Université Saint-Louis
Bruxelles
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MERGING PROJECT USL-B/UCL

The Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles (USL-B) and the Université catholique de Louvain (UCL) are currently in the process of merging. Their objective is to establish a university with more international visibility, as well as increase their presence in Brussels, the capital of Europe, and in Wallonia. In line with the Decree on higher education and the organisation of academic study, this project reinforces the quality of university teaching and research in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation. It opens up new perspectives for students, lecturers, researchers and all staff members. The two institutions are doing everything in their power to ensure that this merger takes effect as soon as possible.
A university
IN THE HEART OF BRUSSELS

The Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles is located in the heart of Brussels, a cultural hub of world renown, and capital of Europe. The Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles enjoys all the advantages of a large multicultural metropolis. These advantages are essential to education and research as well as to cultural activities and students’ leisure-time pursuits.

Created in 1858, the Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles, which was originally a School of Philosophy, has now more than 4,000 students. They are spread over four Faculties and one Institute for education and research.

- FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY, LANGUAGES & LETTERS, AND HUMAN SCIENCES
- FACULTY OF LAW
- FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES AND COMMUNICATION
- MARIE HAPS FACULTY OF TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING
- INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

Those faculties and Institute offer 11 Bachelor’s degrees - 6 of them including a multilingual dimension -, as well as 2 Bachelor’s degrees through evening classes, 2 Master’s degrees, 4 Specialised Master’s degrees, 9 Doctorates areas and 18 lifelong and executive education programmes.

The curricula at Saint-Louis are characterised by their cultural openness, their interdisciplinary dimension and their international focus. Moreover, they are inextricably bound up with a sustained research work from which it is nourished and constantly being updated.

Research at the Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles is enriched by numerous projects in the humanities and social sciences and by the dynamism of our centres and institutes, and of their members.
The Academic Year at Saint-Louis begins mid-September and is divided into two teaching terms. The first term runs from mid-September to the end of December, and includes an examination period in January. The second term runs from the beginning of February to the end of May, and concludes with an examination period in June. Re-sit examinations for both periods are scheduled from mid-August to mid-September.
University teaching is built on the foundation of a continuous research effort. Scientific discovery is the lifeblood of University teaching, ensuring it stays relevant and up-to-date.

The Université Saint-Louis has around twenty research centres specialized in human and social sciences: economics, law, criminology, political science, sociology, anthropology, literature, history, linguistics, philosophy, communication, psychology and mathematics.

Our participation in a range of national and international networks bears testimony to the strength of our research.

Besides our basic research mission, we engage in public sector projects, working on Belgian, European and international research-programmes, and also, on a contractual basis, for private organisations.

At Saint-Louis we pride ourselves in our distinctive interdisciplinary approach to research, and we have put in place a research network and two research Institutes.

They provide an interface between our Research Centres: the Interdisciplinarity and Society Network (RIS), the Institute of Interdisciplinary Research on Brussels (IRIB), and the Institute for European Studies (IEE).

**ACADEMIC CONFERENCES**

Every year, more than 100 colloquiums, study days, seminars, conferences, and debates are held at Saint-Louis. These include, for example, the Chaire Francqui (a programme of thematic conferences led by a scholar at the cutting-edge of the field) and also the study days that are organised by the School of Sciences of Religion and Philosophy, or by Saint-Louis’ Research Centres.
At Saint-Louis we seek to be open to the world. As part of our international strategy, we have developed bilingual and trilingual programmes of study. Our students also have the opportunity to study courses in additional languages, chosen from a wide selection, and we encourage them to take part in an international exchange programme, obtain language study grants and go on study stays abroad.

**MULTILINGUAL PROGRAMMES**

Saint-Louis offers bilingual (French-Dutch and French-English) and also trilingual (French-Dutch-English) programmes in:

**Law**
- French-English
- French-Dutch: in partnership with KU Leuven, Brussels Campus
- French-Dutch-English

**Economics and Management,**
**Business Engineering,**
**Political Sciences,**
**Sociology and Anthropology,**
**Information and Communication**
- French-English
- French-Dutch-English

These programmes are aimed at motivated students who wish to enlarge their cultural horizons, increase their chances of participating later in inter-university programmes and to improve their professional prospects. At the moment, nearly 40% of our students, pursuing different academic courses are engaged in such options.

Courses are generally taught by mother tongue English-speaking and Dutch-speaking personnel or by teachers who have pursued at least some of their university courses in English or Dutch.
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

The Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles encourages interuniversity mobility. Every year, Saint-Louis concludes exchange agreements with national and international partners.

