Welcome to the University of Antwerp 2021

A pre-arrival guide for international degree students at the University of Antwerp
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**Colophon**

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Dear students,

Congratulations on being selected for an international adventure at the University of Antwerp!

Soon you will set out for Antwerp, a charming waterfront city with a remarkable cultural history and many attractions. Going abroad for a longer period is always an adventure: you will arrive in a new environment and experience a different culture.

During the coronavirus pandemic the challenge is even bigger. But even now your international adventure can grow into a great memory for the rest of your life.

We will be there for you. We are sending you this guide to help you prepare for a pleasant and successful experience at the University of Antwerp, even in difficult times.

Please take your time to sit back and enjoy this guide. I wish you a safe journey and the best of luck for your new adventure at UAntwerp.

Welkom!
rector Herman Van Goethem

Welcome week
Join us from 20 to 24 September 2021 for your first step in the transition to student life at the University of Antwerp!
A variety of orientation activities are organised to facilitate your academic, administrative and social integration.
Check the detailed programme online and register on time.
University Information

Academic System in Belgium

Higher Education in Flanders has adopted the Bachelor-Master structure. What this means is a 3-year undergraduate cycle leading to a Bachelor degree (180 ECTS), followed by a 1-year or 2-year graduate cycle (60 or 120 ECTS) leading to a Master degree. Advanced master programmes offer further specialisation and/or competences in a certain field of study. Our doctoral degree is the highest level of specialisation in scientific research. This PhD degree can only be awarded by recognised universities. We also offer post-graduate certificate programmes.

Besides universities, Belgium also has university colleges, which offer professional Bachelor programmes. The courses are practice-oriented and include periods of work placement. Students can follow a bridging programme after their professional Bachelor degree to start in a Master programme at a university.

The academic year at the University of Antwerp runs from end September to June and is divided into 2 semesters. Each semester comprises 13 weeks of lecturing concluded by a 4 week examination period.

Credits and Grading

The Flemish credit system is based on ECTS, The European Credit Transfer System. Students are graded between 1 and 20. A mark of 10 or more represents a ‘pass’, in which case credits are granted.

- 18-20: Excellent: outstanding performance with only minor errors
- 16-17: Very Good: above the average standard but with some errors
- 14-15: Good: generally sound work with a number of notable errors
- 12-13: Satisfactory: fair but with significant shortcomings
- 10-11: Sufficient: meets the minimum criteria; credit transfer is obtained
- < 10: Fail

The diploma is granted with a grade of merit if a student has obtained credits at the University of Antwerp for at least half of the total number of credits of the degree programme.
The diploma is granted with one of the following grades of merit on the basis of the overall end result.

Satisfaction: final total between 50 and 64 out of 100
Distinction: final total between 65 and 74 out of 100
Great distinction: final total between 75 and 84 out of 100
Greatest distinction: final total of 85 or more out of 100

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION**

English is the communication language for international students at the University of Antwerp. Though your courses might be taught in English, on campus and online you’ll still come across Dutch on a daily basis as this is the general language of communication at the university.

**EDUCATION AND EXAMS**

UAntwerp is a firm believer in student-centred learning. We start from the premise that all students have the desire to learn and further their knowledge. Our educational programmes are designed to support and activate this desire. Studying means taking responsibility and making a commitment, but it is also a social process where you learn from others, both from lecturers and classmates. We focus on competence-oriented education. In addition to knowledge and insight, these competences also include specific skills and attitudes.

Flanders has a tradition of oral examinations, often with written preparation. Written and multiple choice exams are also frequent. Exams can be supplemented by the continuous assessment of student participation in class or replaced by essays or presentations.

Students are allowed to sit an examination for a course twice a year. First session examinations are held at the end of the semester. Second session examinations (resits) take place at the end of August and at the beginning of September.

**E-LEARNING**

E-learning plays a significant role within the university. Lectures and seminars only account for part of a class. Education is also offered through the electronic learning environment Blackboard in the form of assignments, tests, exercises, group work and question time via a forum. The teaching staff use Blackboard for all official communication and to distribute course materials.

A University of Antwerp login and password is required to use Blackboard, which is received during enrolment at the Registrar’s Office. This login and password also gives you access to your UAntwerp email address, where all official communication from the University is sent to.

