

DATASHEET

for Incoming exchange students at the Faculty of Social Sciences
(FSW), KU Leuven

Academic year 2025-2026

Details of the International Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences

- KU Leuven – Faculty of Social Sciences – International Office
- Address: Parkstraat 45 box 3600, 3000 Leuven, Belgium
- Email: fsw.internationaloffice@kuleuven.be
- Exchange coordinators: [Exchange Programme Co-ordinators and Contact Persons — Student at KU Leuven](#)

Nominations and applications at KU Leuven

- Deadlines for nominations by the sending university and application at KU Leuven by the nominated students:

Fall semester and Academic Year	30 April 2025
Spring semester	1 October 2025

- After nomination by their home university via email to fsw.internationaloffice@kuleuven.be students receive an acceptance email from the Faculty of Social Sciences International Office
- In order to be admitted to our University as exchange student, they must fill out the **online application form** : <http://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/exchange/applicationprocedure>

Language requirements

- All courses for exchange students are taught in English.
- We recommend at least B2 level but the Faculty of Social Sciences does not require a specific English language proficiency certificate from incoming exchange students. We trust it to be their own responsibility to ensure they have sufficient knowledge of English to be able to take courses, write (under)graduate level assignments in academic English and meet the course and evaluation requirements.

Important dates Academic Year 2025-2026

	Arrival and departure dates (including Orientation Days)	Classes	Exams at Faculty of Social Sciences	Retake exams at Faculty of Social Sciences for failed courses
First Semester (Fall Semester)	15 September 2025 – 31 January 2026	22 September 2025 – 20 December 2025	8 January 2026 - 31 January 2026	13 August 2026 - 5 September 2026
Academic Year	15 September 2025 – 27 June 2026	22 September 2025 – 20 December 2025 AND 9 February 2026 - 23 May 2026	8 January 2026 - 31 January 2026 AND 4 June 2026 - 27 June 2026	13 August 2026 - 5 September 2026
Second Semester (Spring Semester)	3 February 2026 – 27 June 2026	9 February 2026 - 23 May 2026	4 June 2026 - 27 June 2026	13 August 2026 - 5 September 2026

Learning Agreement

- The Faculty of Social Sciences International Office prefers that students bring their Learning Agreement (LA) to Leuven or submit it via the online learning agreement platform of their home university for approval upon arrival.
- **Only** if the sending university requires a signed LA prior to arrival in Leuven, they may submit it online or send it as a PDF file to this email address: fsw.internationaloffice@kuleuven.be.
- Before submitting their LA, students have to make sure that:
 - ✓ it is signed by themselves and their home university
 - ✓ they send it in one PDF file
 - ✓ the address of the receiving university is filled out correct: Faculty of Social Sciences, Parkstraat 45/3600, 3000 Leuven, Belgium, Contact person: Carine Paulus, fsw.internationaloffice@kuleuven.be
 - ✓ at least half of the number of credits are from the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Information about course registration

- **Students can only register for courses/exams after their arrival in Leuven.** They have enough time to explore the courses and to compose their final program.
- All information about courses and registration for courses/exams are given at the **mandatory information session for incoming exchange/Erasmus students at the Faculty of Social Sciences** at the start of each semester.
- **List of courses for exchange students of the Faculty of Social Sciences:** [Courses for Exchange Students Faculty of Social Sciences \(Leuven\) - KU Leuven](#).
Exchange students can only choose courses from that list (not from the regular bachelor's or master's programmes).
- In addition to these courses they are also allowed to take courses from the **course lists for exchange students of other faculties at campus Leuven** (not from the regular bachelor's or master's programmes and/or at other campuses) provided that they meet the course requirements and with a limit of **maximum two courses per other faculty**. However, nominated students at the Faculty of Social Sciences have to **take at least half of the number of credits at our faculty**.
- Students can consult the course offer at other faculties online, e.g.
 - Faculty of Law: [Courses for Exchange Students Faculty of Law and Criminology \(Leuven\) - KU Leuven/](#)
 - Faculty of Economics and Business: [Courses for Exchange Students Faculty of Economics and Business \(Leuven\) - KU Leuven /](#)
 - Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences: [Psychology courses for incoming Erasmus students — Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences \(kuleuven.be\)](#) and [Educational Sciences courses for incoming Erasmus students — Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences \(kuleuven.be\) /](#)
 - Faculty of Arts: [Courses for Exchange Students Faculty of Arts \(Leuven\) - KU Leuven](#).
- Please note that these are the course offers for the current academic year, **changes to the course offer are always possible** [such as semester changes, addition of new courses, deletion of existing courses (e.g. *Peace Research and Conflict Management*; and *Power, Politics and Cultures of Late Capitalism in Anthropological Perspective* are no longer available in 2025-2026)].
- The lists of courses for exchange students for the upcoming academic year **2025-2026** will be published **online on 15 July 2025**.
- We kindly ask students **not to contact course lecturers**, but direct all correspondence concerning their Erasmus/exchange stay with us, including questions about courses, to this email address fsw.internationaloffice@kuleuven.be.

Other important information

Orientation Days for international students: [Orientation Days - Pangaea \(kuleuven.be\)](#) **Participation in the Orientation Days is highly recommended!**

Living in Leuven: [living-in-leuven-brochure \(kuleuven.be\)](#)

About Housing: [Housing \(kuleuven.be\)](#)

Information about the Introduction to Dutch Course for Erasmus/exchange students: https://ilt.kuleuven.be/english/cursus/nt2_erasmus.php