



Medicine curriculum 2025 – 2026 for exchange students

Dear exchange student

Thank you for your interest in the medicine programme of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of the University of Antwerp. The tables and schedules below will help you to draft your personal study programme at our university. Before doing this please pay close attention to following important rules and guidelines:

- **We DO NOT offer an English programme.** Only a limited number of courses are taught in English (**green courses**). Other courses are taught in Dutch, but are available to exchange students (**yellow courses**).
- As an exchange student you are allowed to register for courses of the 3rd Bachelor (3rd year), 1st Master (4th year) and 2nd Master (5th year). However, **try to avoid choosing ‘overlapping courses’**. These are courses that are taught at the same time in different years. The reason is that several professors expect students to be present in their classes. Moreover, the exam dates of these courses might overlap as well.
- As an exchange student **you cannot enroll in all courses of the Medicine curriculum of the UAntwerp**. Only the courses indicated in **yellow** and **green** in the schedule on page 3 are available to exchange students. All other courses are not available unless you can prove your Dutch language skills (level B2).
 - o Courses indicated in **GREEN** are **TAUGHT IN ENGLISH** and are **available to ALL exchange students**. Study material, Powerpoint slides, exams, etc. are available in English.
 - o Courses indicated in **YELLOW** are courses with facilities for exchange students and are **available to ALL exchange students**. These courses are **TAUGHT IN DUTCH**, but there are **facilities in English** (e.g. textbook, Powerpoint slides, assignment sheets, individual work, ...). Which facilities are available in English depends on the lecturer of the course. The examination of these courses is **always** available in English.
- It is **not possible** to enroll in a course of the first semester and to do the exam in the second semester, and vice-versa.
- In principle students need to take up **30 credits per semester**. We strongly advise exchange students to sign up for a **minimum of 21 credits**.
- **Clinical traineeships** in the hospital can take place in semester 1 or semester 2 depending on the availability in the hospital. A traineeship requires your full-time presence (ca. 40 hours/week) during at least 4 weeks. Hence, it is **not possible** to attend courses during those weeks. Only when there is a gap in your study programme (and when this gap corresponds with the rotation system in the hospital), you can do a traineeship. **There is only 1 deadline per year to apply for a traineeship in the hospital.**

For additional information, have a look at the [most frequently asked questions \(FAQs\) on our website](#).

Medicine curriculum 2025-2026 for exchange students: elective courses

Elective Courses 1 (choose 2 minors or 1 major)					
Topic	Language	Minor/major	A or B?	Semester	ECTS
International Intensive Infectious Diseases Course (i³DC)	English	Major	---	2	3
Healthy environment and health care <i>(min. 6 Erasmus students required in order to organize this course in English)</i>	English	Minor	A	2	1,5
Pathology	English	Minor	B	2	1,5
Sports Medicine	Dutch	Minor	B	2	1,5
Additions to Lungs <i>(only available for students who passed the exam of Lungs2 or who have attended an advanced pneumology course at their home institution)</i>	Dutch	Minor	A	2	1,5
Elective Courses 2 (choose 2 minors or 1 major)					
Topic	Language	Minor/major	A or B?	Semester	ECTS
Tropical Medicine	English	Minor	A	1	1,5
Sleep and sleep disorders	Dutch	Minor	A	1	1,5
Neuro-imaging and neuro-science	English	Minor	B	1	1,5
Forensic psychiatry	Dutch	Major	---	1	3

General remarks about the Elective Courses:

- **This is a provisional list! Final elective topics will be communicated at the start of the academic year.** Changes can be made until the beginning of October.
- You need to choose **a combination of TWO minors OR ONE major**. Hence, you need to choose two minors or one major to obtain the total amount of credits of **3 ECTS**. You cannot only choose one minor (1,5 ECTS).
- All **“A” courses** are taught on the same days during the elective week. The exams of these courses are also organized on the same day. The same goes for **“B” courses**. **It is therefore recommended to choose one A and one B minor course, instead of two A minor courses.** The latter is possible, but then you have lessons on the same day and also the exam is scheduled on the same day.
- In order to obtain the ECTS credits for **Elective Course 1** and **Elective Course 2** you need to **pass the exams of all topics** chosen. Passing only one exam will **not** result in half the amount of credits.
- The course contents of the different elective topics can be requested via international.office.medhealth@uantwerp.be.

