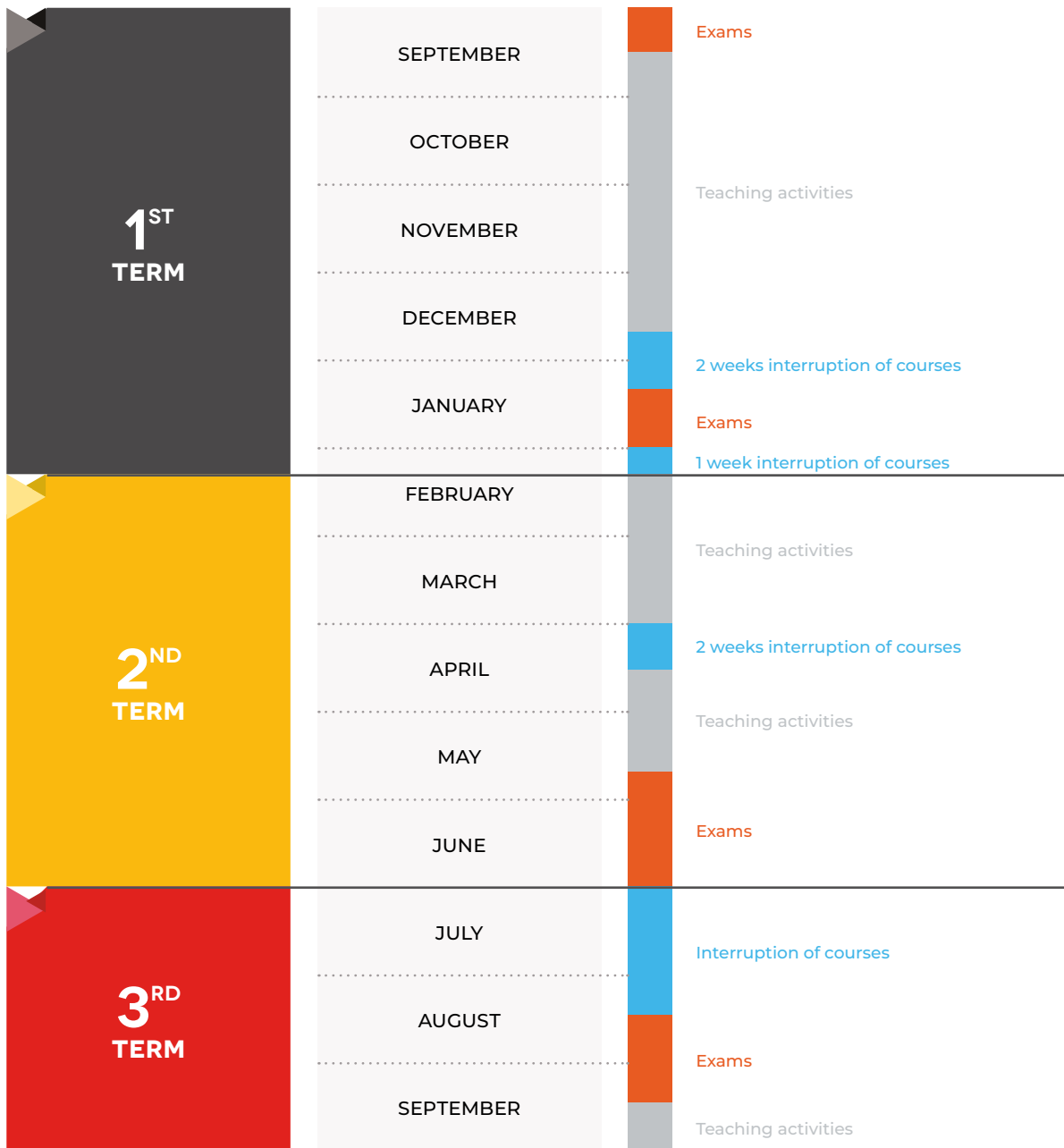


Graduation (bachelor's degree, master's degree and PhD) is linked to the number of years of studies completed since entering higher education. Each year can award up to 60 ECTS (European Credits Transfer System), which can be used and transferred from one country to another.

