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NEW LIFE EXPERIENCES

Study in French-speaking Belgium
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French-Speaking Belgium = The Wallonia-Brussels Federation

Facts and figures

Study in French-speaking Belgium
The Kingdom of Belgium

AREA: 30,528 km²

POPULATION: More than 11,500,000 inhabitants including more than 4,600,000 in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation

FORM OF STATE: Federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy

CAPITAL: Brussels

CURRENCY: Euro (€)

KING: Philippe

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: French, Dutch, German
Study, research, innovation

**In the student population**

- **+20%** International Students
- **+20%** International Professors
- **+45%** International Doctoral Students

**Belgian scientific publications are co-published with foreign researchers**

**+36%** Of students in higher education in the last 20 years

**+50%** Of PhD students in the last 10 years

**±20%** Of students have a scholarship

**16%** Of students are internationally mobile

**Of the academic and scientific staff are of foreign origin**

**+65%** Thousands of joint programmes, including “Erasmus Mundus” doctorates and masters, have been developed

**+20%** A large number of course programmes are available in English, Spanish, German and Dutch
Choose French-speaking Belgium

± €200,000,000
Allocated each year to scientific research

1,000
PhD graduates with thesis (doctors)

Percentage of doctoral students by nationality

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Did you know?

Our stars are world-famous!

Did you know?

Not all artists have covered Jacques Brel songs.

We invented the saxophone.

9,010 miles of cycle paths in a country that is only 174 miles long.

Just Frank Sinatra, David Bowie, Nina Simone, Céline Dion, Nirvana...

We'd drop names like Van Noten and Demeulemeester.

Our national symbol doesn't have quite the same cachet as Lady Liberty.

But we left the invention of jazz to others.

Chocolate is best when it's kept out of the sun.

You'll never hear our monks say they brew the world's best beer.

But he does fully enjoy his freedom.

That is, if it was in our nature to name-drop.

No surprise that the best is found in Belgium!

Not bad at all.
Belgium is at the forefront of the aerospace industry.

It makes up for our lack of altitude.*

Belgians are nanotechnology pioneers, which is hardly surprising.

Given the country’s diminutive size.*

Belgium is the European Union’s happiest country.

According to Eurostat, more than 80% of Belgians have declared that they feel “happy all the time” or “most of the time,” making Belgium the most appealing country in Europe in terms of quality of life.

Belgium was the 2nd country in the world to legalise same-sex marriage.

So we thought it would be nice to put on some music for them.*

So we throw a fab party each year.*

Belgian people are very supportive, open and warm. I have always felt very welcome during my various stays here.

Every year, 150,000 people gather here in a farmer’s field.

Tomas
Chile

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*Source: Texts taken from the 2017 promotional campaign “Belgium. Uniquely phenomenal” FPS Chancellery of the Prime Minister
BELGIUM: AN IDEAL POSITION, RIGHT IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

An open welcome to international students

Founded on tolerance, Belgium is truly welcoming to the numerous travellers and visitors that settle there constantly. Its central position in Europe, its meeting of Latin and Germanic worlds, its multilingualism and its cutting-edge political, social and religious approach to freedoms have helped form its cosmopolitan character, making it a multicultural society.

A properly European multicultural country

Belgium is one of the six founding members of the European Union, whose capital, Brussels, hosts many European and international institutions: the European parliament, the European Commission, the NATO... Due to its international status, Brussels is today Europe’s most multicultural region and 2nd worldwide only to Dubai. In its hundred or so districts, almost 200 different nationalities live side-by-side, speaking more than 180 foreign languages.

Plenty of employment opportunities once you have completed your studies

The presence of European and international institutions in Brussels generates more than 100,000 jobs and contributes towards the regional economy’s GDP by around 15%. It is an ecosystem that also draws world innovators and allows start-ups to succeed in various areas, such as fintech, insurtech and even lawtech. Into the mix add the parallel activities brought about by this international ecosystem: lobbyists, journalists and diplomats, as well as regional representatives and international law firms.