Once here, you will also be introduced to the Student information system Antwerp (SisA), which is the digital heart of educational administration at the University of Antwerp. You can use SisA to update your contact details, manage or review your academic path (including study programme, timetable and results) and check any outstanding tuition fees.

**LANGUAGE COURSES**

Belgium has three official languages: Dutch (Flemish), French and German. Antwerp is in the Flemish part of Belgium, where Dutch is the lingua franca. Learning a new language is an exciting challenge!

The university offers online language courses to all students via Altissia. After enrolment you can sign up for Altissia for only €10 per year. Learn Dutch, French, German, Italian and English at various levels and at your own pace.

The university’s language centre Linguapolis organises various language courses. To really appreciate and enjoy your stay in Antwerp, we recommend taking a Dutch language course. The language course does not only provide a linguistic and cultural preparation; it is also an excellent opportunity to socialise with other international students and to make new friends.

The academic year starts on Monday 27 September 2021.
ENROLMENT

STEP 1: COMPLETE THE ONLINE PREREGISTRATION

To help make enrolling easier, you need to complete the online preregistration before you arrive at the Registrar’s Office. The Registrar’s Office needs the document you obtain at the end of the online preregistration to process your enrolment. At this stage you will also be informed how the enrolment will take place in 2021.

STEP 2: ENROLLING

To complete your enrolment you will need to make an appointment with the Registrar’s Office.

Registar’s Office
Stadscampus
Building S
Lange Sint-Annastraat 7
2000 Antwerp

What is needed for enrolment?

✓ The preregistration form you completed in step 1
✓ Your ID card or passport
✓ The original degree certificate (or other formal document that lists the qualification(s) you have) which grants access to the programme you have chosen
✓ If applicable, the letter of acceptance/authorisation
✓ Other documents listed in your letter of acceptance

After your enrolment has been processed in step 2, you are a student at the University of Antwerp. You then need to pay the tuition fee.

Enrolments are made between 1 July to 15 October 2021.
Always check the website for important information regarding enrolment.

CONFUSED?

Ask us a question through our helpdesk for international students!
Andrea Lariotti, Italy
M.Sc. in Business Economics

I found Belgians to be really pragmatic, helpful, open minded people with whom you can get along with easily but who are also not so easy to get to know closer. But that is just something cultural and the global mindset is probably something essential when you live in such a diverse country as Belgium.

USEFUL CONTACTS IN THE FACULTIES

Faculty of Applied Engineering
Faculty of Arts
Faculty of Business and Economics
Faculty of Design Sciences
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
Faculty of Pharmaceutical, Biomedical and Veterinary Sciences
Faculty of Social Sciences
Faculty of Science
Institute of Development Policy and Management (IOB)

Tonke Berte
Ms Ann Peeraer
Christine Vanspeybroeck
Ms Nele Simons
Mr Jorge Herschens
Mr Dimitri Geelhand
Ms Miep Demuynck
Piet De Vroede
Ms Sarah Verberckmoes
Student secretariat
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VISA, RESIDENCE PERMIT AND INSURANCE

STUDENT VISA

If you are a citizen of a European Economic Area country* or from Monaco or Switzerland you may travel to Belgium on the strength of a national passport or identity card.

If you have any other nationality, you have to apply for a student visa (type D) with the Belgian embassy or consulate in your current country of residence before leaving for Belgium. Having a European Union residence permit is not sufficient.

*EEA = EU + Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein

More information online

RESIDENCE PERMIT

All international students who will be staying in Antwerp for more than 3 months have to apply for a residence permit upon arrival. With a residence permit you can open a bank account and sign up for health insurance. As of 3 January 2019, the residence permit issued to non-EEU students is also a work permit, now called single permit. The single permit contains information that you are entitled to work.

More information online

HEALTH INSURANCE

All students need to be covered by health insurance for the duration of their stay in Belgium. Without medical insurance, a trip to the doctor can be very expensive. The Belgian health insurance system has agreements with neighbouring countries and within the EU.

Students from the Netherlands can continue to pay their basic health insurance in the Netherlands as long as they do not work here and are under 30. If you are a resident of an EEA country, you need to get a European Health Insurance Card from your own health insurance provider before travelling to Belgium. If you are a non-EEA national then you need to be registered in the Belgian Registry of Foreign Nationals and Belgian health insurance is mandatory. You will also be required to pay a contribution. Depending on your personal situation you have two options:

✓ registration as a ‘student’: this option is mainly designed for students who will be studying in Belgium for a short period of time.

