



Exchange Programme

Teacher Education – Spring semester

Join our Exchange Teacher Program in the Heart of Europe!

Explore a range of opportunities and innovations in teacher education that focus on practical skills and real-world experiences. Our programme aims to prepare, motivate, and support future teachers for a successful teaching career. Our faculty offers more than just education; it's a community where a passion for teaching, cultural diversity, and personal growth come together. You'll join a friendly and encouraging setting that promotes both your professional and personal development.

WHY UCLL LIMBURG?

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, allowing you to broaden your cultural perspective and easily explore neighboring countries. For this programme, your campus will be Diepenbeek in Limburg.

Vibrant Student Life Experience life in Hasselt, a cozy city with plenty of dining, cultural, and social opportunities, right by UCLL's campus in green Diepenbeek.

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 Diepenbeek, Limburg isn't just an education; it's a launchpad for your future!

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

Our Faculty of Teacher Education in Diepenbeek, a member of the UNESCO ASPnet worldwide, invites exchange students to participate in a unique Spring semester experience tailored specifically for them. As part of this offer, you will join a diverse, transdisciplinary group of peers in our Community Design Thinking course. This course is designed to harness your collective creativity and problem-solving skills to address real-world challenges.

Additionally, our spring offer in Limburg strongly emphasizes three key areas: storytelling, cultural heritage education, and the development of educators as global citizens. Through these focuses, you will explore the richness of local and global cultures, learn to craft engaging narratives and understand the role of education in shaping a more connected and empathetic world.

Our offer goes beyond traditional coursework. It provides extensive opportunities for project-based learning, a hands-on approach that allows you to apply theoretical knowledge in practical settings for fostering skills in collaboration, innovation, and leadership, preparing you to make meaningful contributions to your communities. These practical experiences will enhance your academic journey and also equip you with the skills needed to excel in your future career.

Interested? Then join us for this enriching experience where education meets innovation, and where you are prepared to be an educator who can make a difference globally.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME IN TEACHER EDUCATION

Campus Diepenbeek - Limburg

Spring Semester	ECTS
Community Design Thinking	6
Culture and Heritage Education	6
Storytelling: Language in a Global Context	6
The Teacher as a Global Citizen	6
A choice of elective courses of 3 ECTS:	
- Dutch Language and Culture	
- European University: I Living Lab 2	
- Traineeship	

Community Design Thinking: 6 ECTS

In transdisciplinary international teams, you will learn and experience the 'Design Thinking' Principles during classes, company visits, and real-life projects.

Design thinking is a creative yet practical and structured process that designers use to develop ideas, methods, products, events, etc., to resolve problems in the future. It is a problem-solution-based method of thinking and can be used in contexts other than design.

Culture and Heritage Education: 6 ECTS

The general aim of this course is to gain an insight into how culture (with an emphasis on literature) usually acts as a mirror of a society at a particular time in history and how cultural products reflect the social, political, economic, technological, religious and philosophical circumstances in which they were produced. While looking into the general historical periods and their cultural products, the student will learn more about the evolution of the European cultural heritage.

Storytelling: Language in a Global Context: 6 ECTS

In this course, we aim to understand how stories, emphasizing folktales, carry international characteristics. While exploring folktales from our own and each other's cultural backgrounds, we will learn more about the principles of storytelling and the use of storytelling as a didactic tool. Also, we aim to include a practicum in which we deliver our stories to elementary school children.

The Teacher as a Global Citizen: 6 ECTS

We will discuss the role of art and creativity in the curriculum for teacher education. You will be immersed in techniques of various creative domains such as music, drama, visual art, physical expression, artistic language, music, and media... to allow you to help your students voice their impressions and contemplations.

Dutch Language & Culture: 3 ECTS

Gain a quick and comprehensive understanding of the Flemish context, language, and culture. This course will help you adjust to your new surroundings by exploring Belgium's rich heritage, the distinctive Flemish way of life, and the origins of the Dutch language.

Traineeship: 3 ECTS

Immerse yourself in a Flemish classroom and observe the educational system in Flanders. After a few practice days, you will be challenged to actively participate in classroom tasks and routines.

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