French-speaking Belgium is also the ideal point of departure to visit the rest of Europe!
EXCELLENT HIGHER EDUCATION

Come study in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation and make the most of its excellent higher education

In French-speaking Belgium, the education system is varied, diversified and accessible. Universities, university colleges and schools of arts; from bachelor level through to PhD, each and every student is sure to find the right education for their plans. And by choosing French-speaking Belgium to study, you can count on excellent education hinged on a long tradition of scientific and technological innovation and research.

Belgian scientific research recognised worldwide

The influence of scientific research in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation beyond its borders is confirmed by its many Nobel prize winners:

- 4 Nobel prizes for medicine;
- 4 Nobel prizes for peace;
- 1 Nobel prize for literature;
- 1 Nobel prize for chemistry;
- 1 Nobel prize for physics.

Fun fact!

Have you seen “The Big Bang Theory”? Of course you have, and just like us, we bet you’re a big fan of Sheldon Cooper! But did you know that the actual Big Bang theory was formulated by Belgian scientist, Georges Lemaître, at the start of the last century?

Open-minded and multicultural

There can be no doubt, a standout feature of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation is its diversity and openness to the world. The Federation’s ability to secure international partnerships and export its talent bears witness to this openness. Although English is spoken widely, in addition to the three official languages (French, Dutch and German), a great many of other nationalities are also represented in the higher education institutions of Wallonia-Brussels, institutions that welcome more and more international students with each year that passes.

I LOVED MY TIME STUDYING IN BRUSSELS AND WOULD RECOMMEND IT TO ANYONE. NOT ONLY FOR THE QUALITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT IS A COSMOPOLITAN CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS!

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A BRAINY CHOICE
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In French-speaking Belgium, higher education is based on a system of three cycles of studies: the bachelor’s degree, the master’s degree and the PhD. Each qualification obtained gives you ECTS credits, which are recognised in numerous countries in both the European Union and worldwide. As an adhering member of this system, the Wallonia-Brussels Federation is committed to guaranteeing the quality of higher education, promoting student mobility and strengthening the globalisation of its higher education.

How higher education works

1st cycle
- Transitional Bachelor: 180 ECTS credits

2nd cycle
- Master: 60 ECTS credits
- Advanced Master: 60 ECTS credits
- Advanced Bachelor: 60 ECTS credits

3rd cycle
- Doctoral Training: 60 ECTS credits
- Doctorate: 180 ECTS credits

The award of the qualifications (bachelor’s degree, master’s degree and PhD) is linked to the number of years of studies completed since entering higher education. Each year can award up to 60 ECTS credits (European Credits Transfer System), which can be used and transferred from one country to another.

- A 1st cycle qualification (bachelor’s degree) represents 180 or 240 ECTS credits, namely 3 or 4 years of study.
- A 2nd cycle qualification (master’s degree) represents 60, 120 or 180 ECTS credits, namely 1, 2 or 3 years of study.
- A 3rd cycle qualification (PhD) represents a variable number of ECTS credits.

1 credit = 30 hours of learning activities (lectures, practical courses, personal work, work experience...).
In French-speaking Belgium, study programmes are delivered in three different types of higher education institutions: universities, university colleges and schools of arts.

### List of higher education institutions

#### 6 UNIVERSITIES
- Université catholique de Louvain, [https://uclouvain.be](https://uclouvain.be)
- Université libre de Bruxelles, [https://www.ulb.be](https://www.ulb.be)
- Université de Liège, [https://www.uliege.be](https://www.uliege.be)
- Université de Mons, [https://web.umons.ac.be](https://web.umons.ac.be)
- Université de Namur, [https://www.unamur.be](https://www.unamur.be)
- Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles, [https://www.usaintlouis.be](https://www.usaintlouis.be)

