



The University of Louvain

A diverse and open community

UCLouvain fully entrusts its students, researchers and faculty to advance the state of knowledge and develop new approaches to important questions facing society.

31,000

students,
20% from abroad

2,000

PhD students,
45% from abroad

1,900

teachers,
14% from abroad

3,000

researchers,
30% from abroad

1,900

**administrative and
technical staff**

8,800

**university hospital
staff**

6,000

**science parks staff,
of which 2,500 in
university spin-offs**

160,000

**Alumni,
123 nationalities**

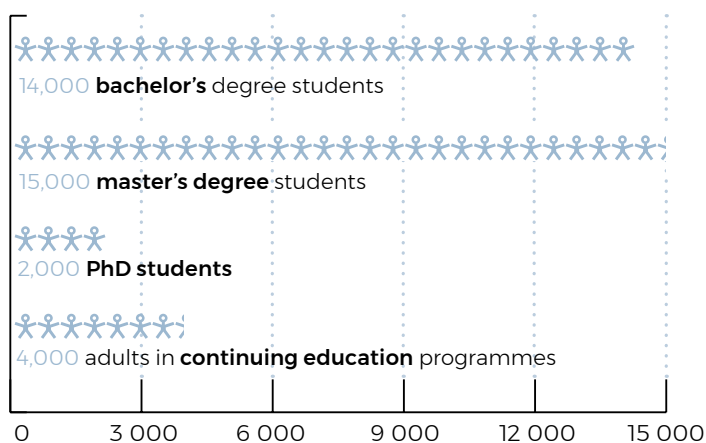


▼ Each year **1,600 students** devote themselves to a social, cultural or sporting activity with the support of the university.

▼ Each year, UCLouvain organizes around **8,000 training days** for its staff.

▼ **300 PhD students** defend their theses each year.

A vast student body





Research—a passion

Each day, UCLouvain's 3,000 researchers conduct fundamental and applied research within the university's three sectors: humanities and social sciences; science and technology; health sciences. UCLouvain's Louvain Technology Transfer Office, a turnkey solutions service, helps researchers use their results to benefit the public.



Innovation in teaching

At UCLouvain, professors are encouraged to make innovative techniques central to their teaching approach. They can rely on support from the Louvain Learning Lab (LLL), a veritable incubator of innovative educational methods, which helps instructors integrate new teaching tools: project-based learning, flipped classes, interactive teaching platforms, e-learning. The Lab helped make UCLouvain a pioneer in MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) in Belgium.

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Above all, the university is a place where we prepare the young to assert themselves.

Denis Mukwege,
a Kivu gynaecologist,
recipient the Nobel Prize
for Peace of the Sakharov
Prize and a 2014 UCLouvain
Honorary Doctorate.



Understand and act

Through its teaching, social mission and consistently rigorous research, UCLouvain endeavours to understand the world, identify challenges and find solutions.



Programmes in all fields of study

As a comprehensive university, UCLouvain offers a very wide range of programmes:

- **Humanities**: law and criminology; economics and management; history, history of art and archaeology; information and communication; languages, literatures and art; philosophy and ethics; psychology, speech and language therapy and education; political and social sciences; theology and religious studies.
- **Science and technology**: Agricultural and environmental bioengineering; architecture and urban planning; physical and biological sciences; veterinary sciences; actuarial science; engineering sciences; computing.
- **Medical sciences**: medicine and dentistry; physiotherapy and physical education; pharmacy and biomedicine; public health.

A cross-disciplinary approach to research

At UCLouvain, research emanates from **22 institutes**, which implement research policy in their respective scientific disciplines. Moreover, recognising that exploring major social issues demands a more comprehensive, cross-disciplinary approach, UCLouvain launched a new research initiative, the '**Louvain4**' consortiums. These bring together researchers from all sectors of the university to study themes of societal interest. Nine key topics have so far been identified: nutrition, ageing, cities and community life, education, energy, water, evolution, space and migration.

14

faculties

22

research institutes,
39 technology
platforms

195

master's programmes,
42 bachelor's
programmes,
22 doctoral schools

200

continuing
education
programmes

2,500

research
programmes
per year

242

million annual
investment in
research

2

university
hospitals,
1,909 beds

2

science parks,
270 partner
companies,
65 active spin-off

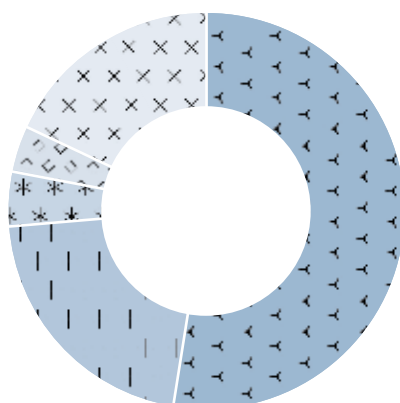
Each year, **roughly 50% of university degrees in French-speaking Belgium** are awarded by UCLouvain.

35 research chairs and **15 funds** are supported by the Louvain Foundation.

UCLouvain is at the centre of a network of **hospitals** that provides almost **half the hospital beds in French-speaking Belgium.**



University funding



Public-sector funding	53 %
Research contracts	23 %
Fees	4 %
Services for third parties	3 %
Holdings and sponsorship	17 %
TOTAL : € 472,000,000	

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Achievement
isn't the goal;
changing
minds is.