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TRY TO AVOID OVERLAPPING COURSES IN LEARNING AGREEMENTS (e.g. Locomotor System 2 and Abdomen 2: Uro & Gynaeco).

Green courses = available to all exchange students. Courses, study material and/or examinations in English.

Yellow courses = Courses taught in Dutch, but facilities (study material, examinations, ppt slides, ...) in English for exchange students.

	Lesson weeks	Dates of lesson weeks	<u>3rd BACHELOR</u> (Model Path part 3)	<u>1st MASTER</u> (Model Path part 1)	<u>2nd MASTER</u> (Model Path part 2)	3rd MASTER	
Semester 1 (autumn)	Lesson week 1	22/09-26/09		<u>Metabolism and hormones 2</u> (4 ECTS)	<u>Nervous Systems</u> (8 ECTS)	Practical year of clinical traineeships for Belgian students (Erasmus students can plan clinical traineeships throughout semester 1 and semester 2, as long as there is no overlap with theoretical courses. Traineeships are full time and cannot be combined with theoretical courses!)	
	Lesson week 2	29/09-3/10					
	Lesson week 3	6/10-10/10	<u>Neuro- and Cognitive Sciences</u> (5 ECTS)		<u>Child and Development 2</u> (5 ECTS)		
	Lesson week 4	13/10-17/10		<u>Dermatology</u> (3 ECTS)			
	Lesson week 5	20/10-24/10	<u>Infectious Diseases 3</u> (3 ECTS)				
	Lesson week 6	27/10-31/10			<u>Family Medicine 2/Geriatrics</u> (5 ECTS)		
	Lesson week 7	3/11-7/11		<u>Lungs 2</u> (5 ECTS)			
	Lesson week 8	10/11-14/11					
	Lesson week 9	17/11-21/11					
	Lesson week 10	24/11-28/11			<u>Elective Courses 2</u> (3 ECTS)		
	Lesson week 11	1/12-5/12					
	Lesson week 12	8/12-12/12		<u>Heart and arteries 2</u> (7 ECTS)			
	Lesson week 13	15/12-19/12					
		22/12-2/01	Christmas holidays				
	Examination week 1	5/01-9/01	examination period	examination period	examination period		
Examination week 2	12/01-16/01						
Examination week 3	19/01-23/01						
Examination week 4	26/01-30/01						
	2/02-6/02	Semester holidays					
Semester 2 (spring)	Lesson week 1	9/02-13/02	<u>Locomotor System 2</u> (6 ECTS)	<u>Abdomen 2: Urology and Gynaecology</u> (5 ECTS)	Practical year of clinical traineeships for Belgian students (Erasmus students can plan clinical traineeships throughout semester 1 and semester 2, as long as there is no overlap with theoretical courses. Traineeships are full time and cannot be combined with theoretical courses!)		
	Lesson week 2	16/02-20/02					
	Lesson week 3	23/02-27/02		<u>Elective Courses 1</u> (3 ECTS)			
	Lesson week 4	2/03-6/03					
	Lesson week 5	9/03-13/03		<u>Abdomen 2: Digestive Organs</u> (6 ECTS)			
	Lesson week 6	16/03-20/03					
	Lesson week 7	23/03-27/03	<u>Eye and Vision</u> (3 ECTS)				
	Lesson week 8	30/03-3/04					
		6/04-10/04	Easter holidays				
		13/04-17/04	Easter holidays				
	Lesson week 9	20/04-24/04					
	Lesson week 10	27/04-1/05	<u>Allergology</u> (3 ECTS)	<u>Oncology</u> (4 ECTS)			
	Lesson week 11	4/05-8/05	<u>Kidney 2</u> (3 ECTS)				
	Lesson week 12	11/05-15/05					
	Lesson week 13	18/05-22/05					
Examination week 1	25/05-29/05	examination period	examination period				
Examination week 2	1/06-5/06						
Examination week 3	8/06-12/06						
Examination week 4	15/06-19/06						
Examination week 5	22/06-26/06						
	29/06-3/07						