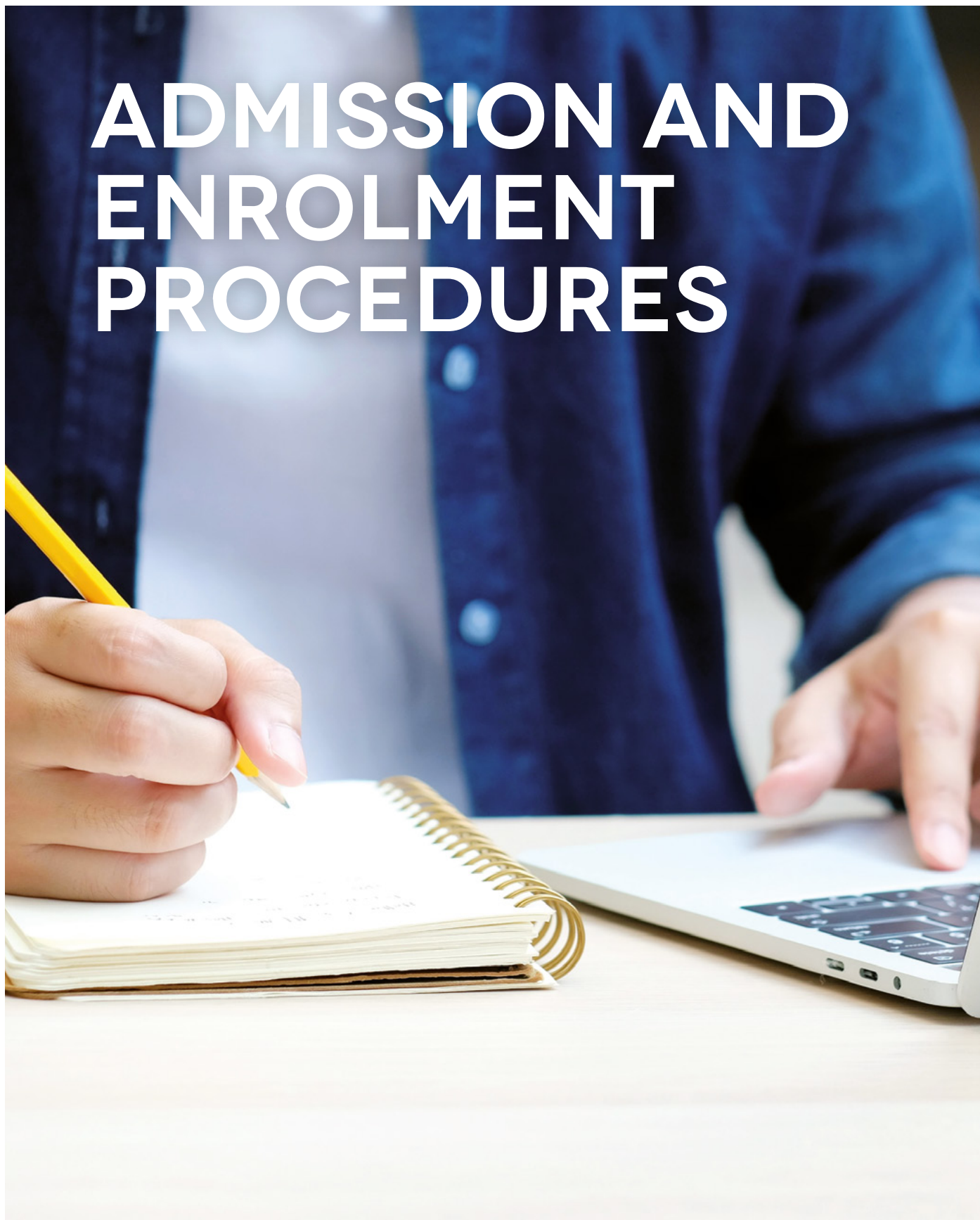
- The 1st cycle degree (bachelor's degree) represents 180 or 240 ECTS, namely 3 or 4 years of study.
- The 2nd cycle degree (master's degree) represents 60, 120 or 180 ECTS, namely 1, 2 or 3 years of study.
- The 3rd cycle degree (doctorate) represents a variable number of ECTS.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

As a rule, the calendar of an academic year in French-speaking Belgium is divided up into three terms. Learning activities are split over the first two terms, except for some assessments or professional integration activities.



ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT PROCEDURES



ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

Admission to bachelor's studies in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation

To follow a bachelor's curriculum, international students must hold a diploma that gives them access to the requested cycle and must pass the selection process required for some fields (civil engineering, medicine, dental sciences, veterinary medicine, speech therapy, physiotherapy and rehabilitation). Note that an equivalence of qualification application is required and must be filed with the [Service des Équivalences du Ministère de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles](#).

Admission to master's studies

You must hold a bachelor's degree (1st cycle of 180 ECTS) in a field of study similar or identical to the one you wish to undertake. In most cases, an equivalence of your foreign higher education diploma is not required. The application to pursue further studies must be directly submitted to the [higher education institution](#) of your choice. It will then examine the comparability between your previous studies and the ones you want to pursue and will decide which study programme you are eligible for. It is also up to the institution to validate the credits obtained abroad in order to grant you any possible exemptions. It can also make decisions on requests for the recognition of prior professional or personal experience.

