

## FACT SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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### ADMISSION PROCEDURE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The Admission Procedure for exchange students coming to the University of Antwerp includes **two mandatory phases**:

1. The home university **nominates** the student to the University of Antwerp
2. The student submits the **application** to the University of Antwerp

The University of Antwerp is using an **online management system** 'Mobility-Online' for the admission procedure and the administration of the student mobility.

### NOMINATION: Deadlines and procedures for UNIVERSITIES

Nominations are only accepted **within the deadlines** and through the **nomination template** of the University of Antwerp (excel table) which is sent to all partner universities in advance. The completed nomination list and inquiries should be sent to : [incomingstudents@uantwerpen.be](mailto:incomingstudents@uantwerpen.be).

#### Deadlines for nomination of students coming to Antwerp during:

##### 1<sup>st</sup> semester and full academic year

- **15 APRIL 2014**, if the student needs a visa to study in Belgium
- **1 MAY 2014**, for nationals of the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Switzerland

#### **15 April /1 May is the only nomination deadline for the faculties:**

- Applied Economics
- Pharmacy/Biomedical/VET Sciences and Medicine & Health Sciences in case of practical trainings in hospitals and research. If applied for at a later stage, positions might be filled up.

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

- **1 OCTOBER 2014**, if the student needs a visa to study in Belgium
- **15 OCTOBER 2014**, for nationals of the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Switzerland

### APPLICATION: Deadlines and procedures for STUDENTS

Nominated students apply for admission through 'Mobility-Online'. Once nominated, they receive the necessary information by email in order to submit their application. All required documents should be uploaded by the deadline in the workflow in Mobility Online. A manual is available at [www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange](http://www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange)

**No applications will be accepted after the deadline.**

#### Deadlines for student applications coming to Antwerp during:

##### **1<sup>st</sup> semester and full academic year**

- **1 MAY 2014**, if the student needs a visa to study in Belgium
- **1 JUNE 2014**, for nationals of the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Switzerland

#### **1May/1 June is the only application deadline for the faculties:**

- faculty of Applied Economics
- faculties of Pharmacy/Biomedical/VET Sciences and Medicine & Health Sciences in case of practical trainings in hospitals and research. If applied for at a later stage, positions might be filled up.

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> semester**

- **1 NOVEMBER 2014** if the student needs a visa to study in Belgium
- **15 NOVEMBER 2014**, for nationals of the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Switzerland

All applications are processed on an ongoing basis. Students receive an email with the decision in principle within 6 weeks after the application deadline. Once accepted as an exchange student, they can print out **the acceptance letter** from their workflow in Mobility Online. Students who require a visa to study in Belgium will additionally receive an official **invitation letter**. This letter will be sent by regular post to their home address.

### **ACADEMIC CALENDAR – [www.uantwerp.be/en/about-uantwerp/news/academic-calendar](http://www.uantwerp.be/en/about-uantwerp/news/academic-calendar)**

<b>First semester</b>	<b>Orientation days: 18 &amp; 19 September 2014 (attendance is compulsory)</b> Beginning of term: 22 September Christmas break: 22 December - 4 January Exam period: 5 January - 30 January End of term: 30 January Semester break: 2 – 6 February	<b>Second semester</b>	<b>Orientation days: 5 &amp; 6 February 2015 (attendance is compulsory)</b> Beginning of term: 9 February Easter break: 6 April - 19 April Exam period: 25 May – 27 June Announcement of exam results : 1 - 3 July End of term: 3 July
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### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

All **study programmes** at the University of Antwerp are measured in terms of **ECTS credits**. Bachelor programmes count 180 credits, master programmes 60 up to 240 credits depending on the field of study. A full-time workload amounts to 60 credits per academic year or 30 credits per semester. Course units at the University of Antwerp mostly have an ECTS value of 3 or 6 credits.

