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SUMMER COURSE 2019

LEUVEN

INTRODUCTION

Where: Leuven, Belgium

When: 3 July 2019—15 July 2019


University: KU Leuven

Hello there,

You already made it this far. This means that you're interested in participating in the BEST summer course in Leuven.

Everything you need to know about Leuven, Belgium and our course can be found in this survival guide.

We hope to see you on the 3rd of July in Leuven!



In this guide you will find:

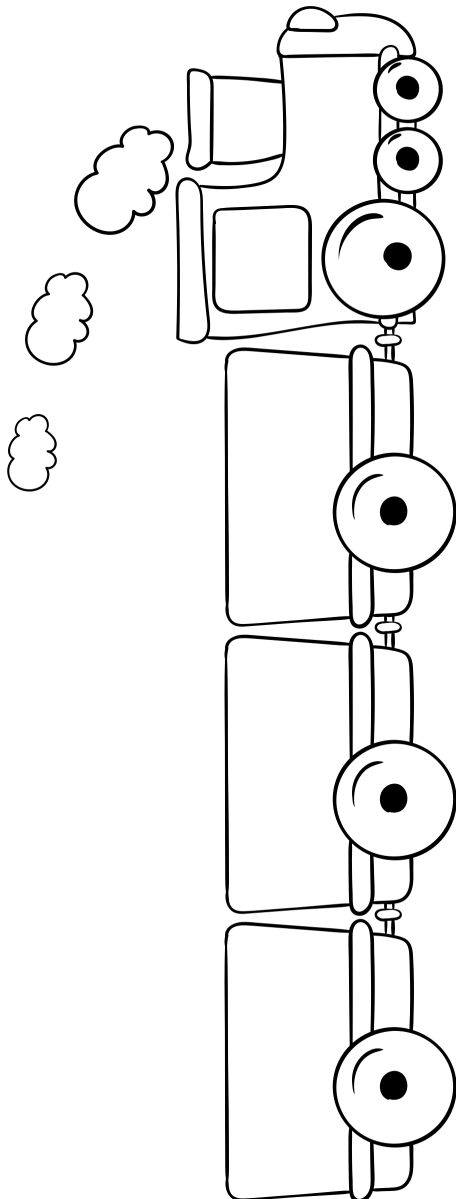
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HOW TO GET TO LEUVEN

By plane:

There are two big airports in Belgium, Brussels South Charleroi Airport (CRL) and Brussels National Airport (BRU).

The easiest way is to fly to Brussels National Airport. Brussel South Charleroi Airport is further away so make sure you're able to get to the meeting point on time.



By train:

If you travel by international train, you will most likely end up in Brussels.

Brussels has three main stations:

- Brussel Zuid / Bruxelles Midi
- Brussel Centraal / Bruxelles Central
- Brussel Noord / Bruxelles Nord.

In all of them you will be able to catch a train going to Leuven.

A few international trains stop in Antwerp and Liège. There are good connections to Leuven from both stations.

Check out the website of the NMBS for more information and timetables.

<https://www.belgiantrain.be/en/>

A 'Go pass One' is the cheapest train ticket to travel inside Belgium. For sale in each station.

HOW DO I REACH THE MEETING POINT

From Brussels National Airport.

The cheapest option is to take the bus 616 directly to Leuven, you can get off the bus at the bus stop 'Heverlee Kantineplein'. Then, only a small walk is left.

The other option is to take the train from Brussels National Airport to Leuven Station.

Once you're there you should take the bus 1 or 2 in the direction of 'Heverlee'. If you get off the bus at the bus stop 'Heverlee Wezenplein', you are exactly at the dorms.

From Brussels South Airport Charleroi.

We recommend you to take a bus to Charleroi South Station. Then, you can take the train directly to Leuven Station. You can buy a ticket for both the bus and the train at the airport, specifically at the ticket machines close to entrance 2.

Once in Leuven Station, you should take the bus 1 or 2 in the direction of 'Heverlee'. If you get off the bus at the bus stop 'Heverlee Wezenplein', you are exactly at the dorms.