✓ registration as a ‘resident in Belgium’: most students can register as a resident, but you need to have a (temporary) residence permit.

More information online

Important note

For some countries, approval by the Belgian authorities can take up to three months or longer. Make sure you start the visa application procedure well in advance!

Important note

Make sure you have travel insurance for the time you spend in Belgium before you receive your residence permit.
We are happy to provide you with some useful information to start your search for suitable accommodation.

**Rental price**
The average price for a student room with a shared bathroom and a shared kitchen is €390 per month. The average price for a studio with a private bathroom and/or a private kitchen is €450 per month. In most cases costs like internet, water, gas, electricity and heating are not included.

Your landlord can charge a fixed amount for utilities such as heating, electricity, water etc. or work with a provisional charge. The provisional charge is paid in advance and actual usage amounts are calculated at the end of the lease. Avoid any nasty surprises and make sure you clarify with your landlord which of these two systems will be applied before you sign a lease.

**Kotweb, THE accommodation database**
Kotweb offers the largest range of student accommodation in Antwerp. It is a unique initiative between the city of Antwerp, higher education institutions in Antwerp and STAN, Antwerp’s student portal. Together we strive for high-quality student accommodation in Antwerp and provide information to students and owners. The city of Antwerp monitors the quality of all Antwerp student properties; after a positive inspection, a property receives a green quality label from the city which can only be found on Kotweb. We advise you to search for an accommodation with green quality label and a model lease.

**Deposit/Guarantee**
A deposit is maximum two months’ rent and has to be paid by bank transfer. You cannot pay a deposit in cash. Don’t pay rent or deposit through Western Union. A deposit is not a way to pay your last month’s rent. At the end of your contract you will get your deposit back if the state of the room is well maintained and all bills have been paid.

**Your rental agreement**
According to the Belgian law you need to sign the Dutch version of the rental agreement. Ask for an English translation and keep in mind that you are legally responsible for what you sign. Kotweb provides a model lease in Dutch, with an English translation that students are recommended to use.
Do you prefer to finalise permanent accommodation once you are in Antwerp and book a youth hostel for your first week(s)?

**A-Stay Antwerp**
Pelikaanstraat 86
2000 Antwerp
T +32 3 53 53 553
antwerp@a-stay.com
Ask for our discount codes.

**Antwerp Hostel**
Jodenstraat 48
2000 Antwerpen
T +32 497 48 48 66
www.antwerphostel.be
info@antwerphostel.be

**Antwerp Central Hostel “Pulcinella”**
Bogaardeplein 1
2000 Antwerpen
T +32 3 234 03 14
antwerpen@vjh.be

**The ASH (Antwerp Student Hostel)**
Italiëlei 237-239
2000 Antwerpen
T +32 3 500 88 17
scoutshuis@hopper.be

**Antwerp City Hostel**
Grote Markt 40
2000 Antwerpen
T +32 3 500 50 40
www.antwerpcityhostel.be
info@antwerpcityhostel.be

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Blake Alexander Simmons
USA, M.Sc. in Biology - Biodiversity, Conservation and Restoration

I started looking for a ‘kot’ as student flats are called here, back home and actually received several positive answers from landlords pretty fast. Antwerp itself is a nice and rather chilled student city with a lot to do, many old buildings - the university even looks a bit like Hogwarts - and it’s definitely a great starting point for travels.

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International Student Housing Officers
Goele Descamps and Caitlin Hermans are happy to help you

internationalstudenthousing@uantwerpen.be

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TO ANTWERP

From Brussels International Airport (Zaventem)
The airport is located about 45 kilometres from the centre of Antwerp.
More information online

By bus: The most convenient way to reach Antwerp is by taking the SN Brussels Airlines Express Bus, a direct coach service from the airport to the centre of Antwerp (Antwerp Central Station for the Stadscampus or Crowne Plaza Hotel for Campuses Drie Eiken, Middelheim and Groenenborger).
www.airportexpress.be

By train: Antwerp Central Station is situated in the heart of the city, at about a 15 minute walk from the Stadscampus. Campuses Middelheim, Groenenborger and Drie Eiken are a taxi or bus ride away from the station Antwerp Central or Antwerp Berchem.
Train
www.belgiantrain.be
Delijn
www.delijn.be

From Charleroi (Brussels South) Airport
If you arrive at Charleroi airport, known as Brussels South Airport, on arrival you can buy a public transport ticket to Antwerp, which takes approximately 1.5 hour.
www.charleroi-airport.com

Arrive a few days before Welcome Week (20 - 24 September 2021) to settle into your accommodation and complete your enrolment at the Registrar’s Office.

