



UNIVERSITÉ
LIBRE
DE BRUXELLES



**A MULTICULTURAL
AND INTERNATIONAL
UNIVERSITY
AT THE HEART OF EUROPE**

WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

The « L » in ULB stands for « libre »

It refers to the critical thinking philosophy, deeply entrenched in ULB's teaching and research, that is adopted by free individuals who reject dogma and totalitarian ideas. It also relates to its moral commitment to always defend freedom of thought.





A CIVIC UNIVERSITY

Ever since its creation in 1834, the Université libre de Bruxelles has prided itself on its **long-standing commitment to independent teaching and research**, whilst remaining firmly engaged in the defense of democracy, individual freedoms, and human rights. Our core values are highlighted by the breadth and depth of **ULB's international teaching and research collaborations**.

We seek to **strengthen the human, scientific and management resources of partner universities** in the Southern Hemisphere, by working directly with local academic partners, and without any direct contact with the political regimes of the countries involved. ULB's long tradition of cooperation is also best illustrated by its NGO, ULB Cooperation, which coordinates projects in Africa in several domains.

A UNIVERSITY THAT IS STRONGLY COMMITTED

- › TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS
- › TO CRITICAL THINKING
- › TO A SOCIAL POLICY
- › TO UNIVERSITY COOPERATION
- › TO EQUALITY
- › TO ETHICAL AND CULTURAL DEBATES
- › TO FAIRNESS AND SUCCESS
- › TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
- › TO SOLIDARITY WITH REFUGEES

2 NOBEL PEACE PRIZES

Denis Mukwege, Nobel Peace prize (2018)
Henri Lafontaine, Nobel Peace Prize (1913)





WITH STRONG REGIONAL ROOTS

ULB actively promotes **the economic, social and cultural development of the Brussels-Capital Region and Wallonia**, and is a catalyst for technological innovation.

The University cultivates close partnerships with the Vrije Universiteit Brussels (within the Brussels University Alliance) and with the University of Mons (Association Marie Mineur). Our university benefits from the support of **several programmes** involving external partners funds from **European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund**.

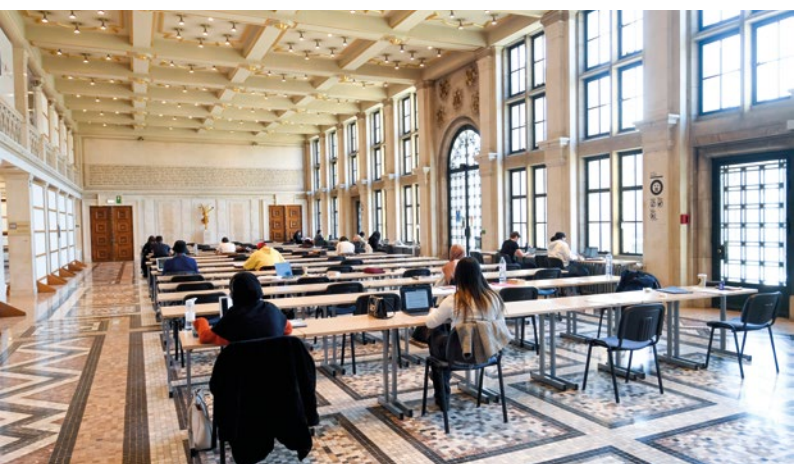
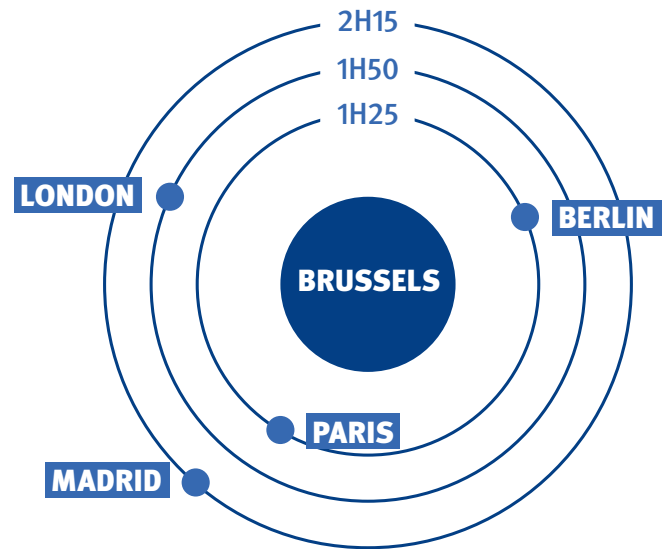
The University is now proud to welcome over **40,000 students spread out over six campuses** in Brussels and Wallonia. The University **is one of the largest employers in Belgium**, with a network of research centres, hospitals and libraries, all with state-of-the-art equipment. Amongst them, ULB's **Biopark**, that combines a **unique ecosystem of scientific, clinical and business expertise** with world-class facilities to create a fully integrated environment for research and development in the field of biotechnology.