Bus website: <https://www.delijn.be/en>

Check out our train website (NMBS)

MEETING POINT MAP & ADDRESS



The address of the accommodation:

Huttelaan 30, 3001 Leuven

(coordinates: 50.852896 4.690198)

Train drive from Brussels National Airport: €11

Normal train drive: €6

Bus drive: €3

FACTS ABOUT BELGIUM

For those of you who have no idea where our tiny country is, on the map of Europe you can find it marked in red.

To give you an idea of how small it actually is: 30,528 km² which is 12 times smaller than Germany.

Even though it's small we do however hold some pretty impressive records:

- The Law Courts of Brussels is the world's largest court of justice
- Belgian men are the second tallest in the world
- Europe's first skyscraper was built in Belgium
- Belgium holds the record for the longest government formation in history when parties took 541 days to form coalitions.
- Belgium's highway can be seen from the moon
- Belgium holds a world record for castles



Some facts

Population: Ca. 11 million
Total surface area: 30.528 km²
Capital: Brussels
Timezone: UTC+1
Electricity: Plugs are [o o]
Government type: Federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy (a.k.a. complicated)
King: Philippe of Belgium
Religion: mostly catholic
Currency: Euro
International phone code: +32
Languages: Dutch, French, German
Coastline: 65 km
Driving at right side of the road

BEAUTIFUL PLACES IN BELGIUM



Bruges: Venice of the north



Ghent



Antwerp

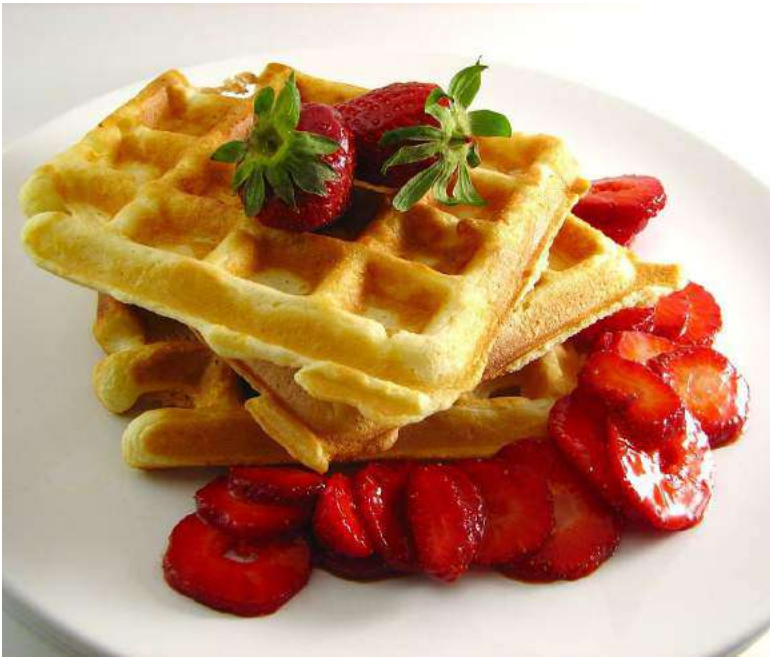


Brussels



Leuven: the place to be

BELGIAN CUISINE



COURSE INFORMATION

The courses will take place in the beautiful engineering campus near the Arenberg park, as well as on-site when visiting companies. You'll be learning a lot about the basics of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) on the one hand, and on the other hand get into contact with a variety of applications and perspectives, such as AI in healthcare, AI from a consultant's point of views, AI in banking,

The dorms, a youth movement lodging with lots of green around it, are a swift 10 minutes ride from the campus (depending on just how upright you can stay on your bike of course ;)).

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Don't forget...