#### 19 UNIVERSITY COLLEGES
- Haute Ecole Albert Jacquard, [https://www.heaj.be](https://www.heaj.be)
- Haute Ecole Bruxelles-Brabant, [https://www.he2b.be](https://www.he2b.be)
- Haute Ecole Charlemagne, [https://www.hech.be](https://www.hech.be)
- Haute Ecole EPHEC, [https://www.ephec.be](https://www.ephec.be)
- Haute Ecole Francisco Ferrer, [https://www.he-ferrer.eu](https://www.he-ferrer.eu)
- Haute Ecole Galilée, [https://www.galilee.be](https://www.galilee.be)
- Haute Ecole en Hainaut, [https://www.heh.be](https://www.heh.be)
- Haute Ecole libre de Bruxelles - Ilya Prigogine, [https://www.helb-prigogine.be](https://www.helb-prigogine.be)
- Haute Ecole libre Mosane, [https://www.helmo.be](https://www.helmo.be)
- Haute Ecole Louvain en Hainaut, [https://www.helha.be](https://www.helha.be)
- Haute Ecole Lucia de Brouckère, [https://www.heldb.be](https://www.heldb.be)
- Haute Ecole de Namur-Liège-Luxembourg, [https://www.henallux.be](https://www.henallux.be)
- Haute Ecole provinciale de Hainaut – Condorcet, [https://www.condorcet.be](https://www.condorcet.be)
- Haute Ecole de la Province de Namur, [https://hepn.be](https://hepn.be)
- Haute Ecole Robert Schuman, [https://www.hers.be](https://www.hers.be)
- Haute Ecole de la Ville de Liège, [https://www.hei.be](https://www.hei.be)

#### 16 SCHOOLS OF ARTS
- Académie des Beaux-Arts de Tournai, [http://www.actournai.be](http://www.actournai.be)
- Académie royale des Beaux-Arts de la Ville de Bruxelles, [https://www.arba-esa.be](https://www.arba-esa.be)
- Arts², [https://www.artsaucarre.be](https://www.artsaucarre.be)
- Beaux-Arts de Liège - École Supérieure des Arts, [https://beauxartsdeliege.be](https://beauxartsdeliege.be)
- Conservatoire royal de Bruxelles, [http://www.conservatoire.be](http://www.conservatoire.be)
- Conservatoire royal de Liège, [https://www.crlg.be](https://www.crlg.be)
- Ecole nationale supérieure des Arts visuels de La Cambre, [https://www.lacambre.be](https://www.lacambre.be)
- Ecole supérieure des Arts de l’Image “Le 75”, [https://leseptantecinq.be](https://leseptantecinq.be)
- Ecole supérieure des Arts - Ecole de Recherche graphique, [http://www.erg.be](http://www.erg.be)
- Ecole supérieure des Arts du Cirque, [http://esac.be](http://esac.be)
- Ecole supérieure des Arts Institut Saint-Luc Tournai, [http://sluc-sup-tournai.be](http://sluc-sup-tournai.be)
- Ecole supérieure des Arts Saint-Luc de Bruxelles, [http://www.sluc-bruxelles-esा.be](http://www.sluc-bruxelles-esा.be)
- Ecole supérieure des Arts Saint-Luc de Liège, [https://www.saint-luc.be](https://www.saint-luc.be)
- Institut des Arts de Diffusion, [http://www.iad-arts.be](http://www.iad-arts.be)
- Institut national supérieur des Arts du Spectacle et des Techniques de Diffusion, [https://insas.be](https://insas.be)
- Institut supérieur de Musique et de Pédagogie, [https://www.imep.be](https://www.imep.be)

Take a look at study programmes using our search engine at [www.studyinbelgium.be](http://www.studyinbelgium.be)
The universities

Theoretical and scientific education
Spread throughout the Wallonia-Brussels Federation territory, the French-speaking universities of Belgium offer their students quality education. The options are divided up into four fields of study: science and technology, human sciences, health sciences and art.

Research at the heart of the French-speaking Belgian university course
In addition to in-depth knowledge of the chosen subject, the Wallonian and Brussels-based universities offer a solid general education, encouraging their students to take a scientific approach. This is why the focus is firmly on research, both basic and applied. And it is this philosophy that makes the universities of French-speaking Belgium institutions that are famous for the excellence of their research programmes and have earned them a remarkable reputation both in our country and beyond.

