

Though a small town in such a small country like Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium is not the first place in mind when it comes to a destination for an exchange semester, having spent some time in UCLouvain would surely guarantee an experience that one will not regret.



Upon arrival, the first glance of Louvain-La-Neuve was memorable. This small town is an all pedestrian town with everything clustered in the middle. You have a huge shopping center, supermarkets, a gigantic sports center, restaurants, dormitories, school facilities and many more clustered together with green scenery as backdrop. It is a perfect get-away from life in Bangkok but never too boring.

On the first couple of days, Kot Erasmus would accommodate students waiting for their accommodations to be ready. Kot Erasmus is a place where Belgian and non-Belgian students would live and gather to organize activities for exchange students and ensure their pleasant stay in UCLouvain. During your stay at Kot Erasmus you will get to meet other exchange students that will become your friends in the next few months. Kot Erasmus members would guide you through different steps that need to be done before the school starts. Throughout the semester, you would find yourself keep coming back to Kot Erasmus for more parties and activities.



The IESN team, a student organization, is also working together with the International Affair Office to help you on what you need during your stay. They organize events such as Welcome drinks, Beer tasting, trips to Belgian cities, and Goodbye dinner for exchange students.



As for your accommodation, Kot originally is a Dutch word meaning “junk room”. Nowadays it is used in all parts of Belgium for student flats. Living in a kot means living together with other students which helps to get easily in contact with others. Usually most of the roommates are French speaking Belgians, which will help you improve your French. Normally Belgian students go back home during the week-ends, so you will probably travel a lot around Belgium and in other countries.

The school life is made easy by the helpful staffs from the international affair office of Louvain School of Management. They will contact you on regular basis via e-mails. All the school facilities are located less than 10 minutes away from your Kot. The courses available in English are all for students enrolling in master programs. Thus, you will get to interact with students with work experience from across Europe and intellectual professors which will help you to broaden your horizon.

Non-academic life in LLN is never dull, there are many activities that you can do such as picnic or barbecue by the lake, go hiking in the woods, go to the sports center for wide range of activities from archery to rock-climbing, to Hip-hop class. Cercles are also the ideal place for good parties. Cercles are groups of people studying in the same faculty, having the same interests. All Cercles sell beer and other beverages. If you want to go out, it is a must to pass by a Cercle and see LLN student life.



On weekends, you can choose to travel around Belgium or across Europe. Within the span of one day you can take a romantic cruise down a canal in Bruges, hunt for diamonds in Antwerp, or explore a fine art museum in Brussels. A dense train network connects all of Belgium. Choices are also endless when it comes to your perfect European destinations. Affordable airfares and train tickets also make navigation simple and comfortable for all travelers.



Belgium is famous for its fries, waffles, beers, chocolate, and diamonds. There are more than 4,000 frietkots that sell delicious French fries throughout Belgium and many carry a selection

of over 50 dipping sauces to choose from. As for beer, nowhere is this more true than in Belgium with over 450 different varieties of beer. Belgians do take their beer seriously - and with good reason. Their choices of beer are endless. With over 2,000 chocolate shops throughout the country, Belgium is also a perfect destination for chocolate lovers. Every town and even small villages have chocolate stores with luxurious pralines.



Apart from perfect academic environment, good facilities and exceptional food, UCLouvain is also not lacking the most essential elements. The school offers exchange students a chance to develop as individuals and help them be prepared for the international arena.