
UCL

Université
catholique
de Louvain

A world-class university in the heart of Europe



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A diverse and open community

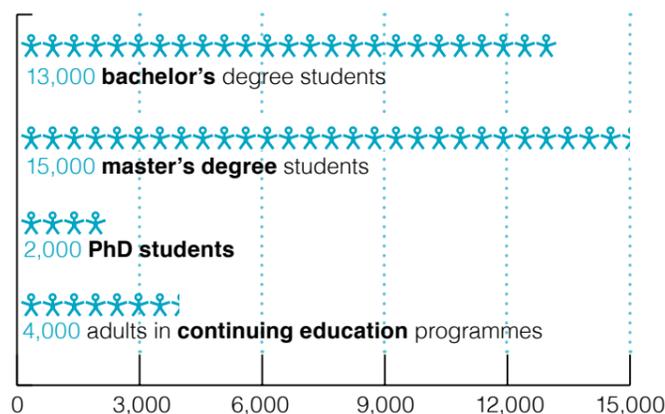
UCL fully entrusts its students, researchers and faculty to advance the state of knowledge and develop new approaches to important questions facing society.

30,000 students, 20% from abroad	2,000 PhD students, 45% from abroad	1,900 teachers, 14% from abroad	3,000 researchers, 30% from abroad	1,900 administrative and technical staff
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8,800 university hospital staff	6,000 science parks staff, of which 2,500 in university spin-offs	150,000 Alumni, 123 nationalities
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A vast student body



▼ Each year **1,600 students** devote themselves to a social, cultural or sporting activity with the support of the university.

▼ **Half** of the professors joining UCL in 2016 are **women**.

▼ **250 PhD students** defend their theses each year



Research—a passion

Each day, UCL's 3,000 researchers conduct fundamental and applied research within the university's three sectors: humanities and social sciences; science and technology; health sciences. UCL's Louvain Technology Transfer Office, a turnkey solutions service, helps researchers use their results to benefit the public.

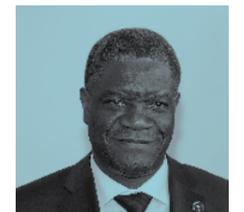


Innovation in teaching

At UCL, professors are encouraged to make innovative techniques central to their teaching approach. They can rely on support from the Louvain Learning Lab (LLL), a veritable incubator of innovative educational methods, which helps instructors integrate new teaching tools: project-based learning, flipped classes, interactive teaching platforms, e-learning. The Lab helped make UCL a pioneer in MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) in Belgium.

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 Above all, the university is a place where we prepare the young to assert themselves.”

Denis Mukwege, a Kivu gynaecologist, recipient of the Sakharov Prize and a 2014 UCL Honorary Doctorate.



Understand and act

Through its teaching, social mission and consistently rigorous research, UCL endeavours to understand the world, identify challenges and find solutions.



Programmes in all fields of study

As a comprehensive university, UCL offers a very wide range of programmes:

- **Humanities:** law and criminology; economics and management; history, history of art and archaeology; information and communication; languages, literatures and art; philosophy and ethics; psychology, speech and language therapy and education; political and social sciences; theology and religious studies.
- **Science and technology:** Agricultural and environmental bioengineering; architecture and urban planning; physical and biological sciences; veterinary sciences; actuarial science; engineering sciences; computing.
- **Medical sciences:** medicine and dentistry; physiotherapy and physical education; pharmacy and biomedicine; public health.

A cross-disciplinary approach to research

At UCL, research emanates from **21 institutes**, which implement research policy in their respective scientific disciplines. Moreover, recognising that exploring major social issues demands a more comprehensive, cross-disciplinary approach, UCL launched a new research initiative, the '**Louvain4**' consortiums. These bring together researchers from all sectors of the university to study themes of societal interest. Seven key topics have so far been identified: nutrition, ageing, cities and community life, education, energy, water and evolution.

14

faculties

21

research institutes,
33 technology
platforms

187

master's programmes,
42 bachelor's
programmes,
22 doctoral schools

200

continuing
education
programmes

2,500

research
programmes
per year

€222

million annual in-
vestment in
research

2

university
hospitals,
1,614 beds

3

science parks,
more than 200
partner companies,
72 spin-off
companies

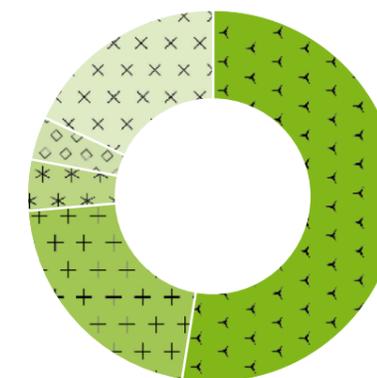
Each year, roughly 50% of university degrees in French-speaking Belgium are awarded by UCL.

35 research chairs and 15 funds are supported by the Louvain Foundation.

UCL is at the centre of a network of hospitals that provides almost half the hospital beds in French-speaking Belgium.



University funding



Public-sector funding	53%
Research contracts	21%
Fees	4%
Services for third parties	4%
Holdings and sponsorship	18%
TOTAL	€ 440,000,000

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Achievement isn't the goal; changing minds is.

Bertrand Piccard, psychiatrist and balloonist, developer of the Solar Impulse solar aeroplane, recipient of 2008 UCL Honorary Doctorate.