Getting around in Antwerp

How to get to the University of Antwerp
Addresses and detailed public transport options for each of our campuses are available on our website.

Weather
Belgium has a temperate maritime climate influenced by the North Sea and Atlantic Ocean, with cool summers and moderate winters. During the month of September, the weather should still be pretty nice, although the rain starts to fall by the end of the month when autumn begins. October and November can be quite chilly. December and January can be very cold (between 10°C and -5°C) as winter then arrives with its hail and possible snow. Winter officially lasts until 21st March when spring starts. From then on, the weather should get less chilly and sunnier. The highest temperatures (around 25-30°C) are reached during the summer months of July and August. It often rains in Belgium and it can get very cold, especially for people who are used to tropical temperatures, so don’t forget to bring warm clothes and shoes, a good jacket and a raincoat!

Driving licence
If you have a valid driver’s license that was originally issued in a European Union member state you can go on driving in Belgium until it expires. It is recommended to trade it in for a Belgian license though, as this simplifies things for the police and can serve as a form of identification.

If your license was issued in a non-EU country, you are allowed to drive with an international driving permit for visits that are up to six months in duration. The permit is issued in your home country! However, if you intend to visit the country for a longer time or if you establish resident status, you need to apply for a local license for driving in Belgium.
Low Emission Zone
Soot and fine particles pollute the air and are detrimental to the environment and public health. A large part of this pollution is obviously emitted by cars, which is why the City of Antwerp has decided to exclude the most polluting vehicles from the city. The city centre became a low emission zone (LEZ). It is the road to a healthier, cleaner future. For more information if your car is allowed in the city go to:
More information online

Public Transport
More information online

Renting a bicycle
Antwerp is a bike-friendly city. The distances are not too large, the bike lanes are flat and with the right clothing, you can cycle all year round. Antwerp has several bicycle rental services, for short distances or for longer rental periods.

Swapfiets
As a student from the University of Antwerp you don’t pay an activation fee. If a friend refers to you, you only pay half the amount that month. You can refer up to 10 times. < Use the code: UNIV-ANTW-DEAL

Levanto is located under Central Station and you can rent a bike for longer periods.
You can also easily buy second hand bikes once in Antwerp. Remember to always lock your bike. 😊

Velo Antwerpen
The city’s handy bike to cover short distances between the different Velo stations in the city of Antwerp. You can buy an annual pass online or rent the bikes for shorter periods of time.

Mobit
Rent a bicycle for a short period. There are no fixed stations; after use, you can park your bike freely within the Mobit zone.
COMPUTERS AND INTERNET ACCESS

Computers are available on campus for individual study and internet use. You will find PCs in the libraries of the Stadscampus, Campus Drie Eiken and Campus Groenenborger, accessible during the opening hours of the library. Campus Drie Eiken and the Stadscampus also have a cybercafé. At Campus Middelheim, you can work quietly or with your fellow students at learning centre De Parabool. The reading rooms of the university’s libraries have public network access points and wireless hotspots for laptops. If your home university is part of EDUROAM, you can use your EDUROAM account network to access our network. We recommend you to bring your own laptop.

Your UAntwerp student account is required to use these facilities. Therefore, you need to enrol with the Registrar’s Office upon arrival.

KOMIDA

Our university has several student restaurants and cafeterias. You can hop in for a hot lunch, funky salad, tasty roll or just a drink. Coffee lovers can have a shot of caffeine at one of our coffee corners. As komida likes to work sustainably, vegetarian or vegan options are an evidence...

Even if you want to order online, you’re at the right place at komida. Come and check it out soon!

STUDENT INFORMATION POINT (STIP)

STIP is the gateway to student-oriented services. You can contact STIP for an appointment with a study coach, student psychologist or functional impairment officer, to access workbooks for self coaching, to contact social services or with questions about sports, culture, student life at UAntwerp, etc. STIP is located on Stadscampus and on Campus Drie Eiken.
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
AND STUDENT ORGANISATIONS

The University of Antwerp has a very wide range of student associations. There are student associations by faculty, department or location, international student associations, political associations and many other themes.