When applying for admission exchange students need to formulate a sound study programme. **In principle students need to take up 30 credits per semester. As a general rule exchange students have to sign up for a minimum of 20 credits.** Students can choose courses from faculties other than their own, but limited to two courses per faculty and subject to written approval of both faculties. The course catalogue can be found on [www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange](http://www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange).

Most bachelor courses are taught in Dutch. However all faculties offer a number of courses and seminars or a year-programme in English to accommodate exchange students. Please check carefully the language of instruction when making your choice. Course descriptions are available in Dutch and in English but the course offer is not entirely offered in English.

As part of the admission procedure a **Learning Agreement** with the course selection and the number of credits needs to be set up and signed by the student, the home institution and the University of Antwerp in order to approve the study programme before arrival. This document is generated by 'Mobility Online' automatically. Students applying for a practical training (internship, lab or practical work, research) need to submit more details on the topic and desired position at the time of application. This will allow the faculty to find a position in due time. In case of late application a position cannot be guaranteed.

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS & DUTCH LANGUAGE COURSES

To communicate adequately and to attend classes in English successfully during your study period in Antwerp a good level of English knowledge is essential. Level B2 (CFR) or TOEFL min. score 57 or IELTS min. 4.0 or Cambridge first certificate is recommended. Proof of evidence needs to be submitted when applying for admission. Accepted certificates are international language tests (TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge Certificate) or test results from a language institute (from the home university or other). No other certificates are accepted.

In order to attend classes in Dutch successfully international students can register for an intensive Dutch language course before the start of each semester. To those attending the study offer in English in order to get maximum benefit from the stay in Antwerp we advise to learn some Dutch. Dutch language classes are also offered during the semester. Information can be found on [www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange](http://www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange)

## ACCOMMODATION

For students staying in Antwerp **for one semester or less than 6 months** the housing application is included in the workflow in Mobility Online. Students staying longer than 6 months will make their own arrangements. There is plenty of offer on the student accommodation market in Antwerp. Rooms can be viewed and booked through the database KOTWEB [www.studentkotweb.be/en](http://www.studentkotweb.be/en) Check <https://www.uantwerp.be/en/campus-life/housing/room-from-private-owner/>

**Deadlines through the university:** JUNE 1 and NOVEMBER 15 (same dates as the admission procedure)

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University of Antwerp, building G (City Campus) – building TPC (Campus Groenenborger)

## ORIENTATION DAYS

Right before the start of each semester the international office welcomes all exchange students during 2 orientation days.

**For a smooth integration it is compulsory to attend the orientation days.** Everything students need to know about the university, living and studying in Antwerp will be explained. Student registration and other practical matters are included in the programme. It is also an excellent opportunity to socialize with other international students. The orientation days are the start of the 'Ice-breaking week' organised by the Erasmus Student Network (ESN).

### Dates

1<sup>st</sup> semester: 18 – 19 September 2014

2<sup>nd</sup> semester: 5 - 6 February 2015

Students are welcomed by the faculty during the first week of term with academic information specific for their study in Antwerp.

## VISA

Information on [www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange](http://www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange)

## INSURANCES

Registration as a student at the University of Antwerp includes accident and third party liability insurance during educational and recreational activities in university buildings, during transfers to and from the university, and during excursions approved by the university.

Health Insurance: [www.uantwerp.be/en/education/from-choosing-a-programme-to-graduate/budget-social-facilities/health-insurance/](http://www.uantwerp.be/en/education/from-choosing-a-programme-to-graduate/budget-social-facilities/health-insurance/)

Fire Insurance: [www.uantwerp.be/en/campus-life/housing/fire-insurance/](http://www.uantwerp.be/en/campus-life/housing/fire-insurance/)

## IMPORTANT WEBSITES

City of Antwerp House of the student: <http://www.antwerpenstudentenstad.be/en/house-student-xl>

Antwerp: <http://www.visitantwerpen.be/>

Flanders : <http://www.visitflanders.com/>

Belgium: [http://www.belgium.be/en/about\\_belgium/](http://www.belgium.be/en/about_belgium/)