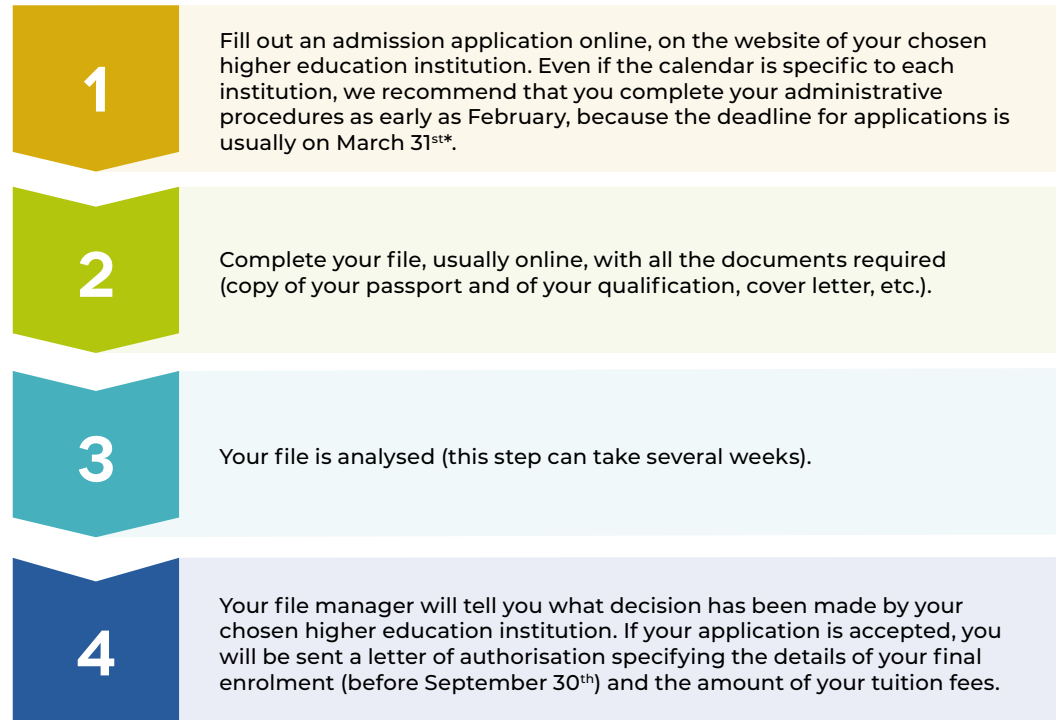



To find out more about the equivalence application and the exceptions:
<https://equisup.cfwb.be/en/studying/>



* NB: You will need to have paid an administrative fee to complete your online application. This amount will be deducted from your tuition fees if your application is accepted. The deposit will not be refunded in all other cases. It is therefore very important to check beforehand that you meet the access requirements.

Enrolment to master's studies is in 4 steps:



 **Please note:** There are specific admissions criteria for each master's degree and each higher education institution. Generally, these are listed on the presentation form of the masters, published on the institution's website.

Enrolment procedures for the doctorate

The first step is to check that you meet the requirements for accessing the doctorate. If these requirements are met, you can then complete the online application form of your chosen university.

Documents to include in your file:

- certificate of nationality dated within the calendar year of enrolment (or a copy of your passport);
- cover letter;
- thesis project;
- your supervisor's authorisation;
- 1st cycle and 2nd cycle degree certificates and transcripts (translated into French or English if necessary);
- proof of your activities over the last five years;
- a funding plan.

Always check the admission and enrolment conditions on the website of the university of your choice.

Conditions for access to the doctorate

Canadian students, as well as all non-EU nationals, need to meet the following conditions:



You must have obtained sufficiently good results in your prior studies:

- You must have a university master's degree of at least 300 ECTS;
- You must have an average of at least 70% during your 2nd study cycle.



You must provide a funding plan (official proof required) that demonstrates sufficient resources to complete your studies.

The doctorate corresponds to long-term studies, lasting at least three years. That's why it is important to find out about funding options.

The doctorate may be funded by:

- your own capital or a guarantor in Belgium;
- a grant from your government;
- a grant from the Belgian cooperation (ARES);
- a term as assistant to the university executive;
- a doctoral scholarship from the chosen university;
- income related to a research contract.



You must have a thesis proposal and the written agreement from a supervisor.



Note: to find a supervisor, you can consult:

- the General PhD Regulation adopted by each higher education institution;
- the websites of the higher education institutions;
- the F.R.S.-FNRS website;
- the research directory on the federal scientific policy website.



