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**MULTICULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL**

It is at the heart of Brussels, home to the main European Institutions and to many political and economic decision-making bodies, that the Université libre de Bruxelles has developed. The greenest European capital, Brussels is also renowned for its long tradition of hospitality and exchanges.

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Thanks to European mobility programmes, collaborations with universities around the world have been stepped up in the domains of teaching and research.

In addition to its many student exchange programmes, the ULB has set up integrated programmes with foreign partners, which can lead to double Master and PhD diplomas. Several of these programmes have received the prestigious "Erasmus Mundus" accreditation.

The ULB’s dynamic policy as regards opening up to Europe and to the world has led to the setting up of a number of agreements, collaborations and privileged partnerships with some of the best universities in the world.

With many years of experience on the international stage, in the 1990s the ULB launched UNICA, a network of 46 leading universities in European capitals, accounting for more than one million students. More recently, it founded the G3 partnership with the Université de Montréal and the Université de Genève, an alliance of 3 leading francophone universities.

The International Welcome Desk assists foreign researchers and academic staff and certain foreign students with all the administrative formalities to be completed before and during a stay at the University and in Belgium.

**GROUND-BREAKING RESEARCH**

Actively involved in the European Research Area, the ULB coordinates or participates in many European projects and networks. The university has been awarded 20 European Research Council (ERC) grants in a range of domains (neuroscience, cancer, physics, mathematics, artificial intelligence, information technology, earth sciences, economics, political science, sociology). Moreover, its Institute for European Studies is recognized as a Jean Monnet European Research Centre.

A key player in the regional development of both Brussels and Wallonia, ULB is very active in finding business applications for the results of its research; it manages a portfolio of 170 families of patents, 32 active spin-offs, 3 incubators, an investment fund and a biotechnology business park, the Biopark Charleroi Brussels South.

**THE HIGHEST TEACHING STANDARDS**

From natural sciences to applied sciences, from humanities and social sciences to health sciences, ULB covers all disciplines, while closely combining teaching and research: 40 Bachelor programmes, 247 Master programmes, over 60 Advanced Master programmes and over 20 doctoral schools involving nearly 1900 PhD students...

Some of our Master programmes focus on transdisciplinarity, while others focus more on international relations, through European Master degrees, or on multilingualism.

For several years now, we have been developing collaboration with the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), a Dutch-speaking university in Brussels, and we are now collaborating even more closely under the umbrella of the Brussels University Alliance (BUA).

In the health sector, alongside the Hôpital académique Erasme, ULB is developing hospital partnerships in Brussels and in the Province of Hainaut.

Executive education programmes, lifelong learning, validation of professional experience: these courses targeting new publics — working professionals — are offered alongside programmes that are more traditional or involve cutting-edge research.

**A UNIVERSITY OPEN TO DIVERSITY**

Most teaching at the Université libre de Bruxelles is done in French and an increasing number of Master programmes are taught partly or entirely in English, or other languages.

Studying at the ULB will enable you to develop your fluency in French in a very cosmopolitan environment. The University offers a wide range of French courses, both prior to and during the academic year, to help international students improve their language skills.

**A COMMITTED UNIVERSITY**

Since its foundation in 1834, the ULB has been closely involved in the ongoing debate on critical thinking and freedom, whether this concerns opposition to dictatorships and other nationalist tendencies, equal opportunities or other social issues.

Based on the principle of free thinking that postulates independent reasoning and the rejection of all dogma, the University has remained true to its original ideals, an institution that is not harnessed by constraints, firmly committed to the defence of democratic and humanist values.

The ULB has developed various student support initiatives: financial and psychological support, guidance and counselling, French classes, accommodation, etc...

A great advocate of solidarity, the ULB also provides off-campus academic support. The university’s support programme for underachieving secondary school pupils (Schola ULB) was awarded the UNESCO Comenius prize.

After founding one of the first NGOs (CEMUBAC), the university has continued to play an active role in development aid and international academic cooperation.

The Université libre de Bruxelles can also count on its vast network of alumni around the world. They are the University’s best ambassadors.

**A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE**

Four Scientific Nobel Prizes (Jules Bordet, Albert Claude, Ilya Prigogine and the recent Nobel Prize in Physics awarded to François Englert, Emeritus Professor, in 2013), one Nobel Peace Prize (Henri La Fontaine), one Fields Medal, three Wolf prizes, two Abel prizes and numerous other awards bear witness to the University’s long tradition of excellence.