How are university studies organised?
The universities offer long-term education programmes made up of two cycles:
→ a 1st cycle (180 ECTS credits) that takes the students up to “transitional” bachelor’s degree level, i.e. its main aim is to prepare for the master degree that follows;
→ a 2nd cycle, leading to a master degree (60, 120 or 180 ECTS credits).

These two cycles can be followed by a 3rd, a PhD.
The university colleges

Practical, professional education
All the French-speaking university colleges of Belgium offer a quality education, liaising closely with applied research, universities, and socio-professional environments. Differently to the universities, the teaching employed in the university colleges is hinged on learning and the world of work. The theoretical and conceptual aspects are all part of the programme with a heavy focus on internships, which are mandatory. If you are looking for a course delivered in small halls with regular, practical work, then a university college is what you need!

What university colleges can offer you:
→ Studies organised as a single cycle, leading to a professional-type bachelor’s degree (between 180 and 240 ECTS credits).
→ Studies organised into two cycles, leading to a transitional bachelor’s degree (1st cycle - 180 credits) and master (2nd cycle - 60 to 120 credits).
→ Studies organised into one or two cycles, leading to an advanced bachelor’s degree. This can be obtained after having successfully completed an initial bachelor’s or master’s degree. The specialised bachelor’s degree contains at least 60 credits.

PERCENTAGE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS REGISTERED ON A MASTERS PROGRAMME BY FIELDS OF STUDY

42% SOCIAL AND HUMAN SCIENCES
38% HEALTH
20% SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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The schools of arts

Internationally recognised education in artistic techniques
Enjoying world renown, the schools of arts of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation educate all Belgian and foreign students looking to pursue performing arts and communication and broadcasting technology ; plastic, visual and spatial arts ; music ; theatre and dramatic arts.

What the schools of arts can offer you
After passing an admission test, schools of arts offer:
→ One cycle leading to a professional bachelor’s degree (180 to 240 ECTS credits).
→ In two or three cycles:
  • a 1st cycle leading to the award of a transitional bachelor’s degree (180 ECTS credits),
  • a 2nd cycle leading to the award of a master’s degree (60 to 120 ECTS credits),
  • in collaboration with universities, a 3rd cycle in art and art sciences lead to the award of a PhD.

PERCENTAGE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS REGISTERED IN SCHOOLS OF ARTS

45% INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
As a rule, the calendar of an academic year in French-speaking Belgium is divided up into three terms. Learning is split over the first two terms, except for certain assessments or professional integration activities.

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A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

DARE TO MOVE
ORGANISING YOUR STAY IN FRENCH-SPEAKING BELGIUM
ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

The procedures to be followed to enrol with a higher education institution in French-speaking Belgium may vary. Your nationality, country of residence, qualifications, chosen education or level of studies to be achieved are all aspects that are taken into account.

Access to master's studies for nationals from non-EU countries

You must hold a bachelor’s degree (1st cycle of 180 ECTS) in a field of study similar or identical to the one you wish to undertake.

Enrolment is in 4 steps:

1. Fill out an admission request on-line, on the website of your chosen higher education institution. Even if the calendar is specific to each institution, we recommend you make your application in February as the deadline for applications is usually 30 April. *

2. Complete your file with all the documents required (photocopy of passport, qualification, letter explaining your reasons, etc.) and post or e-mail it.

3. Your file is analysed (this step can take several weeks).

4. Your file manager will tell you what decision has been made by your chosen higher education institution. If your application is accepted, you will be sent a letter of authorisation specifying the terms of your final registration (between 1 July and 30 September) and the amount of your registration fee.

* NB: You will need to have paid a €200 administrative fee to complete your online application. This amount will be deducted from your registration fee if your application is accepted. The deposit will not be refunded in all other cases. It is therefore very important to check beforehand that you meet the access requirements.

Please note: There are specific admissions criteria for each masters. Generally, these are listed on the presentation form for the masters published on the institution’s website.
Conditions for access to the doctorate for non-EU nationals

You will need to meet the following conditions:

- You must have obtained sufficiently good result in your prior studies:
  - You must have a Master’s degree from university higher education teaching of at least 300 ECTS credits;
  - You must have an average of at least 70% during your graduate studies.