Verenigde Universiteit Antwerpen Studenten (VUAS) defends the interests of students and student associations at all levels. It consists of representatives of the presidents of two umbrella associations:

- **Unifac** for Stads campus
- **ASK-Stuwer** for Campuses Drie Eiken, Groenenborger and Middelheim

The Studentenraad (Student Council) participates as an advisory board in the university's governance. If you have any questions or problems regarding your professors, your courses, your examinations, etc. feel free to contact them. The Studentenraad has a special contact person for international students.

The Erasmus Student Network is an organisation by students for students. Their main goal is getting you involved in the great mix of cultures, traditions and encounters that Erasmus stands for.

AIESEC is an international student organisation that offers international work placements and personal development opportunities.

Join the local chapter of the Electrical Engineering Students’ European Association (EESTEC), which targets and trains students in Europe.

ELSA, The European Law Students Association, provides opportunities for international exchange, diversified legal education and personal professional development for law students and young lawyers.

The Antwerp branch of the European Medical Students’ Association (EMSA) gives you access to a network of over 100 Faculties from all over Europe.

AntwerpMun, Antwerpen Model United Nations, is an authentic simulation of specific committees of the United Nations.

MONDO aims to create a social network for international degree and PhD students, foreign staff members, and their family members. Throughout the year MONDO organises monthly social activities targeted at international staff and students.

BUDDY PROJECT: The University of Antwerp organises an online one-on-one opportunity to give new international students, researchers and staff a warm welcome in Belgium and facilitate an enriching intercultural experience.

STAN is a student information desk, meeting point, social venue and much more. You are always welcome there to find out more about Antwerp, about the city, culture, activities and more. Their information desk is open every day from 9.00 to 17.00. The awesome Gate 15 Student Guide App is a must for every student in Antwerp! Free to download in all app stores.
UANTWERP PLUS PASS
The Plus Pass gives you access to the complete culture and sports programme of the University of Antwerp, as well as the complete sports programme of the Antwerp University Association. The Plus Pass costs €25 for students, staff and alumni, and is valid from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

RUBI
Antwerp is a dazzling metropolis with plenty of options and things to do: you can join a music show at concert venues or, go to a performance in one of the many theatres, spend an evening at the Opera, enjoy a dance performance, etc. Follow Rubi – The Cultural Factory (the university’s cultural office) for inspiration and ticket offers!

CONTEMPLATION
The University of Antwerp promotes active pluralism. Active pluralism is not a philosophical belief in itself, but it takes belief and all its manifestations seriously and encourages dialogue within and among the various religions and ideologies. Our actively pluralistic approach is reflected in a number of services for students, such as the quiet spaces, pastoral care and secular service.

TD stands for thé dansant and is a fun student-organised party with cheap drinks!

People here are really open to foreigners and it’s not a big problem if you don’t speak Dutch. But of course people do appreciate it when you try to speak their language, therefore I followed a language course.

Greece, M.Sc. in Physics

Alexandra Evangelion
DISCOVER ANTWERP

› Visit Antwerp (City of Antwerp’s official page)
› Experience Antwerp like a local
› This is Antwerp
› Meeting other internationals in Antwerp
› Best tips for travelling in Belgium
› Visit Flanders

Get to know us!

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@UAntwerpen
Important
At arrival, make sure you have access to at least:
✓ three months’ rent (rent deposit + first months’ rent)
✓ tuition fee amount for your first academic year

MONEY MATTERS

BANK ACCOUNT
Students will be able to open a Belgian bank account as soon as they are officially registered at the local city hall and have obtained their Belgian residence permit. You will receive more information about this during the Welcome Week. Make sure you can access your home account during the first month in Antwerp!

WHAT WILL A YEAR’S STUDY COST YOU?
To ensure that your university degree choice is a success, we’d like to provide you with an estimate of costs associated with your study and living in Antwerp.

Tuition fees are calculated on the basis of the total number of credits you take and whether you are a resident of the European Economic Area (EEA) or not.

Detailed information on tuition fees can be found here.