Reaching out to the world

Ever since its founding in 1425, UCL has both reached out to the world and invited it in. Such openness is evident in its various international partnerships, participation in European and global networks, and long tradition of international collaboration in support of developing countries.

21

master's programmes taught in English

14

languages taught, including sign language

20

MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) in 2016-17

23

European Research Council (ERC) grants

45

international joint master's degrees

495

Erasmus (EU) and Mercator (non-EU) partnerships

225

projects funded by European framework programmes

€1.5

million in capital resources dedicated to development cooperation

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Let's create a peaceful world where we can sleep soundly and wake up happy.

Aung San Suu Kyi,
 Burmese democracy activist, Nobel Peace Prize winner, 1998 UCL Honorary Doctorate.



▼ Almost **one-third of UCL graduates** have undertaken part of their training overseas.

▼ UCL was one of the first universities to receive the **'HR Excellence in Research'** award, associated with the European Commission's Euraxess programme.

▼ The fourth-ranked comprehensive French-speaking university in the world, UCL is in the top 1.25% of universities worldwide, making it one of the **'world class universities'**.*

* According to THE, QS and Shanghai rankings.



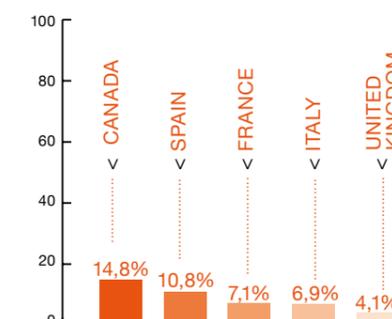
600 years of exploring the world

Since its founding, UCL has explored the world and what it means to be human. As one of the rare universities at that time to offer a complete range of academic faculties, it trained the lawyers, judges, barristers and doctors demanded by the emerging modern world. In the 19th century UCL evolved into a research and teaching university. In the 1970s, its separation into a Flemish university (KULeuven) and a French-speaking university (UCL), and the transfer of the latter to Louvain-la-Neuve and Brussels, accelerated the pace of innovation within its laboratories and lecture halls. The 1990s marked a significant turning point: the university began taking part in the world's most significant international projects in information technology, nanoscience, genomics and gene therapy, ethical studies and analysis of climatic, economic, geopolitical and societal changes.



Exchange programmes: the top destinations

Each year UCL sends 1,200 exchange students abroad.
 Where do they go?



Culture: a window to the world

Artists in residence, seasonal performance programmes, an academic minor in culture and creation, cultural development funding—culture is everywhere at UCL. Students contribute enthusiastically to its development through countless initiatives. In 2017, the university will open 'Musée L', a major art and science museum and a powerful symbol of the university's intention to keep culture at the heart of the university's scientific approach.

One university – seven sites

Located in Belgium, at a crossroads between Europe's major capitals, UCL is headquartered in Louvain-la-Neuve, about 30 km south of Brussels. The town, created in 1971 by the university, offers a unique living environment.



It boasts innovative architecture, a town center entirely free from motor traffic with a variety of social and cultural activities. The university also has six other sites in Brussels and Wallonia.

Louvain-la-Neuve

Humanities and Social Sciences
Science and Technology
Physical Education and Motor Skills

Brussels Woluwe

Medicine and Dental Science
Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Public Health
University Hospital

Mons

Information and Communication
Economics and Business Management
Political and Social Sciences

Brussels Saint-Gilles

Architecture

Tournai

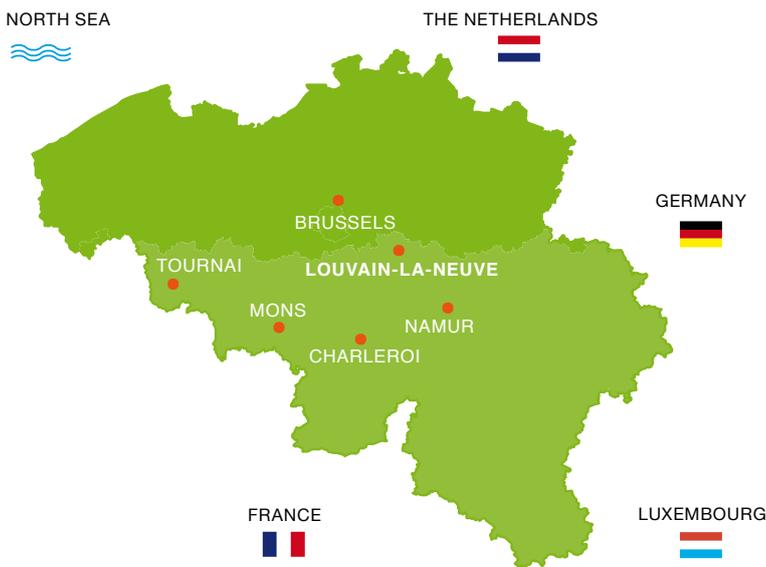
Architecture

Charleroi

Business Management

Namur

University Hospital



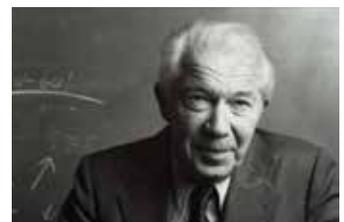
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Nobel Prize for Medicine, 1974

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