- You must provide a funding plan (official proof required) that demonstrates sufficient resources to complete your studies: €10,000 + registration fee (currently €835).

  The doctorate corresponds to long-term studies lasting at least three years. That’s why it is important to find out about funding options.

  The PhD may be funded by:
  - your own capital or a guarantor in Belgium;
  - a grant from your government;
  - a grant from Belgian cooperation (ARES);
  - a term as assistant to the university executive;
  - a doctoral scholarship from the chosen university;
  - income related to a research contract.

- You must have a thesis proposal and the written agreement from a supervisor.

Consult the sites:
+ [https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu](https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu)

Note: to find a supervisor, you can consult:
- the General PhD Regulation adopted by each higher education institution;
- the websites of the higher education institutions;
- the F.R.S.-FNRS website;
- the research directory on the federal scientific policy website.

Enrolment procedures

The first step is to check that you meet the requirements for accessing the doctorate.

If these requirements are met, you can then complete the online application form for your chosen university.

Documents to include in your file:
- certificate of Nationality dated within the calendar year of registration (or a copy of your passport);
- cover letter;
- thesis project;
- authorisation from your sponsor;
- undergraduate and graduate diplomas and transcripts (translated into French or English if necessary);
- proof of your activities over the last five years;
- a funding plan.

When? To register for the 2022-2023 academic year, for example, you must submit your application by early June 2022 at the latest.

What’s next? As soon as we receive your application, it will be examined by the competent jury as soon as possible. You will receive an official response by email as well as the admission documents necessary for your visa application once your file has been processed.
VISA AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

How to get a visa to study in French-speaking Belgium?

Whether you are an international student or researcher, the visa you need will depend on both the duration of your stay and your nationality. Although some of the formalities need to be completed in your home country, don’t forget that you will still need to complete some of the administrative processes once you arrive in Belgium.

Applying for a Belgian visa as an international student

To obtain a type D “long-term” visa, Belgian immigration law means that most non-EU national will need to request a residence permit before departure. Also called a “provisional residence permit”, it is mandatory to enter the country and will allow you to stay in Belgium for more than 90 days. You can apply for a long-term visa from your embassy or Belgian consulate for your usual place of residence. Please remember that you cannot enter Belgium with a tourist visa if you plan on staying more than 90 days.

Visit www.studyinbelgium.be to find out:
→ the conditions to meet to obtain a Belgian international student visa;
→ the documents to provide to obtain a Belgian visa;
→ what to do once you are in Belgium.
Applying for a Belgian visa as an international researcher

If you are a researcher who is not an EU national and wish to apply for a type D long-term visa, you need to:
→ be chosen by an authorised research body in Belgium to pursue a research project;
→ have stipulated a Host Agreement with the authorised body;
→ stay in Belgium for more than 3 months.

To obtain a Belgian visa as international researcher, the first thing you need to do is apply for a residence permit from the embassy or consulate competent for your regular place of residence. If you are authorised, this authorisation will come in the form of a D visa. At this point, you will be asked to pay approximately €350 to cover the administrative charges.

Visit www.studyinbelgium.be to find out:
+ the documents to provide to obtain a Belgian visa;
+ the specific case of visiting researchers.
COST OF STUDYING AND LIVING

How much does a study stay cost in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation?

In French-speaking Belgium, access to higher education is a priority. This is why the Wallonia-Brussels Federation public institutions choose to subsidise much of the cost of studying. This means that registration fees are fairly low yet the quality of study is excellent. Although there are general guidelines for registration fees, each higher education institution is free to set its own prices. We therefore recommend that you contact the institution of your choice directly to find out exactly how much you will need to pay in registration fees for your chosen programme.

General guidance to registration fees for a master’s degree

In addition to the choices made by the chosen higher education institution, the amount of registration fees you need to pay may vary according to your home country and status:

| Students who are nationals of the European Union or European Economic Area | €835 |
| Students who are non-European Union nationals | between €835 and €4,175 |

In some cases, non-European students may be exempted from paying full fees. At that point, they will merely need to pay the maximum annual tuition fees of €835, as for European Union students. However, certain conditions must be met. More info: www.studyinbelgium.be

Please note: for certain specialised master’s degrees and MBAs (issue of a certificate), the amount of tuition fees may differ. Contact the institution of your choice for more information.