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<td>Health insurance</td>
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<td>Living costs (food, clothes, medical costs, household purchases, language course, social activities, transport)</td>
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<td>€ 450 per month (studio)</td>
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Total yearly estimated amount = 16,000 (tuition fees not included)
PART TIME WORK AS A STUDENT

If you are looking for extra work during your stay in Antwerp, you can use an online database available to all students where opportunities during the year and in the holiday period are listed. Please note that most jobs require a sound knowledge of Dutch. Or do you prefer to work on campus?

EU & EFTA nationals may work in Belgium on the strength of a national passport or identity card and are employed in the same way as a Belgian student. They are allowed to work up to 38 hours a week.

Non-EU/EFTA nationals will receive a residence permit - an electronic foreigner card type 'A' - containing the statement stipulating your admission to work. The statement will be automatically included on the residence permit. As student employment has to be compatible with studying, international students from countries outside the EEA may only work up to 20 hours a week.

Afroja Khanam, Bangladesh,
M.Sc. in Governance and Development

Antwerp

Antwerp is good for everything. It’s good for studying, leisure activities, and it offers a great nightlife too. It’s also a good transportation hub which places it at an advantage point for traveling - the airport and train stations are easily accessible. And if you love beer, then you are absolutely in the right place in Belgium with its more than 600 different varieties of beer! And even if you are like me and don’t drink, you can still admire the many colourful varieties of Belgian beers. Something else you must definitely try while here are a good portion of French Fries or rather Frietjes from a local ‘Frituur’.
### Where is your campus located?

#### Master programmes
- Biology
- Biomedical Sciences
- Business Economics
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Digital Text Analysis
- Epidemiology
- Law
- Linguistics and Literature: English
- Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management
- Molecular Biology
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Rehabilitation Sciences and Physiotherapy

#### Advanced master programmes
- Development Evaluation and Management
- Global Health
- Globalisation and Development
- Governance and Development
- Water Sustainability
- Maritime and Air Transport Management

#### Postgraduate programmes
- Algology
- China-EU Culture Curatorship Studies
- Energy and Climate
- Internet of Things

#### Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree
- Leading International Vaccinology Education
- Applied Ecohydrology

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OUR CAMPUSES

Campus Mutsaard

Stadscampus

Antwerpen

Campus Middelheim

Campus Groenenborger

Campus Drie Eiken
As you already know, Antwerp is in the Dutch or Flemish speaking part of Belgium. During your stay you will hear this beautiful language every day. Although it is absolutely not a problem to communicate in English and meet new people, it is always handy to know a few words of the local language and impress the other local students!

Greetings
Hello - Hallo
Good day - Goedendag
Goodbye - Tot ziens
Welcome - Welkom
Have a nice day! - Nog een prettige dag!

Asking how someone is
How are you? - Hoe gaat het?
I’m fine, thanks - Alles goed, dank je
Not so well - Niet zo goed
And you? - En met jou?

General responses
Yes - Ja
No - Nee
Please - Alstublieft
Thanks - Dank je
You’re welcome - Graag gedaan
Sorry - Sorry
No problem - Geen probleem

Personal data
First Name - Voornaam
Surname/ Family name - Familienaam
Date of birth - Geboortedatum
Place of birth - Geboorteplaats
ID/ passport - Identiteitskaart/ paspoort
Country - Land
City - Stad
Street - Straat
Nationality - Nationaliteit
Address - Adres

Housing
For rent - Te huur
For sale - Te koop
Landlord - Eigenaar/ verhuurder
Tenant - Huurder
Deposit - Waarborg
Account number - Rekeningnummer
Facilities - Voorzieningen
For common use - Gemeenschappelijk

How many kisses?
The Belgians have a few rules when it comes to the number of kisses given when greeting each other. If a person is the same age as you, one kiss is appropriate. But for someone 10 years older or more, it is a sign of respect to give three kisses. If you’re not sure of someone’s age, we recommended going with one kiss! 😊
Pre-departure checklist

- Check current Corona measures
- Visit the doctor for a general check up
- Apply for student visa
- Ensure you have health insurance in Belgium and arrange temporary travel health insurance if needed
- Book your travel to arrive in time for enrolment and welcome week
- Explore accommodation options and book short term accommodation
- Consider the cost of living in Antwerp and make a budget
- Ensure you can access your home bank account from Belgium
- Complete online preregistration
- Pack for the weather in Belgium
- Organise your farewell party!