



Saint-Louis University - Practical Information



Located in the centre of the city of Brussels, Belgium, Saint-Louis University is an intimate university with a student population of 3,700 and 4 faculties: the Faculty of Economics, Social and Political Sciences, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Philosophy, Languages and Literatures, and the Faculty of Translation and Interpreting. Courses are offered in French, English, and Dutch.

The city of Brussels is known as the “Heart of Europe” and is home to institutions such as the European Union and NATO. In addition to its political significance, Brussels is a culturally vibrant city, with plenty of museums, festivals, and some of the best beer and food in the world. The city’s location is optimal for travel, with London, Paris and Amsterdam only a 3-hour train ride away.

Website

- Main website: <http://www.usaintlouis.be/>
- International student information: <http://www.usaintlouis.be/sl/978.html>

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Official Brochure

<http://www2.usaintlouis.be/public/comcom/notorieteanglais2015.pdf>

Application Deadlines

- Autumn semester: **May 31**
- Spring semester: **October 30**

Semester Dates

- Autumn semester: September-January
- Spring semester: February-June

Exchange Application

http://www2.usaintlouis.be/public/international/registration_form_en_16-17.pdf

- All original documents part of the exchange application must be sent by mail to the USL International Relations Office.

Courses

Most courses at USL are taught in French, but there are some courses taught in English. USL uses the European Transfer Credit System (ECTS), where 6 ECTS is equivalent to 1 UPEI course. A full course load per semester is about 30 ECTS. For more information on this system, as well as USL's grading system, see: <http://www.usaintlouis.be/sl/1057.html>

For a list of courses offered in English, see: <http://www.usaintlouis.be/sl/984.html>

French foreign language courses are also offered to exchange students to help them adjust to their new environment. This includes a "French language week" that is taught a week before the beginning of classes. For more information, see:

<http://www.usaintlouis.be/sl/979.html>

For French language week application, see:

http://www2.usaintlouis.be/public/international/formulaire_inscriptionen_16-17.pdf

If you are interested in taking courses in French, see:

<http://www.usaintlouis.be/sl/2936.html>

Once you have selected a faculty, select "Programme" from the top-left menu to view courses. USL does not require any official test scores to enrol in French courses, but it is recommended that you have at least a B1 level of proficiency.

All courses part of the Faculty of Translation and Interpreting are taught in French (except translation courses). For a list of these courses, see:

<http://www.usaintlouis.be/sl/1840.html>

Accommodation

USL has 2 residences for exchange students. Within each house, there are single and double rooms, and the price varies from 320 euros to 475 euros per month.

- Moulin House: www.usaintlouis.be/fr/pdf/IEE/en-moulin32_iee.doc
- Gillon House: www.usaintlouis.be/fr/pdf/IEE/en-gillon_61_iee.doc

If you intend to stay in one of these houses, it is important to apply well in advance, as availability is not guaranteed.

For more information, see: <http://www.usaintlouis.be/sl/1045.html> or contact logement@usaintlouis.be

Orientation and Buddy Program

USL organizes an orientation week for exchange students before the beginning of classes. In addition, USL also runs a Buddy Program, which arranges contact between Belgian students and exchange students. You will be given information on your buddy prior to arrival so that you may get in contact.

Visa and Travel Information

Canadian citizens must obtain a student visa if they intend to study at USL. It is recommended that you apply for a visa **well in advance** before booking your flight. You must be accepted to study at USL before applying for your student visa.

For Belgium travel advice and advisories, see: <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/belgium>

Cost of Living in Brussels

Restaurants

Meal, Inexpensive Restaurant	€ 15
Meal for 2 People, Mid-range Restaurant, Three-course	€ 60
McMeal at McDonalds (or Equivalent Combo Meal)	€ 8
Domestic Beer (0.5 liter draught)	€ 3.50
Imported Beer (0.33 liter bottle)	€ 3
Cappuccino (regular)	€ 2.76
Coke/Pepsi (0.33 liter bottle)	€ 2.03
Water (0.33 liter bottle)	€ 1.72

Markets

Milk (regular), (1 liter)	€ 1.03
Loaf of Fresh White Bread (500g)	€ 1.83
Rice (white), (1kg)	€ 1.59
Eggs (12)	€ 2.66
Local Cheese (1kg)	€ 16.24
Chicken Breasts (Boneless, Skinless), (1kg)	€ 9.36
Beef Round (1kg) (or Equivalent Back Leg Red Meat)	€ 14.44
Apples (1kg)	€ 1.62
Banana (1kg)	€ 1.61
Oranges (1kg)	€ 1.50
Tomato (1kg)	€ 2.27
Potato (1kg)	€ 1.23
Onion (1kg)	€ 1.19
Lettuce (1 head)	€ 0.96
Water (1.5 liter bottle)	€ 1.03
Bottle of Wine (Mid-Range)	€ 7
Domestic Beer (0.5 liter bottle)	€ 1.34
Imported Beer (0.33 liter bottle)	€ 1.80
Pack of Cigarettes (Marlboro)	€ 6

Transportation

One-way Ticket (Local Transport)	€ 2.10
Monthly Pass (Regular Price)	€ 49
Taxi Start (Normal Tariff)	€ 4

Utilities (Monthly)

Basic (Electricity, Heating, Water, Garbage) for 85m2 Apartment	€ 131.32
Internet (10 Mbps, Unlimited Data, Cable/ADSL)	€ 39.63

Rent Per Month

Apartment (1 bedroom) in City Centre	€ 767.26
Apartment (1 bedroom) Outside of Centre	€ 655.27
Apartment (3 bedrooms) in City Centre	€ 1,500
Apartment (3 bedrooms) Outside of Centre	€ 1,211.52