Catholic University of Louvain (Universite Catholique de Louvain)
Institut d’Administration et de Gestion (IAG School of Management)

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Location: Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium (30 minutes from Brussels)
Enrollment: 20,000
Web site: www.iag.ucl.ac.be
Courses: Upper-division undergraduate and MBA business and economics
Language: Most courses in French; some in English
Terms: September-December; February-May
Faculty: Courses are taught by faculty of IAG.
Curriculum: Students typically take 4 to 5 academic courses during the semester.
Students may take non-credit intensive course in French before term begins.
Facilities: Modern classrooms, library, computer labs, recreation facilities.
Housing: On-campus housing through UCL
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Description

Founded in the year 1425, UCL has been an international center for research and intellectual development for over 500 years.

The Université Catholique of Louvain, the largest French-speaking University of Belgium, is a private institution, financed by the State. It welcomes some 20,000 students, from which about 3,500 are foreigners.

Until 1968, the University was a bilingual unitary institution established in Leuven. As a result of political turmoil in the late 1960’s, the university splits and a law recognized separate Flemish-speaking and French-speaking universities. The former remained in Louvain (Leuven) while the latter moved to a new location on the outskirts of Ottignies, at 30 km from Brussels. This new campus became the town of Louvain-la-Neuve. At the same time, the faculty of Medicine settled in Louvain-en-Woluwe (UCL-Bruxelles) close to the university hospital: Cliniques Universitaires St Luc.

Each year, UCL welcomes some 450 exchange students, and 500 UCL students follow part of their academic year in a foreign partner university. Most of these exchanges are undertaken in the framework of an institutional contract, called "Socrates". On its own, IAG welcomes 106 students and send 174 of its students all around the world.