

# FACT SHEET 2023-2024

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## **LUCA: general information**

At LUCA, we thrive on being different, on being exceptional. Ranking among the best Higher Education Institutions in Europe, with currently a student population of around 4.000 students, year on year we continue to grow and inspire. With an international outlook and reputation for quality research and teaching, studying at LUCA will open doors and make you stand out from the crowd.

LUCA is the result of a merger between five renowned Flemish art academies and is located in five cities: Brussel (Campus Sint-Lukas Brussel and Narafi), Gent (Campus Sint-Lucas Gent), Genk (Campus C-mine) and Leuven (Campus Lemmens). LUCA occupies a unique position in art education in Flanders and offers more than fifty educational pathways in Audio-Visual arts and Techniques, Visual Arts and Design, Art Education, Interior Design, Product Design, Construction Technology, Music and Drama and Teacher Training. Both professional and academic degree programmes are being taught. Furthermore, LUCA is a member of the KU Leuven Association.

### **Academic orientation and approach**

LUCA's faculty consists of a committed group of artists, designers and theoreticians. Thus, LUCA's study programmes are firmly rooted in contemporary artistic developments. Staff members do not impose a specific working method, but coach students in their search for personal artistic solutions. The available infrastructure facilitates both the classical working methods and the application of up-to-date digital techniques. We aim to help our students in developing their own artistic practice and – in the process of doing so - strive to also give them a sound theoretical basis. Students can opt for monodisciplinary, cross-disciplinary or multidisciplinary pathways. Above all, it is the individual student who is at the centre of the activities at LUCA.

### **LUCA and its networks**

LUCA has an extensive international network of schools of art and design, across the world. Furthermore, LUCA is a member of the following organisations: Centre International de Liaison des Ecoles de Cinéma et de Télévision (CILECT), European League of Institutes of the Arts (ELIA), Association Européenne des Conservatoires (AEC) (including AES), CUMULUS, EARN. LUCA is also a proud member of the FILMEU and FILMEU\_RIT Alliances. FILMEU is the first Erasmus+ European University Alliance in the field of Audiovisual Arts and Design. FILMEU-RIT brings together the alliance's expertise on research, innovation and transformation with the aim of further enhancing the capacitation in Research and Innovation terms, of the individual HEIs in the alliance.

### **FILMEU, the European Universities Alliance for Film and Media Arts:**

LUCA School of Arts is part of FILMEU, the European Universities Alliance for Film and Media Arts and FILMEU-RIT. FilmEU/FILMEU\_RIT brings together four higher education institutions:

- **ULHT Lusófona University** Lisbon / Portugal
- **Baltic Film, Media and Arts School** Tallinn / Estonia
- **LUCA School of Arts** Brussels / Belgium
- **Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology** Dublin / Ireland

Together, we collaborate around the common objective of jointly promoting high-level education, innovation and research activities in the multidisciplinary field of Film and Media Arts. This consolidates the central role of Europe as a world leader in the creative fields.

#### **EIT C-Accelerate:**

LUCA also is member of the EIT-HEI consortium C-Accelerate which is focused on increasing the innovation and entrepreneurial capacity in higher education in the fields of the arts and creative practices. It brings together the 4 FILMEU consortium partners and Aalto University along with several industry and public organisations with strong expertise and participation in different KICs (KICs are Knowledge and Innovation Communities or partnerships that bring together businesses, research centres and universities).

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## **LUCA: research**

Research and Innovation play a prominent role at Luca School of Arts. Drawing from practice and theory, our research cultivates the rich creative environments of our campuses (Brussel, Genk, Gent and Leuven), enriching our students' practice and overall knowledge. Luca collaborates with KU Leuven on its PhD programme in the arts, further demonstrating our leading status as a centre for excellence in the fields of artistic research.

More information on our research units and the research project database can be found on our website: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/research>.

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## **LUCA: Exchange programmes**

An overview of our exchange programmes can be found on our website: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/programmes-exchange-students>.

Students are welcome to study as an exchange student for one semester or a full year, depending on the programme. Students will be able to obtain 30ects per semester.

Notice that not all of LUCA's degree programmes have an exchange variant, neither are all programmes open for incoming exchange students in both semesters. All information can be found on our website: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/programmes-exchange-students>.

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## **Semester dates**

The academic year is divided into two semesters. The first semester runs from mid-September until the end of January. The second semester runs from the beginning of February until the end of June.

On most campuses our exchange students get the chance to take part in an introduction week which is organised approximately a week before the actual start of the semester. During the academic year there are two holidays: two weeks off for Christmas and two weeks off for Easter. An academic calendar will be provided upon arrival and is available online once registered.

A general academic calendar can be found here:

<https://www.luca-arts.be/en/academic-calendar>.

