

[BELGIQUE] – [Ghent University]

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I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

Lorsque l'on pense à une mobilité Erasmus, on ne pense pas souvent à la fin de cette aventure et au retour à la réalité. Personnellement, je trouve la transition assez compliquée parce que j'ai vécu des expériences incroyables en Belgique. L'ambiance Erasmus, la diversité des gens (italiens, grec, espagnol,...), les belges et leur style de vie me manquent énormément. Si c'était à refaire je retournerai sans hésiter à Ghent University. Les locaux et les amphitheatres sont confortables et grands. Les professeurs sont très pédagogue et proches des étudiants. Ils sont là pour nous aider et répondre à nos questions au maximum.

II. Before the travel

A. Preparation

1. Visa

Je n'ai pas eu besoin de visa pour aller en Belgique.

2. The flight

J'ai pris l'avion Ryanair à l'aéroport de Nîmes le 8 février 2022. I took my flight tickets 3 or 4 weeks before going.

3. My luggage

Dans les bagages, il ne faut pas oublier des bonnets, des gants, des pulls et des robes.

4. Bank account

Je n'ai pas change de compte bancaire. J'ai gardé le meme compte bancaire.

B. Housing

1. Where to live

I would recommend living in a student residence such as Kantienberg Residence (Home Groningen, Home Canterbury, Home Gotingen). The room is around 15m² with a small bathroom. The kitchen is shared but you have a fridge in your room. The residence is next to a street called Overpoort, which is a very popular street for student parties, but it is also a street where you can find everything (pharmacy, printer, shops, gym , relay

point, fast food, etc.). Another advantage is that you live only 15 minutes walk from the city center.

If you want a flat, I would recommend you in the city center or near the city center.



Home Canterbury

4,2 ★★★★★ (17) ⓘ

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Itinéraire



Appeler



Enregistrer



2. Find a flat or a room

To find my room, I applied for an university room on the website of Ghent University.

<https://www.ugent.be/en/facilities/housing>

3. Cost

For a room in Belgium it is quite expensive. It costs 460 €/month.

III. When I arrive at the university

A. Inscription at the university

Help : How was the process, what did you have to do?

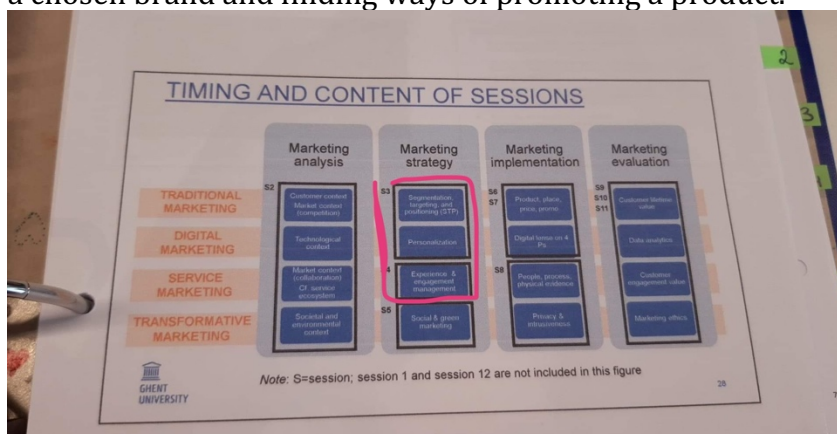
We received e-mails that explained very well the procedures. We had a conference the first days that explained how the university work and what we have to do as foreign students administratively.

B. Information on the university

1. Courses

Help : List the different courses, and for each course, describe the format, the content, the exam, what did you like and not like, would you recommend it for the next student?

- Business skills : it is about how to be a good leader, and different types of leadership. There are some self-assessment to make to know our own personality.
- Economics of Migration. There is an individual report to write about the economics pattern of a chosen country.
- International and cross-cultural marketing : I would recommend it because it shows how to use marketing depending on the countries : it teaches the differences between countries and the importance of adapting the promotional content. There is a group work where we have to promote a product in a country where this product doesn't exist or is not popular. It is really nice as well because the teacher forces us to create groups with 2 foreigners students and 3 locals. So we have more inter-cultural knowledges and ideas.
- Introduction to global economic history : It is an interesting class but there is too much things to learn (13 long chapters) and it was hard for me because I had 6 other subjects. However, it is really interesting and we learn how the capitalism works, its origins and the history of economy in all the world.
- Marketing I : I would recommend this course, because it is really complete and teaches us every aspects of marketing (traditional, digital, service and transformative). There is a group work with two parts : analyzing the strategy of a chosen brand and finding ways of promoting a product.



- Organization theory : I find it easy, so I would definitely recommend it. It's all about management theories, how to be a good leader, different ways of managing a company,... it has some common points with "Business Skills"
- Sustainable development : it is a lot of concepts and theories to learn by heart.

2. Advice on "contrat d'étude"

When you pick your courses be careful about the timetable. For example I had some courses that were taught at the same moments. This year it was okay, because every course was recorded and posted on Ufora so I could catch-up but I don't know if they will continue to record the courses next year.

IV. When I live there

A. Safety

I found Ghent is a safe place. Indeed, my friends and I were walking from the city center to our dorms late by night (15 minutes walk). However, you always must be careful especially in the Overpoort Straat during the night, don't go alone.

B. Phone and Internet

In the university dorms and in the university's campus there is an internet connexion for free. You will just need your Oasis identification username and password.

C. Events

To know about the events, you will be added to some social groups on whatsapp and telegram just by talking with some other Erasmus students in the kitchen or in meetings, conferences (welcome days) or classes. On telegram, there is the ESN organization that organizes a lot of events. And at the beginning of the semester I would recommend you to buy the ESN card if you plan to go to many student parties and if you want to have some promotional codes (for Ryanair, flixbus and flibco).

D. Sports

With the university you can play many sports (swimming, basketball,...). However I just went to the gym (there is Jims next to the University Residence and Basic Fit as well).

E. Eating

I used to do the groceries at Lidl because it was the cheapest store and to cook for myself.

F. Go to the university : bus, car, bike

Help : How did you get access to the bus, car or bike

To go on campus, I was going by walk because it was near from my place. But a lot of my friends were using bikes. Sometimes I regretted not having rent a bike especially when the sunny days came (to go to the beach having a bike is nice).

G. Travels

I would recommend you to visit a lot of cities in Belgium such as Antwerp, Bruges, Brussels,... And also to visit other countries such as Germany or Holland to go to Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

V. Photos



The view from my room. Don't worry we get used to it haha. And most of the time you are not in your room. Also if you are lucky you get a room on the other side of the corridor with a view on the sky.

A parc in Bruges.



Ghent by night.





Amsterdam



The view from the Bibliotheque The Krok.



Sint pietersplein is a popular place in Ghent. There will be a luna park (fair) during a period (around March)



The European Parliament in Brussels.





bar and one of the best.

One of the most popular



One of the kitchen from our floor during an Italian dinner.