



Join our Exchange Teacher Program in the Heart of Europe!

Discover a world of opportunities and innovation in teacher education, leading the way in practical expertise and real-world application. Our program is designed to inspire, challenge, and equip future teachers for a successful career in teaching. Our faculty is not just a place to learn; it's a community where passion for education, cultural diversity, and personal development converge. You will be part of a vibrant and supportive environment that fosters both professional and personal growth.

WHY UCLL LEUVEN?

Join nearly 4,000 students at Flanders' leading faculty for teacher education, celebrated for its exceptional quality, practical focus, and personalized student guidance.

Global Community Be part of a vibrant international community! Over 1,000 students from around the world choose us each year for their exchange journey, whether short or long-term.

Holistic Development Enhance your teaching methods, language proficiency, and soft skills – key to personal growth and professional success.

Innovative Learning At our forward-thinking University of Applied Sciences, we're committed to shaping a sustainable and equitable future.

Prime Location Our campuses are strategically placed in Europe's heart, offering you the chance to broaden your cultural perspective and easily explore neighboring countries.

Vibrant Student Life Experience life in Leuven, a dynamic student city! Enjoy its safe, green setting with abundant dining, cultural, and social opportunities.

Networking Opportunities Build a global network of friends and connections that will benefit your future educational and career path.

Shape Your Future An international period in Leuven isn't just an education, it's a launchpad for your future!

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

Our Faculty of Teacher Education, a member of the UNESCO ASPnet worldwide, invites exchange students to participate in enriching programs during the Fall and Spring semesters. The programs are inspired by the UNESCO themes on education and build upon the vision of UNESCO's new social contract for education: Reimagining our Futures Together.

Our unique courses offer the chance to team-teach alongside native Belgian students in Flemish schools. This collaborative approach not only enhances your teaching skills but also immerses you in the Flemish educational system. You will also delve into project-based learning experiences directly in Flemish schools. This hands-on approach offers a unique perspective on teaching methodologies and classroom dynamics. Additionally, the diverse backgrounds of our exchange students enable enriching comparative analysis of various global educational systems, enhancing your understanding and broadening your educational perspectives. Complementing your practical experience, you will receive specialized workshops from the International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP); a highlight of our program includes visits to the IIEP headquarters in Paris and the UNESCO office, providing an unparalleled opportunity to connect with international educational organizations.

While Dutch is the primary language of the Flanders region, rest assured that all courses in our program are conducted in English, ensuring a smooth and inclusive learning experience for all students.

EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN TEACHER EDUCATION

Fall Semester	ECTS	Spring Semester	ECTS
Collaborative Pedagogies: Fostering Cooperation & Solidarity	6	Comparative Education: Analyzing Global Educational Systems & Policies	6
Global Citizenship and Changemaking I	6	Global Citizenship and Changemaking II	6
Environmental awareness and sustainable action	3	UN Sustainable Development Goals	3
Personal Growth	3	Learning for Life	3
International Team Teaching I	5	International Team Teaching II	5
Practice Research I	4	Practice Research II	4
Electives: are 3 ECTS		Electives: are 3 ECTS	
- Dutch Language & Culture		- Language Code & Culture	
- Scenarios for Dreamers for the 21 st Century		- Approaches of Innovative Teaching- Global Perspectives	
		- Social & Ethical Issues in Information Technology	

Collaborative Pedagogies: Fostering Cooperation & Solidarity: 6 ECTS

Designed to explore the power of collaboration in educational settings. It delves into the theory and practice of cooperative learning, emphasizing the development of pedagogies that promote solidarity, mutual respect, and shared responsibility among learners. The students are invited to investigate various collaborative teaching methods and strategies that encourage active participation, critical thinking, and positive interdependence in the classroom. The course covers a range of topics including group dynamics, conflict resolution, and community building among others. This course inspires future teachers to create inclusive, supportive, and engaging learning environments that enhance school achievement and foster social and emotional growth.

Global Citizenship and Changemaking I: 6 ECTS

Incorporate an introduction and in-depth knowledge of the different frameworks that inspire the programme as a whole (The [SDGs](#), the [IDGs](#), the [Futures of Educations](#), etc.)

Celebrating International/UN Days, Collaborative activities with Flemish students and with the UNESCO ASPnet of schools in Flanders.

Including a 2-day retreat for the students to connect and get to know each other + fieldtrips to The Hague/Rotterdam

Environmental Awareness and Sustainable Action: 3 ECTS

Designed to foster a deep connection with our planet. Participants will explore the intersection of human behavior and environmental impact, developing a profound understanding of the importance of sustainable practices. Through hands-on activities, discussions, and real-world case studies, students will cultivate a sense of environmental empathy, inspiring them to take meaningful and informed actions toward a more sustainable future.

Personal Growth: 3 ECTS

Explore your personal values, strengths, and areas for growth while developing essential interpersonal skills like active listening and empathy. Dive into shared identities and personal storytelling to strengthen connections with others. Gain ecological awareness and sustainable living practices, fostering a deeper connection with the planet. Through interactive workshops, discussions, and real-world experiences, this course empowers you to lead a balanced life that aligns personal growth with positive contributions to both community and environment.

International Team-Teaching I: 5 ECTS

Foster's collaborative teaching experiences by pairing local student teachers with international student teachers. This framework is designed to immerse international students in a new educational context, providing them with an authentic experience in a different teaching environment. Through this approach, not only are pedagogical skills enhanced, but it also promotes cross-cultural understanding and exchange. International students gain valuable insights into the local education system, classroom dynamics, and the cultural nuances of teaching and learning. Additionally, this course showcases the power of learning and teaching environments, offering students a deeper understanding of how these settings influence educational outcomes and teacher-student interactions.

Practice Research I: 4 ECTS

Integrates project-based learning and participatory research methods. It encourages students to actively engage in the educational process by developing and implementing a research project in a local school, possibly the same school where they participate in their team teaching activities. The focus is on real-world application, allowing students to explore practical solutions and interventions in a school setting. Contributing meaningfully to the local educational community while also developing a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the school environment.

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