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## Language requirements

**Regular degree programmes:** LUCA's main language is Dutch. However, we have programmes available in both Dutch and English. All of our bachelor programmes are taught in Dutch (level B2). Our master programmes are either in Dutch or in English. An overview of our English taught master programmes can be found at:

<https://www.luca-arts.be/en/international-programmes-degree-students>.

For both our bachelor's and master's degrees, an official language certificate is required. More information can be found here: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/step-2-apply>.

**Exchange programmes** are taught in English or a combination of English and Dutch, depending on the course. When the course is officially in Dutch, our teachers will use both Dutch and English during the course. We don't require a language certificate but we do expect our incoming students to have at least a level B2 in English. No Dutch proficiency is required.

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## IT support

Upon enrolment, students are provided with a LUCA e-mail address, which gives them access to all LUCA's IT facilities. There are computers and printers on campus free to be used by students. Students are connected via Wi-Fi everywhere on campus. Further, a free connection to various scientific databases is available when using the school network. These databases may also be accessed from a distance via a secure connection.

Students also receive the chance to download software, either free or with a student discount (Adobe Creative Cloud, ...). More information: <https://www.academicsoftware.eu/dashboard>

During the year, students can count on IT support and can contact the helpdesk: [helpdesk@luca-arts.be](mailto:helpdesk@luca-arts.be).

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## Grading and transcript of records

GRADING SCALE	MAR K	STANDS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
A+	20 19 18	FOR  outstanding	The student's performance is exceptional
A	17 16	excellent	The student's performance is a very accomplished one
B	15 14	very good	The student's performance is considerably better than what can be expected of an average good performance.

C	13 12	good	The student's performance equals a good average performance.
D	11	sufficient	The student's performance is slightly better than what is needed to obtain the credit.
E	10	credit obtained	The student has just achieved the learning outcomes
FX	9 8	failed	The student will need to do some more work before the credit can be awarded
F	7 ...	failed	The student will need to do a considerable amount of extra work before the credit can be awarded

**Exchange students** will receive their **transcript of records** (ToR) directly in the online platform KULoket after the examination period. Once the gradings have been made available, the international coordinator of the concerned campus will send an official version to both the student and their international office via mail. If a paper version is required, the student will need to inform the LUCA international coordinator of the campus.

## Application procedure

You can apply/study at LUCA as an exchange student on condition that there is an active cooperation agreement between the higher education institute (university, school of arts or alike) where you are currently studying and LUCA. You can obtain more information about the cooperation agreements via the International Office at your university or by browsing the [LUCA partnership database](#).

All information regarding the application procedure for exchange students can be found on our website and will be updated regularly: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/applying-exchange-student>.

### Deadlines:

- First semester (autumn) or full year: **April 1**
- Second (spring) semester: **October 1**

## Housing in Belgium

For information on housing, please consult our website: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/housing>.

How we can help you find a suitable place to stay depends on the campus/city where you are studying. LUCA's **Student Services Agency (StuVo)** is there to help you in your search. You will receive more information on housing via mail once you are accepted.

You can contact StuVo directly on:

- Campus Sint-Lukas Brussel: [anke.vanriel@luca-arts.be](mailto:anke.vanriel@luca-arts.be)
- Campus Narafi Brussel: [anke.vanriel@luca-arts.be](mailto:anke.vanriel@luca-arts.be)
- Campus Sint-Lucas Gent : [liselotte.dobbelaere@luca-arts.be](mailto:liselotte.dobbelaere@luca-arts.be)
- Campus Lemmens Leuven : <https://www.kuleuven.be/english/life-at-ku-leuven/housing>
- Campus C-Mine Genk : [huisvesting.limburg@ucll.be](mailto:huisvesting.limburg@ucll.be)

## **Orientation / introduction week**

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Orientation programmes for incoming exchange students are organised on each campus. **Introduction weeks** are organised approximately a week before the actual start of the semester. You'll be informed by your campus coordinator when you receive your acceptance. It is highly recommended to take part in the introduction week as you'll get to know your fellow students and LUCA/Belgium in general.

Furthermore, you can also count on ESN, the **Erasmus Student Network (Belgium)** who are the key volunteer student organisation in international Higher Education in Europe. Erasmus Student Network Belgium (ESN Belgium) is a non-for-profit student organisation representing local ESN sections (local associations). Their mission is to foster student mobility in Higher Education and provide opportunities for cultural understanding and self-development under the principle of Students Helping Students. ESN Belgium aims at working in the interest of students who are spending parts of or their entire formal education at a higher education institution in Belgium and currently counts 16 sections in 9 different cities. You can find more information on their website: <https://esnbelgium.org/>.

## **\*Visa / Residence permit / Insurance**

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For information on **visa, residence permit and insurance** please consult our website.

- Visa and residence permit: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/visa-and-residence-permits>

- Insurance: <https://www.luca-arts.be/en/insurance-international-students-luca>

For specific enquiries, please contact the LUCA Admissions department directly: [admissions@luca-arts.be](mailto:admissions@luca-arts.be).