Consult the websites:

- <https://reseauulieu.be>
- https://www.synhera.be/en_GB
- <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu>

FUNDING POSSIBILITIES



How much does it cost to live in French-speaking Belgium?

Although the cost of living is relatively low in Belgium, it can vary from one town to another. Don't forget to consider everything (food, transport, free time, health, etc.) when preparing your budget, to avoid any unpleasant surprises.

This means that, for a student, the cost of living may vary between €1,300 and €1,100 per month and includes:

Accommodation	Between €400 et €600/month
Food	€400/month
Study material	€50/month
Healthcare and insurance	€30/month
Public transport	€50/month
Other (phone bill, going out, etc.)	€170/month



A high-quality education with tuition fees accessible to the greatest number of people

In French-speaking Belgium, access to higher education is a priority. In French-speaking Belgium, access to higher education is a priority. This is why the State covers a large part of the cost of studies, allowing for low tuition fees and excellent quality of education.

Students from countries outside the European Union are required to pay the annual enrolment fee as well as an additional contribution.



To find out the exact tuition fees you will need to pay, visit the website: <https://www.studyinbelgium.be/en/practical-guide-canadian-students/funding>

Grants, listed at www.studyinbelgium.be, are available depending on your nationality and the level of studies you wish to pursue.



Did you know that...

Numerous **agreements** were signed between the Wallonia-Brussels Federation and Canadian Provinces, especially with Quebec, Ontario and Acadia. www.wallonie-bruxelles.ca/en/relations-between-canada-and-wallonia-brussels 

Grants for students and (future) French teachers from New Brunswick, Acadia and Ontario are available. The aim of these grants is to provide the opportunity to participate in **advanced French language training courses to become familiar with teaching French**, during summer in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation.

Since 2024, Canada has been an associated country in pillar II of the **Horizon Europe programme**, which funds collaborative research projects in various fields. Canadian researchers and organisations can now participate in the programme alongside their EU-counterparts.



Wallonia-Brussels International also offers grants, for which Canadian students are eligible, for study periods in the 2nd and 3rd cycle:



- **IN WBI excellence grants programme**

Wallonia-Brussels International (WBI) set up this grants programme to welcome researchers who want to carry out a postdoctoral programme within higher education institutions organised or subsidised by the Wallonia-Brussels Federation. Available grants can be either long-term (at least 1 year, renewable once) or short-term.



- **Master IN grants**

The Master IN grants programme, in which Canada is one of the priority countries, is for international students who would like to pursue a master's degree in Wallonia or Brussels and who hold at least a bachelor's degree from a foreign institution recognised by the higher education authorities in the applicant's country. Applications must be submitted to the Walloon or Brussels higher education institution.



EduCanada provides a [search engine](#) which lists international scholarships opportunities for Canadian students, researchers and post-secondary institutions.

www.educanada.ca/scholarships-bourses/



WALLONIA-BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE GRANTS PROGRAMME (IN WBI) ENABLED ME TO COMPLETE MY MASTER'S DEGREE IN BELGIUM. THE GRANT COVERED MY TWO YEARS OF STUDY. IT IS A FAIRLY LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT ALLOWED ME TO LIVE DECENTLY, AND IT REALLY CHANGED THE COURSE OF MY STUDIES.



EVE-LINE
CANADA

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

In Belgium, all foreign students can work while studying. The only conditions are: they must be enrolled in a higher education institution in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation and must have a valid residence permit.

Work time:

- During school holidays (winter, spring, summer – July, August, September): students can work with no hour limit.
- During the academic year: students can work no more than 20 hours a week and the work must be compatible with the studies.

After completing their studies in Belgium, third-country nationals may apply for an authorisation to extend their stay for a maximum of 12 months to find a job or set up a business to obtain a residence permit for work purposes.



To find out more, visit the **website of the Immigration Office:**
dofi.ibz.be/en/themes/third-country-nationals/study/search-year-after-higher-studies





STUDENTS SUPPORT



Studying in a foreign country can bring its set of challenges, but in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, different types of assistance exist to help you during your stay:

Finding accommodation

To help you find your accommodation in a university residence or in the private sector, each higher education institution has a Housing Service.

To find out more about accommodation, visit:

<https://www.studyinbelgium.be/en/how-find-accommodation-study-french-speaking-belgium>



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

In the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, student accommodations (in a student residence or in privately-owned community apartments) are called “**kots**”. There even exist “**kots à projet**” for students who would like to work together on a project they care about. Each kot-à-projet focuses on a specific area related to culture, humanitarian or social aid, sports, or environmental protection, and organises activities for other students or locals.



Social assistance

Each university has a social service, which listens to students and can give them advice and guidance through various procedures. Some universities also have an assistance service for foreign students. Ask your institution's social service about the different existing types of assistance.