- Passport or National Identity Card;
- Visa (If required);
- Travel/Health Insurance
(If you're from an EU member country, make sure you bring your European Medical Card);
- Student ID Card / ISIC / EYC;
- Medicines (Better safe than sorry);
- Some pocket money for extra expenses (Euros);
- Money for Course fee (cash);
- **Sheets for the bed (bedspread + pillowcase);**
- **Sleeping bag;**
- Clothes and underwear for 13 days;
- Swimsuit;
- Sunscreen (there is a chance you'll need it);
- Towels and hygiene stuff;
- Some fancy clothes for the official opening and closing reception;
- Raincoat (Always handy when it comes to our unpredictable weather);
- For the International Evening make sure you bring your country's flag and/or scarf, songs and of course traditional food and drinks;
- Last but not least, the most important thing, YOU! With BEST mood

DUTCH DICTIONARY

Yes/No	Ja / Nee(n)
Hey!	Hallo!
My name is/ I'm ...	Mijn naam is / ik ben ...
Good morning/midday/evening	Goeie morgen / middag / avond
Goodbye	Tot ziens, tot later
Please	Alsjeblieft
Emergency exit	Uitgang / Nooduitgang
Entrance	Ingang
Toilet	Toilet / WC
Thank you	Dank u / Bedankt
What time is it?	Hoe laat is het?
Where is the exit, please?	Waar is de uitgang, alsjeblieft?
When does the train/the bus/the airplane leaves for XXX?	Wanneer vertrekt de trein/ de bus/ het vliegtuig naar XXX ?
At which platform does the train/the bus/the airplane leaves for XXX?	Op welk perron vertrekt de trein/ de bus/ het vliegtuig naar XXX?
One beer, please	Een pint, alsjeblieft..
What's the price of this?	Hoeveel kost dit?
I'm hungry/thirsty	Ik heb honger / dorst.
What's the route to...?	Kan u mij de weg vertellen naar ... ?
Straight on	Rechtdoor
Right/left	Rechts / Links
Excuse me, can u help me? I don't speak Dutch	Excuseer, kan u mij helpen? Ik spreek geen Nederlands.
What does this mean?	Wat betekent dit?
Cheers	Schol, santé, proost...
See you later alligator	Tot snel, forel
Could I get your number?	Zou ik uw nummer mogen?
Will you marry me?	Wil je met me trouwen?
I need to drink	Ik moet zuipen

MEET THE ORGANIZERS

We can't wait to receive you in our amazing country.
We want to make those days an amazing experience
for all of you.

See you soon!

Questions? Contact us :)

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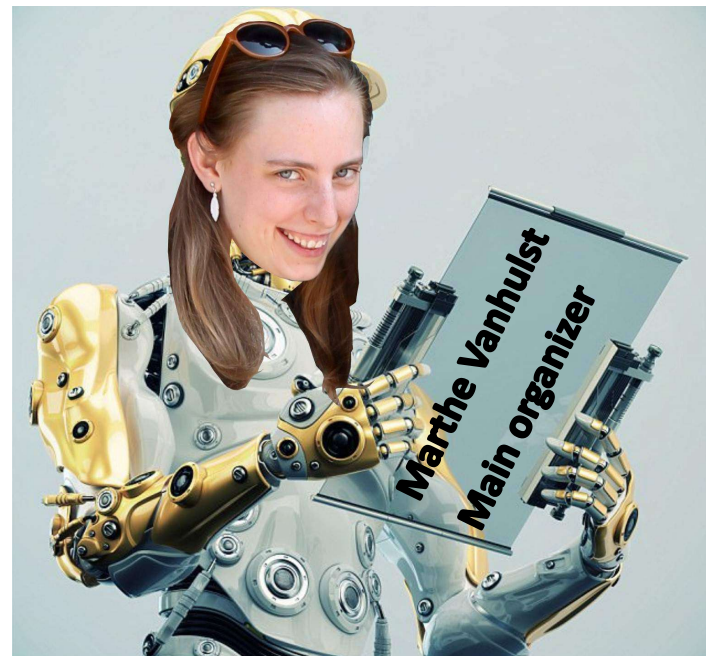
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Logistics



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Fundraising



Matko
Weekend trip



Birgitt
Social



Sander
Accommodation