Bertrand Piccard,
psychiatrist and
balloonist, developer of
the Solar Impulse solar
aeroplane, recipient
of 2008 UCLouvain
Honorary Doctorate.



Reaching out to the world

Ever since its founding in 1425, UCLouvain has both reached out to the world and invited it in. Such openness is evident in its various international partnerships, participation in European and global networks, and long tradition of international collaboration in support of developing countries.

24

master's programmes
taught in English

13

languages taught,
including sign language

26

MOOCs
(Massive Open
Online Courses) in
2017-2018

34

European
Research Council
(ERC) grants

19

international joint
master's degrees

563

Erasmus (EU) and
Mercator (non-EU)
partnerships

272

projects funded
by European
framework
programmes

€1,6

million in capital
resources dedi-
cated to develop-
ment cooperation

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Let's marvel at
the morning,
the evening,
and the
eternal dance
of the world
that we carry
in us.

Anne Teresa

De Keersmaeker, dancer,
choreographer, recipient
of 2013 UCLouvain
Honorary Doctorate.



Almost **one-third of UCLouvain graduates** have undertaken part of their training overseas.



UCLouvain was one of the first universities to receive the **'HR Excellence in Research'** award, associated with the European Commission's Euraxess programme.



The second-ranked comprehensive French-speaking university in the world, UCLouvain is in the top 1.25% of universities worldwide, making it one of the **'world class universities'**.*

* According to THE, QS and Shanghai rankings.

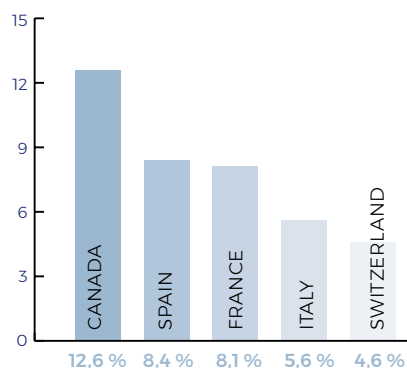


600 years of exploring the world

Since its founding, UCLouvain has explored the world and what it means to be human. As one of the rare universities at that time to offer a complete range of academic faculties, it trained the lawyers, judges, barristers and doctors demanded by the emerging modern world. In the 19th century UCLouvain evolved into a research and teaching university. In the 1970s, its separation into a Flemish university (KULeuven) and a French-speaking university (UCLouvain), and the transfer of the latter to Louvain-la-Neuve and Brussels, accelerated the pace of innovation within its laboratories and lecture halls. The 1990s marked a significant turning point: the university began taking part in the world's most significant international projects in information technology, nanoscience, genomics and gene therapy, ethical studies and analysis of climatic, economic, geopolitical and societal changes.

Exchange programmes: the top destinations

Each year UCLouvain sends 1,200 exchange students abroad. Where do they go?



Culture: a window to the world

Artists in residence, seasonal performance programmes, an academic minor in culture and creation, cultural development funding—culture is everywhere at UCLouvain. Students contribute enthusiastically to its development through countless initiatives. In 2017, the university has opened 'Musée L', a major art and science museum and a powerful symbol of the university's intention to keep culture at the heart of the university's scientific approach.

One university – seven sites

Located in Belgium, at a crossroads between Europe's major capitals, UCLouvain is headquartered in Louvain-la-Neuve, about 30 km south of Brussels. The town, created in 1971 by the university, offers a unique living environment.



It boasts innovative architecture, a town center entirely free from motor traffic with a variety of social and cultural activities. The university also has six other sites in Brussels and Wallonia.

Louvain-la-Neuve

Humanities and Social Sciences
Science and Technology
Physical Education and Motor Skills

Brussels Woluwe

Medicine and Dental Science
Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Public Health
University Hospital

Mons

Information and Communication
Economics and Business Management
Political and Social Sciences

Brussels Saint-Gilles

Architecture

Tournai

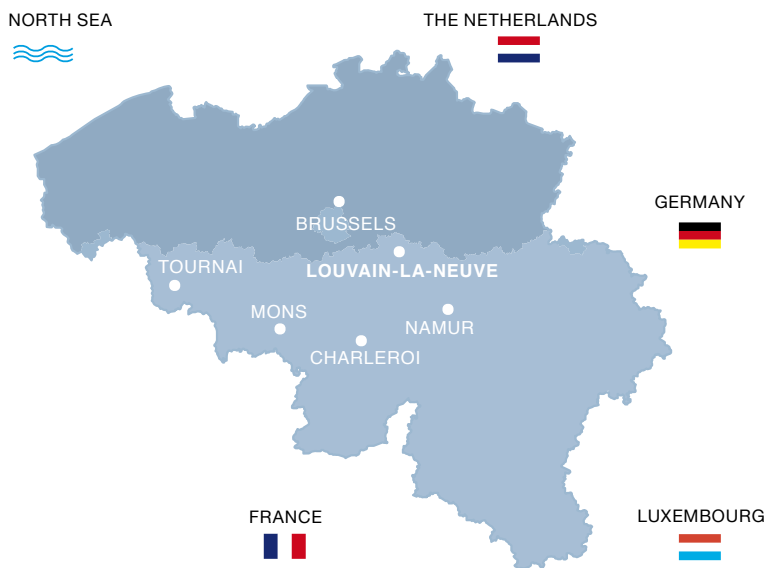
Architecture

Charleroi

Business Management

Namur

University Hospital



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