Student cards



Cinema, theatre, museum, gym membership, etc. The student card issued by your institution offers you numerous discounts within and outside its walls.

ISIC, the international student identity card for higher education students.

The ISIC card offers more benefits than the student card to Belgian and foreign students, as it also covers travels, some shops, restaurants, insurances, shows and means of transport. To order your ISIC card, you can fill in the [online form available](#) on the website www.isic.be

The European Youth Card

Available for all young people and for one year, this card offers discounts and benefits on various activities and purchases in Belgium and in 35 other European countries. Travels, culture, accommodation, education, etc., it allows you to discover the country in which you study. To get your European Youth Card, register at [kiosk.eyca.org/public/kiosk/home](https://www.eyca.org/public/kiosk/home)

Low prices for train and public transport travels

To enable students to travel around Belgium at a lower cost, the National Railway Company of Belgium (SNCB) offers special prices for students under 26 through different cards. For bus transports, the STIB (in Brussels) and the Tec (in Wallonia) also offer special prices for young people from 12 to 24 years old.



All information:

<https://www.belgiantrain.be/en#> and <https://www.b-europe.com/EN>
And on www.stib-mivb.be and www.letec.be



ORGANISING YOUR STAY - ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES



Canadian nationals who would like to stay in Belgium for more than 90 days must submit a long stay visa application to the Consulate General of Belgium in Montreal.

Where and when to apply for a visa

Start by filling out your application form online.

Once it is filled out, print it. Then, assemble all necessary supporting documents and prepare your application package. Do not forget to add your application form, duly dated and signed.

When your application package is ready, send it by post to the Consulate General of Belgium in Montreal (express mail with tracking number, e.g. Xpresspost, FedEx, UPS, DHL or Purolator).

Visa applicants must pay two sets of fees before their application can be admissible: an administrative fee, which must be paid to the Immigration Office in Belgium (the fee), and consular fees, which must be paid to the Consulate General.



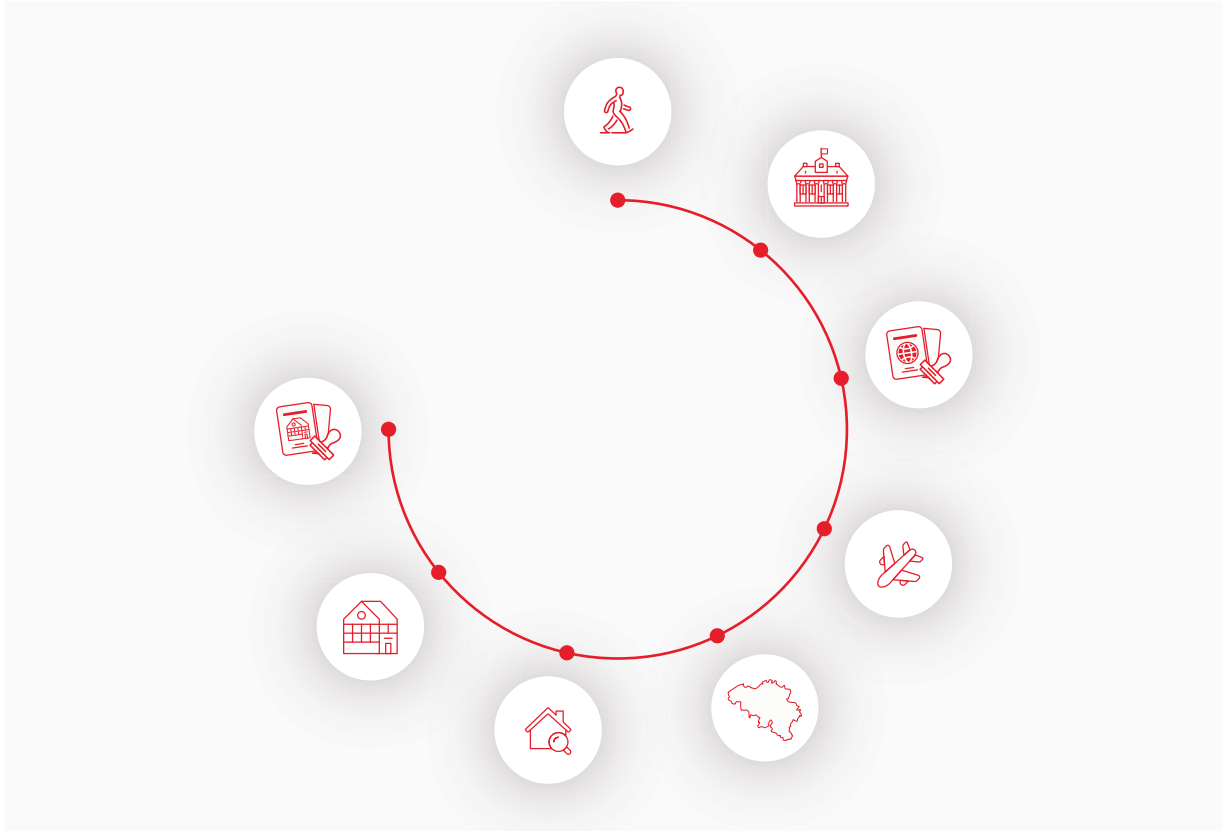
Please note:

