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GENERAL INFORMATION

ABOUT OUR INSTITUTE

At LUCA, we thrive on being different. On being exceptional. Ranking among the best Universities in Europe's heart, with currently a student population of almost 3.600 students, year on year we continue to grow and inspire. With an international outlook and reputation for quality research and teaching, studying at LUCA will open doors and makes you stand out from the crowd.

LUCA is the result of a merger between five renowned Flemish art academies and is located on five different campuses: Brussel (Sint-Lukas Brussel and Narafi), Gent (Sint-Lucas Gent), Genk (C-mine) and Leuven (Lemmens). LUCA occupies a unique position in art education in Flanders and offers more than fifty educational pathways in Audio-Visual arts and Techniques, Visual Arts and Design, Art Education, Interior Design, Product Design, Construction Technology, Music and Drama and Teacher Training. In some subject areas, both professional or academic degree programmes are available. LUCA is a member of the KU Leuven association.

ABOUT OUR ACADEMIC ORIENTATION & APPROACH

LUCA's faculty consists of a committed group of artists, designers, architects and theoreticians. Thus, LUCA's study programmes are firmly rooted in contemporary artistic developments. Staff members do not impose a specific working method, but coach students in their search for personal artistic solutions. The available infrastructure facilitates both the classical working methods and the application of up-to-date digital techniques. We aim to help our students in developing their own artistic practice and – in the process of doing so - strive to also give them a sound theoretical basis. Students can opt for monodisciplinary, cross-disciplinary or multidisciplinary pathways. Above all, it is the individual student who is at the center of the activities at LUCA.

ABOUT OUR NETWORKS

LUCA has an extensive international network of schools of art and architecture, across all continents. Furthermore, LUCA is a member of the following organizations: Centre International de Liaison des Ecoles de Cinéma et de Télévision (CILECT), European League of Institutes of the Arts (ELIA), Association Européenne des Conservatoires (AEC) (including AES), CUMULUS, EARN. LUCA also is proud member of the FILMEU Alliance, the first Erasmus+ European University Alliance in the field of Audiovisual Arts and Design.

IT FACILITIES

Upon enrolment students are provided with a LUCA e-mail address, which will give them free access to all the I.T. facilities. There are several computers and printers to be freely used by students, all of which are linked to the school's servers. A wireless network connection is available everywhere on campus. A free connection to various scientific databases is available when using the school network. These databases may also be accessed from a distance via a secure connection. Students also receive the chance to download software, either free or with a student discount (Adobe Creative Cloud, ...). More information: <https://www.academicsoftware.eu/dashboard>

INFORMATION ON RESEARCH APPROACH & PROJECTS

Research and Innovation play a prominent role at Luca School of Arts. Drawing from practice and theory, our research cultivates the rich creative environments of our campuses (Brussels, Genk, Ghent and Leuven), enriching our students' practice and overall knowledge. Luca also collaborates with KU Leuven on its PhD programme in the arts, further demonstrating our leading status as a centre for excellence in the fields of artistic research.

More information on our research units and the research project database can be found on our website: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/research>.

OFFICIAL DATES OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Each year, the academic year starts approximately the 3rd week of September and finishes by the end of June. In most of our campuses the students get the chance to take part in an introduction week which is organized the week before the actual start of the academic year.

The academic year is divided into two semesters: the first semester runs from mid-September until the end of January, the second semester runs from the beginning of February until the end of June. During the academic year there are four holidays: two weeks off for Christmas and two weeks off for Easter. An academic calendar will be provided upon arrival and is available online once registered at LUCA.

More information on the academic calendar: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/academic-calendar>.

PROGRAMMES FOR INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

An overview of available exchange programmes can be found on our website and will be updated regularly: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/programmes-exchange-students>.

The programmes for incoming exchange students differ between our campuses and are different than our regular degree programmes. This is due to the fact that not all courses are open for incoming students, mostly because of the language of instruction. The student will be able to obtain the necessary amount of 30 credits per semester.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS & CERTIFICATION

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The official and main language of teaching at LUCA is Dutch although there are several degree programmes completely taught in English. Exchange programmes however are taught in English or both English/Dutch are being used whereas Dutch course units may be additionally supported in English by means of individual tutorship by the responsible professors. We don't require an English proficiency test but we do expect our incoming students to have at least a level B2 in English. No Dutch proficiency is required.

GRADING at LUCA

GRADING SCALE	MARK	STANDS FOR	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
A+	20 19 18	outstanding	The student's performance is exceptional
A	17 16	excellent	The student's performance is a very accomplished one
B	15 14	very good	The student's performance is considerably better than what can be expected of an average good performance.
C	13 12	good	The student's performance equals a good average performance.
D	11	sufficient	The student's performance is slightly better than what is needed to obtain the credit.
E	10	credit obtained	The student has just achieved the learning outcomes
FX	9 8	failed	The student will need to do some more work before the credit can be awarded
F	7 ...	failed	The student will need to do a considerable amount of extra work before the credit can be awarded

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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All information regarding the application procedure for exchange students can be found on our website and will be updated regularly: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/applying-exchange-student>.

DEADLINES

Application deadline regarding the first semester or full year is the 30th of April.

Application deadline regarding the second semester is the 1st of November.

HOUSING, ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

HOUSING

For information on housing, please consult our website: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/housing> or contact one of the following:

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- > anke.vanriel@luca-arts.be (for campus Sint-Lukas Brussels and Narafi Brussels)
- > huisvesting.limburg@ucll.be (for campus C-Mine Genk)
- > <https://www.kuleuven.be/english/life-at-ku-leuven/housing> (for campus Lemmens Leuven)

ORIENTATION

Orientation programmes for incoming exchange students are organized on each campus. The introduction week / programme is mostly organized the week before the actual start of the semester. You'll be informed by your campus coordinator when you receive your acceptance. It is highly recommended to take part in the introduction week as you'll get to know your fellow students and LUCA in general.

Further you can also count on ESN , the Erasmus Student Network (Belgium) is the key volunteer student organization in international Higher Education in Europe.

Erasmus Student Network Belgium (ESN Belgium) is a non-for-profit student organization representing local ESN sections (local associations). Their mission is to foster student mobility in Higher Education, provide opportunities for cultural understanding and self- development under the principle of Students Helping Students. ESN Belgium aims at working in the interest of students who are spending parts of or their entire formal education at a higher education institution in Belgium and currently counts 16 sections in 9 different cities. You can find more information on their website: <https://esnbelgium.org/>.

Furthermore, students are able to download the Going' app which is an app exclusively for LUCA's incoming exchange students which gives them a platform to communicate before and during the exchange. Accepted students receive an invite for the app a couple of months before the start of the year. We recommended our students to use the app as it'll kick-start their semester.



VISA, RESIDENCE PERMIT, INSURANCE, ...

For Information on visa, residence permit and insurance please consult our website.

- Visa and residence permit: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/visa-and-residence-permits> ,
- Insurance: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/insurance-international-students-luca>

For specific enquiries, please contact the LUCA Admissions department directly: admissions@luca-arts.be.