Arrival checklist

Pre-departure

1. **Confirm accommodation**
   Ensure your accommodation is ready and that you have all necessary details:

   - Address

   - Contact person

   - Keys or access codes

2. **Arrange transportation**
   Plan your route from the airport to your accommodation:

   - Taxi or public transport options

   - Directions to your accommodation

3. **Credit card/cash**

   - Have some local currency for immediate expenses, such as taxi fare

4. **Travel insurance**

   - Make sure you have valid travel insurance

5. **Health insurance**

   - EEA students: bring your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) card as proof of health insurance. Non-EEA students must arrange Belgian insurance when they arrive in Antwerp.

Upon arrival

Airport formalities

1. **Customs and immigration**

   - Keep your passport, visa, and necessary documents ready for inspection

2. **Buy a SIM card**

   - Purchase a local SIM card to stay connected. Check the telecom provider overview.

First few days

Settle into accommodation

1. **Inspect your space**

   o Check the condition of your room or apartment and report any issues

2. **Basic necessities**

   o Locate nearby shops and supermarkets to buy groceries, toiletries, and other essentials

Attend welcome week

- Participate in the university's Welcome Week activities to get oriented

Administrative tasks

1. **University enrolment**

   o Complete [the enrolment procedure](#) if you haven't done so already

2. **Course enrolment**

   o Register your courses and put together your timetable in SisA

3. **Tuition fee payment**

   o Pay your tuition fee as soon as possible

4. **Apply for a residence permit**

   o The Residence Permit Office assists with your application. [Check the procedure online](#).

5. **Arrange health insurance**

   o Non-EEA students can explore health insurance options during the Welcome Week and sign up as soon as possible

6. **Open a bank account**

   o Set up a local bank account for convenient financial transactions. [Consult the webpage and manual for more information](#).

7. **Save emergency contacts**

   o   Add important contacts to your phone, including university and local emergency services. The emergency number is **112**.

Explore the local area

1. **Local healthcare**

   o   Identify the nearest hospital or general practitioner

2. **Public transport**

   o   Familiarise yourself with local public transport options, such as buses and trains. [More info](#).