- A long stay visa application cannot be submitted more than 6 months before the date of your travel.
- If your application package is incomplete (if you did not provide all necessary supporting documents), your application will not be processed.
- The ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorization System), equivalent of the Canadian eTA, will be implemented in 2026.
- It will concern travelers who are not subject to the Schengen visa requirement (including Canadian nationals), and who will now need to obtain a travel authorization to enter most European countries.



All the information for the application is available on the website of the Consulate General of Belgium in Montreal:
canada.diplomatie.belgium.be/en

Information about ETIAS is available on the website:
travel-europe.europa.eu/en/etias



Applying for a Belgian authorisation for researcher as an international researcher

Since the 1st of March 2023, third-country nationals linked with a hosting agreement to a research organisation recognised in Belgium can benefit from the new legislation regarding the researchers.

To conduct a research activity in Belgium, the third-country national will need an authorisation for researcher.

This authorisation for researcher should be applied for by the recognised research organisation at the competent regional government through the single permit application.

When the recognised research organisation submits this application, the researcher generally has to be in a country outside the EU. Only if the third-country national already has been authorised for a short stay (i.e. maximum of 90 days) or long stay (i.e. more than 90 days) in Belgium, an exception is made, and third-country national may already be on Belgian territory at the time the recognised research organisation applies for the authorisation.



Visit the **website of the Immigration Office**, at the following link (<https://dofi.ibz.be/en>) to find out about:

- Application for authorisation for researcher (procedure, documents and examination period)
- Visa
- Renewal of the authorisation

Application for an authorisation to do an internship in Belgium

If you want to do an **internship of more than three months (90 days) in Belgium**, the “**single permit application**” applies to you.

The first step is to get in touch with your future employer in Belgium.

Your employer will then contact the competent authority in Belgium to grant you a “single permit” (= authorization to work + authorization to stay).



Please note that, as part of this procedure, you will need to apply for an apostille or legalise some Canadian documents.

Once the “single permit” is granted (and not before!), you will need to apply for a visa at the Consulate General of Belgium in Montreal.

Please note that for internships of less than 90 days, different arrangements apply. You will find the relevant information on the websites of the competent regional authorities:

Brussels-Capital:

- <https://economy-employment.brussels/authorisation-work-short-intern-private>
- <https://economy-employment.brussels/authorisation-work-intern-public-authority>

Wallonia:

- <https://emploi.wallonie.be/home/travailleurs-etranagers/permis-de-travail/vous-etes-employeur/que-devez-vous-faire/stagiaire-directive-europeenne-2016801.html>
- <https://emploi.wallonie.be/en/home/travailleurs-etranagers/permis-de-travail/vous-etes-employeur/que-devez-vous-faire/stagiaire-en-institution-publique-ou-internationale.html>

Flanders:

- <https://www.vlaanderen.be/en/working-enterprise-and-investment/working/employing-a-foreigner-in-flanders/categories>
- <https://www.vlaanderen.be/en/working-enterprise-and-investment/working/employing-a-foreigner-in-flanders/categories/several-categories-of-intern/intern-with-a-government-or-international-institution>

German-speaking Community:

- <https://ostbelgienlive.be/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-269>



FOR STAYS OF MORE THAN 3 MONTHS, YOU MUST REGISTER AT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY OF YOUR RESIDENCY PLACE IN BELGIUM WITHIN 8 DAYS OF YOUR ARRIVAL. YOU ALSO MUST UNREGISTER WHEN YOU LEAVE.

You will have to go to the Immigration **Office of the local authority** with the following documents:

- your ID card/passport **and** visa;
- your housing lease agreement;
- an ID photo.

