

## Belgium – Ghent University

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## I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

*Help : How was your experience abroad? If you could go back 1 time, would you go to this university and why ?*

## II. Before the travel

### A. Preparation

#### 1. Visa

*No visa needed. Just an ID card if you're French or European.*

#### 2. The flight

*Personally I chose Ryanair, it's the cheapest way of travelling to use.  
You can still check for the train, sometimes, there's some affordable options.*

#### 3. My luggage

*Honestly, there's nothing that you couldn't find in Gent. I just remember that the first night I was really cold because the blankets aren't hot enough. Maybe a good pyjama will be useful. Once you arrive, you can buy everything that you need.*

#### 4. Bank account

*I didn't change my bank account. However it's possible to open a Belgium bank account. Something to take into account is that some Belgian shops don't take Visa and Master cards, so you have to pay cash or with Belgian card.*

#### 5. Insurance

*I didn't subscribe for an insurance. I had my European Health Card and l'Assurance Maladie. If you need to go to the doctor, you have to pay in advance and then be reimbursed by the Health Insurance in France. If you take out a Belgian insurance, some costs are already covered in advance.*

## B. Housing

### 1. Where to live

*Personally I lived in the University dorms, it's near the Overpoortstraat (one of the most famous streets in Gent to party). There are a lot of students and it's not dangerous, the city center is very good too. Concerning the other parts of Gent I can't give an opinion.*

### 2. Find a flat or a room

*I submitted an application directly through the university's website and was accepted. However, applications should be made as soon as possible because there are many students. Everything will be very well indicated on the official website of the university and by email. The administration is very active and gives complete answers.*

### 3. Cost

*460 per month.*

*What is very important to know and what is not said by the Housing office is that the contract ends on July 15 and therefore we will have to pay 230 extra euros for the month of July, even if we are not in the dorms anymore.*

## III. When I arrive at the university

### A. Inscription at the university

*Everything is very well explained by the administration. Multiple emails are sent. The first week there are several meetings organized by the university and also by the Housing office. There are not many administrative steps to do.*

### B. Information on the university

#### 1. Courses

*The exams are a little bit difficult, most of them have a MCQ part and an open question part. There are never any negative points or time restrictions but finally the MCQs are very specific and harder than the open questions.*

*Economics of migration: individual report to do + final exam. Interesting but specific course. It covers the different elements of migration and especially immigration. It is not very complicated to understand and the exam is of medium difficulty.*

*International and Cross cultural Marketing: group work+exam. Easy course, including general culture. How to adapt marketing to different cultures.*

*Organization theory: course that is very similar to the Management course at MOMA. Half of the material was already covered during our undergraduate years. Very nice and pleasant teacher.*

*Business skills: very similar to the organization theory course. Nothing very complicated.*

*Marketing I: group work+exam. Typical marketing course. Some chapters already seen at MoMa. Rather demanding teachers.*

*Sustainable development: group work+exam. Includes economics and formulas even if they are not to be memorized for the exam, they must be well understood. Quite specific course. The teacher is super nice and caring.*

*Introduction to Global Economic history: interesting, but it is a pure history course related to economic facts. So a lot of information and material.*

## 2. Advice on “contrat d’étude”

*All the courses already explained.*

## IV. When I live there

### A. Safety

*In general, the city is quite safe, especially the student areas, including the downtown area, the south side and the Campus area. Much safer than Montpellier. No problem to walk at night even in state with two and girls.*

### B. Phone and Internet

*Personally I did not take a Belgian mobile subscription. To see how long the French package is valid in another country with your mobile operators. Internet access in all campuses and university dorms*

### C. Events

*There are several Erasmus groups created at the beginning and many events organized. The Friends bar and Charlatan are two of the most popular places for erasmus in the city center, if not Overpoortstraat.*

### D. Sports

*I personally spent a lot of time at Basic Fit which is located all over town. Otherwise there are other sports and options that can be found on the University's website*

### E. Eating

*There is a university restaurant available, but most students cook.*

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

*The economics campuses are next to the university dorms. Many buses and streetcars are available. Bicycles are the most used means of transportation*



## G. Travels

*I don't have any specific recommendations. Only if you visit the surrounding countries, look at the Flixbus prices first because the trains are often expensive.*

## H. Any other information you would have liked to know about

*At the beginning you will be surprised by the coldness and the "coldness" of the Belgians. With time we get used to both 😊 . The Flemish people may seem very cold at first but in the end they are nice. I would have liked to know about the payment of the month of July in relation to the rents*

## V. Photos

