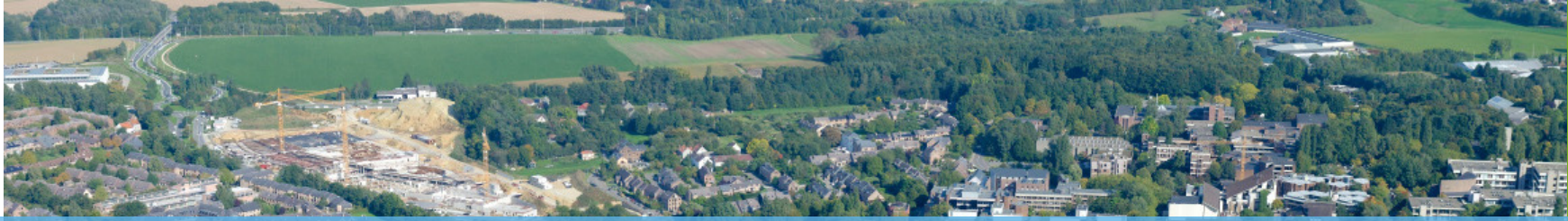




Welcome to ESL

Factsheet 2025-2026



Welcome to Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium



UCLouvain, Université catholique de Louvain, An international campus

Since its foundation in 1425, "openness to the world" has been at the core of UCLouvain teaching and research missions. Today, this has resulted in

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a high percentage of international students at UCLouvain: nearly one fifth of our students come from abroad, representing over 122 nationalities from five different continents;



many exchanges of students, teachers and researchers through European networks (Erasmus +) and International networks (Circle U., The Guild, ...): one fourth of UCLouvain graduates benefit from an experience abroad and UCLouvain welcomes as many students through its partnerships;



A highly-driven partnership policy with Higher Education Institutions all around the world.

The Economics School of Louvain ESL



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Information for Exchange students



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The Economics School of Louvain (ESL) is part of the Faculty of Economics, Social and Political Sciences and Communication (ESPO), and jointly organizes its master programs with the Economics School of Namur (ESN).

The advantages of our collaboration:

- Strong international experience: ESL has developed a network of partner universities for exchange students and double degrees;
- Internationally renowned Professors;
- World-class research carried out in internationally renowned centres (CORE, ETES, IRES);
- Highly international study and work environment.



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Process

Nominations and applications should be sent through our Mobility Online Platform.
An identification code will be sent to the partner university at the end of February each year.

	1 st term	2 nd term
Deadline for nominations	by April 30 th	by October 31 st
Deadline for applications	by May 31 st	by November 30 th



Academic Calendar 2025-26

	1 st term	2 nd term
Welcome Incoming exchange students	Sept. 12 th , 2025	Jan. 31 st , 2026
Courses start	Sept. 15 th , 2025	Feb. 2 nd , 2026
End of Term	Dec. 22 nd , 2025	May 16 th , 2026
Exam session	Jan. 5 th to Jan. 24 th , 2025	June 1 st to June 27 th , 2026
Retake exam session	Aug. 17 th to Sept. 6 th , 2026	





Living costs and practical information

Average monthly rent for UCLouvain accommodation (a room) is €295.

Average rent for privately owned accommodation is between €600 and €800 for a one-bedroom flat, and between €750 and €900 for a two-bedroom flat.



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Housing information

Finding **accommodation** is the student's responsibility. We recommend you start searching as soon as you are nominated.

Student accommodation on campus is available for students. They can choose between :

- University Housing (LOGE - UCLouvain Accommodation Office)
- Privately owned accommodation

University Housing is limited. Students should apply as soon as possible.

- Applications from Mar. until Jul. 31th for Fall term
- Applications from Jul. until Nov. 30th for Spring Term

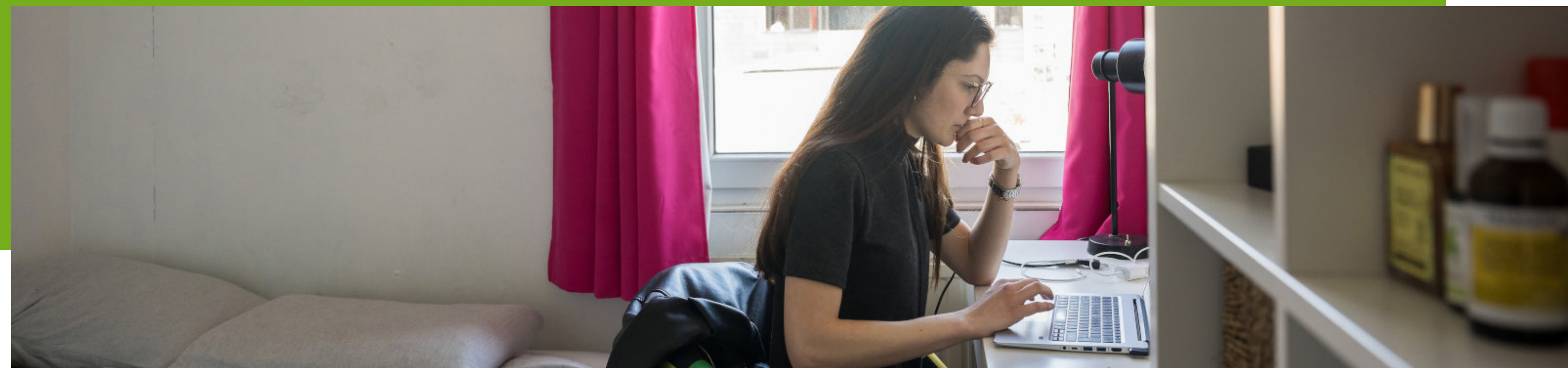


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Students considering private housing on campus in Louvain-la-Neuve should be cautious of potential scams.

It's essential not to transfer money to landlords before physically inspecting the property or obtaining verifiable proof of legitimacy.

Stay vigilant to avoid falling victim to fraudulent schemes.





Courses

Which courses?

At ESL, you will find Master level courses in Economics. A full track in English is possible.

At the Faculty ESPO, you will find Bachelor level courses in Economics, Social and Political Sciences and Communication and Master level courses in Social and Political Sciences and Communication.

At the Bachelor level, there is a limited number of courses taught in English.

Note: at UCLouvain, Economics and Management are two different degrees taught in two different schools.

We ask that you take at least 50% of your courses at the ESL and/or the ESPO Faculty.



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Workload

- A normal workload represents 30 ECTS per semester.
- 1 course of 5 ECTS represents on average 30 contact hours.
- We expect you to have a workload comparable to the one you would be required to have at your home institution.

French courses

French courses are organized by the Institut des Langues Vivantes (ILV) from beginner to advanced level.

- If the language course is part of your learning agreement, you are allowed to attend courses without extra charge (max. 3 French courses).
- If it is not part of your learning agreement, you can attend courses for all the languages EXCEPT English, Dutch and Spanish. You will be considered a “free student” (standard fees will apply).



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Grading scale

Grade	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	< 10
% of students awarded the grade	0.5	1.8	5.1	8.6	14.9	16.0	16.4	12.4	9.9	7.3	7.1	-
ECTS grade	A				B		C		D		E	F