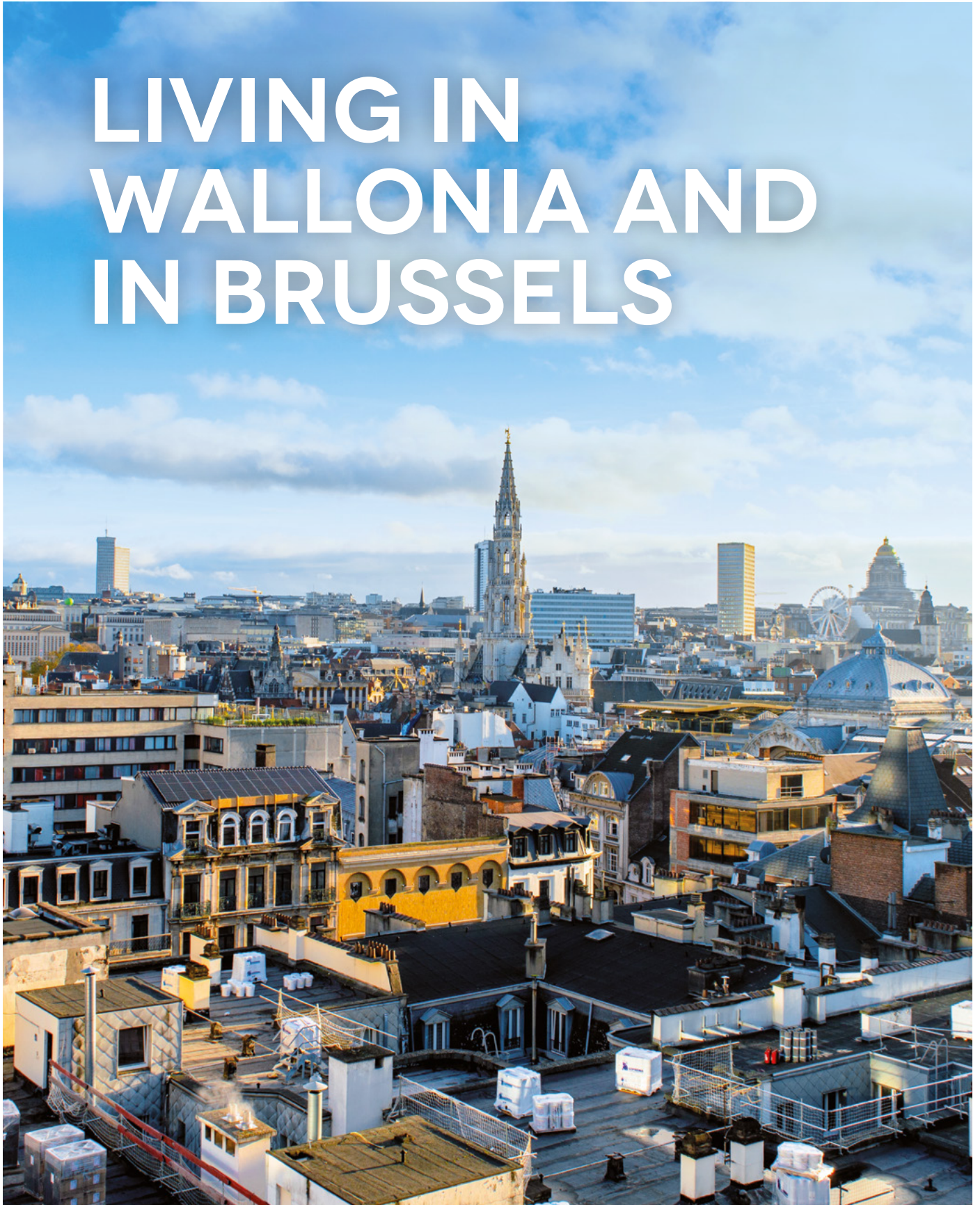
In the following days, the police will pay you a visit at home to check your address. You will then go back to the Immigration Office with the documents required by the local authority to complete the register process.

When the local authority will be done with the registration process, they will send you your Certificate of registration in the Aliens' Register.

For more information about internships in Belgium, visit: <https://dofi.ibz.be/en>



LIVING IN WALLONIA AND IN BRUSSELS



HEALTHCARE

Belgium is considered to have one of the best healthcare systems in Europe.

Students' health: a priority for French-speaking higher education institutions in Belgium.

In the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, all French-speaking higher education institutions pay attention to their students' health and quality of life. This is the reason why universities provide a medical service on campus (general practitioners and specialists). Meanwhile, smaller institutions provide support for students who would like some help in their appointments making, for instance.

In Belgium, it is compulsory to take out an individual health insurance. This includes international students.

⚠ Please note: in most cases, international students must also prove that they are covered by an international health insurance. Moreover, international visitors who stay in Belgium for less than three months cannot join a Belgian medical insurance plan.



Emergencies

In Belgium, you can dial 112 for free, day and night, for the fire department or an ambulance.
For urgent police assistance, dial 101.



FIRE
112
AMBULANCE



101
POLICE

WE ENJOY WINTER SPORTS

You like skiing? Enjoy winter sports in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation!