In the third bachelor year, our students can follow part of their programme at a partner university while remaining enrolled at Saint-Louis. In exchange, students from partner universities are able to come and follow part of their bachelor’s programme at Saint-Louis.

There are also staff mobility programmes. For example, during the Academic Staff Week the Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles is able to welcome colleagues from partner universities outside Belgium for a seminar, lecture, or doctoral seminar.

Academic Staff Week is the occasion to reinforce links with partner institutions. It is also an opportunity for teaching staff from our university and partner universities to extend their networks and perhaps develop new collaborations.

STUDY TRIPS

Saint-Louis supports participation in various activities that take place abroad in order to provide opportunities to practice a foreign language, especially English.

Each year, for example, delegations from various faculties participate in simulations in London, New York, and elsewhere (MUN - Model United Nations).

These are simulations of debates based on issues that have actually been discussed by States within the UN. Teams prepare these trips during the year, with support from the teaching staff.

The Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles is also well-represented by enthusiastic delegations to other simulation sessions or moots.

GRANTS TO STUDY A LANGUAGE ABROAD

We also offer grants to co-finance language study courses in a foreign country during holiday periods.
The Library at Saint-Louis is a place for exchanging views, as well as an information hub.

It includes several fields:
> a general documentation and humanities collection
> a law section
> a section on economic, social, political and communication studies
> a European information centre
> a translation and interpreting collection
> a patrimonial documentation collection

The library maintains subscriptions to Belgian and international dailies and weeklies. Furthermore it provides digital access to thousands of scholarly journals, e-books and multidisciplinary or specialised resources in the fields of the humanities and social sciences.

Saint-Louis University Library has a seating capacity of about 400. It contains two teaching rooms and smaller rooms for group work. Thirty computers are available to readers for consultation.

The library is freely available to members of Belgium’s French-speaking universities and institutions of higher education, as well as those of certain other institutions which have reciprocal agreements with Université Saint-Louis. Other external readers need to register in order to consult the collections or borrow resources.
Saint-Louis University press

With interdisciplinarity as its leitmotif, Saint-Louis University Press publishes across the entire spectrum of contemporary inquiry into the human and social sciences, including both theoretical and applied research.

Saint-Louis University Press was established in 1973. It has published over 200 titles in three collections.

Publications can be ordered through pusl.usaintlouis.be and are accessible online through the OpenEdition publication portal for humanities and social sciences: www.openedition.org
## Training Programme

### Bachelor’s, Master’s and Specialised Master’s Degrees Programmes

#### First and Second Cycle

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| **FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY, LANGUAGES & LETTERS AND HUMAN SCIENCES** | Philosophy  
History  
French and Romance Languages & Letters  
Modern Languages & Letters: German, Dutch & English |
| **FACULTY OF LAW** | Law  
Law (evening study)  
Environmental Law and Public Real Estate Law (evening study)  
Human Rights (evening study) |
| **FACULTY OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES AND COMMUNICATION** | Economics and Management  
Business Engineering  
Political Sciences  
Sociology and Anthropology  
Information and Communication  
Political Sciences (evening study)  
MA in strategy and analysis of interactive and collaborative communication  
Financial Risk Management (evening study) |
| **MARIE HAPS FACULTY OF TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING** | Translation and Interpreting |
| **INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES** | European studies  
Interdisciplinary Analysis of European Construction (evening study) |

- Bachelor’s Degrees: 180 credits
- Master’s Degrees: 120 credits
- Specialised Master’s Degrees: 60 credits
DOCTORATES - THIRD CYCLE

The doctorate, or PhD, is a third cycle qualification. It involves undertaking doctoral training, writing a thesis, and defending it. Our faculty staff are able to supervise doctorates in the following subjects:

THE FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY, LANGUAGES & LETTERS AND HUMAN SCIENCES
> Philosophy
> Languages and Letters
> History, Art and Archaeology
> Art and Art Sciences
> Translation and Interpreting

THE FACULTY OF LAW
> Law

THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES AND COMMUNICATION
> Economics and Management
> Political and Social Sciences
> Information and Communication

LIFELONG & EXECUTIVE COURSES

The Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles offers both standard basic and advanced curriculum in various areas: Law, Mediation, Judicial Expertise, European Integration, Real Estate, Religious Sciences, Philosophical Sciences...
For further information on our programmes and courses:

www.usaintlouis.be