Registration fees for a PhD

For all PhD students wishing to complete their PhD students in French-speaking Belgium, registration fees are €835 the first year and approximately €50/year thereafter.

How much does it cost to live in French-speaking Belgium?

Although the cost of living is relatively low in Belgium, it can vary from one town to another. Don’t forget to consider everything (food, transport, free time, health, etc.) when preparing your budget, to avoid any unpleasant surprises. This means that for a student, the cost of living may vary between €900 and €1,100 per month and includes:

| Accommodation | between €300 and €500/month |
| Food | €300/month |
| Study materials | €50/month |
| Healthcare and insurance | €30/month |
| Public transport | €50/month |
| Other (phone bill, going out, etc.) | €170/month |
GRANTS AND LOANS

Grants, listed at www.studyinbelgium.be, are available depending on your nationality and the level of studies you wish to pursue.

Contact the Social Services Department of the chosen higher education institution to find out about any financial aid available.

WALLONIA–BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE GRANTS PROGRAMME ENABLED ME TO COMPLETE MY MASTER’S DEGREE IN BELGIUM. THE SCHOLARSHIP COVERED MY TWO YEARS OF STUDY. IT IS A FAIRLY LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT ALLOWED ME TO LIVE DECENTLY AND IT REALLY CHANGED THE COURSE OF MY STUDIES.

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

In Belgium, all foreign students can work while studying. The only conditions are: they must be enrolled with a higher education institution in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation and must have a valid residence permit.

Work time:

→ During school holidays (Christmas, spring, summer – July, August, September): the student can work with no limit to the number of hours.

→ During the school year: the student can work no more than 20 hours per week and the work must be compatible with study.

Please note that international students have one year after their studies to find a job in Belgium.
FINDING ACCOMMODATION

Depending on your status, the length of your study stay and budget, you can choose from two types of accommodation in French-speaking Belgium: university residence or private accommodation.

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| **Tips:** As the number of places is limited, we recommend you get organised as quickly as possible and by the specific deadlines. Once you have been authorised to come study in French-speaking Belgium, contact the accommodation service of the higher education institution you have chosen. | **Tips:** There are two ways you can search:  
  - Personal research: on the internet, referring to the notice boards posted in the higher education institutions and large areas, or simply walking along the roads and looking for the posters – accommodation is easy to find.  
  - Research via a specialised agency: as a rule, this type of market is mainly for higher-priced accommodation. |
LEARNING FRENCH

Although many of the master’s degree courses are delivered partially or entirely in English, the higher education institutions of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation are French-speaking! The language used for teaching and the everyday environment is therefore mainly French. By choosing to study in French-speaking Belgium, you can thus enjoy a unique opportunity to improve your French, making progress every day in the cosmopolitan world of Belgium!

If you are enrolled as a student on a French master’s degree course, your French will need to be at B2 (upper intermediate) level, as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). You will need to pass a standardised test: DALF (B2), DELF (B2), TEF (level 4) or TCF (B2).

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Lost in the crowds at a comic book festival or a theatre, browsing the shelves of specialist bookshops or spending hours contemplating the works of Pieter Brueghel and Fernand Khnopff at the Royal Museums of Fine Arts, the months went by at a breakneck speed. Despite this hectic pace, Jordanne also remembers the quieter days when she took the time to walk around her neighbourhood, which could be transformed into a huge street market or host a world polo-cycling competition.

Two things caught my attention during my stay. Firstly, the student culture. I went clubbing for the first time in Brussels, so I guess I’m one of the cool kids at home now! The second thing, and also something I missed the most, is the way people express themselves. People dress the way they want to with bright colours and crazy haircuts.

Living and studying in French-speaking Belgium was a remarkable opportunity to enrich my career and my network. During my PhD project, I had the chance to work with internationally renowned researchers.

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