There is something magical about the Fagnes and the Eastern Cantons under the snow. A perfect atmosphere for downhill skiing, walking or snowshoeing in powder snow, with the secret hope of being the first one to leave a trace.

You can enjoy downhill skiing in the Baraque Fraiture, Elsenborn, or Ovifat, which are the most popular sites. Ski lovers also find slopes in Malmedy, Oignies-en-Thierache or Manderfeld.

When the snow is kept waiting, or to prepare for high altitude slopes, head for the indoor slopes, such as the Ice Mountain centre in Comines, with its 9000 m² of real snow.



If you like skiing...

Our neighbours also have beautiful mountaintops which are easy to reach from Belgium: the Alps, the Pyrenees, the Apennines, the Cévennes, etc.



WE ARE NOT AFRAID OF KILOMETERS!

The 20 km of Brussels

You are an avid runner and want to take part in the most legendary marathons on earth? Before embarking on the world-famous races such as the marathons of Tokyo, New York, Boston, Berlin, London and Chicago, make the most of your stay in Belgium and focus on a Brussels event: the 20 km of Brussels, which take place every year in May!

www.20kmdebruxelles.be/en/

The RAVeL and the cycle routes

The RAVeL is more than 1400 km of paths reserved for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and people with disabilities!

The RAVeL (Réseau Autonome des Voies Lentes) is a comfortable and safe network of greenways, laid out mainly along towpaths and old railway lines. More than 45 signposted local routes allow you to do great walking, cycling and horse-riding trails throughout Wallonia. More than 2000 km to go in order to explore towns and cities, rural areas and nature reserves of Wallonia!

ravel.wallonie.be/en/home.html

Wallonia's nature Parks

These parks are territories known for their biological and geographical interests and are located in rural areas of Wallonia. The nature Parks reveal outstanding landscapes where nature takes its course and where biodiversity is protected.

www.parcsnaturelsdewallonie.be



WE LIVE TO THE RHYTHM OF FESTIVALS!

You like partying with friends? During summer, Belgium and Europe become giant stages with festivals for all tastes and styles!



WE LOVE...



OUR MUSIC

Stromae



Angèle



Charlotte Cardin



Céline Dion



WE HAVE A REAL SENSE OF HOSPITALITY!

Students are an integral part of the associative world of French-speaking Belgium through student associations, which allow them to meet up and share extra-curricular activities such as festivals, exhibitions, concerts, conferences, trips, hikes, parties, etc. These associations enable everyone to take part in various political, environmental, humanitarian, sporting, economic and cultural activities, while taking on several roles: president, treasurer, communications manager, etc.

There are many student associations in the higher education institutions of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation: the Bureaux des élèves ou des étudiants, the Fédérations d'étudiants (Federations of Students), the Fédération des étudiants francophones (FEF), the Cercles d'étudiants (student circles), the Régionales (regional circles). The main goal of all these festive, political or students' rights defending associations is to gather young people from different cultures and backgrounds.



To find out more
www.studyrama.be

OUR MOVIE STARS

Benoît
Poelvoorde



Virginie
Efira

Xavier
Dolan



Charlotte
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OUR FOOD



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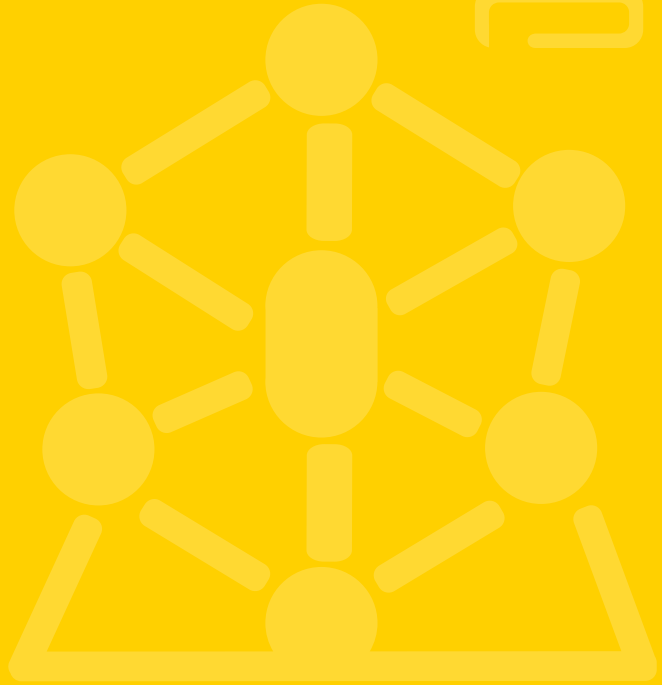
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