AT THE HEART OF EUROPE AND THE WORLD

With one-third of its students and researchers coming from abroad, multilingualism and multiculturalism are a daily reality for ULB, as it is for Brussels. Its outward-looking stance to Europe and the world has resulted in the setting up of many agreements, collaborations and strategic partnerships with some of the world's top universities.

Under the impetus of the various European mobility programmes, ULB organizes many student exchanges but also provide an increasing number of truly integrated courses with international partners, going as far as to award joint Masters degrees and PhDs. Some of these programmes have been awarded the prestigious Erasmus Mundus and Marie Curie labels.



A RESEARCH CREATING NEW KNOWLEDGE, CHALLENGING EXISTING ONES

The University aims to be a key hub for ambitious research performed with the highest standards of integrity. While our academic staff and researchers are provided with the freedom to work independently on curiosity-driven or challenge-led projects, at ULB we will always encourage and support collaborations— whether at discipline, national or global level.

With its long-held tradition of excellence, more than 200 research units, 10 interdisciplinary institutes, over 2,000 PhD candidates and more than 3,600 researchers and members of academic staff in all fields, ULB is a force to reckon with in building a foothold for tomorrow's society.

At ULB, ground-breaking research is tightly embedded in our teaching, as we train our students in critical thinking and research from the first year of their undergraduate degree to their potential PhD.

Actively involved in the European Research Area, ULB has been awarded the European Commission's HR Excellence in Research label (EURAXESS) and has obtained European funding (COFUND) to host international post-doctoral researchers. ULB has also obtained a substantial number of European Research Council (ERC) grants to fund research in medicine, mathematics, political science, economics, physics, etc.



3600
Researchers
and teachers



2000
PhD candidates



230
PhD theses
defended each year



210 Million
Annual
research budget



4 NOBEL PRIZES IN SCIENCE

François Englert, Nobel Prize in Physics (2013)

Ilya Prigogine, Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1977)

Albert Claude, Nobel Prize in Medicine (1974)

Jules Bordet, Nobel Prize in Medicine (1919)

TRAINING TOMORROW'S CITIZENS

With its 12 Faculties, the University trains talents in **all disciplines** and at **all levels**, from Bachelor level to PhD. ULB believes that education is a never-ending process and that everyone should have access to training and learning opportunities throughout their life. This is why it also offers a rich catalogue of over 100 lifelong learning programmes.

As a French-speaking university, the Université libre de Bruxelles offers most of its courses in French, and a **growing number of Masters courses partly or entirely in English**. To help international students improve their language skills, the University proposes a wide range of French language courses before and during the academic year.

ULB is deeply committed to helping its students become responsible citizens. We focus on learning rather than on teaching and we are proud to prepare our students for a world that is forever changing. We strive to **give our students the best possible learning experience, as well as a solid foundation in critical thinking**, enhanced by our research and latest technological developments.

At ULB, our students' success and wellbeing are our priority.





OUR FACULTIES

- › Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences
- › Faculty of Letters, Translation and Communication
- › Faculty of Law and Criminology
- › Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management
- › Faculty of Psychology, Educational Sciences and Speech and Language therapy
- › Faculty of Architecture La Cambre Horta
- › Faculty of Sciences
- › Brussels School of Engineering
- › Faculty of Medicine
- › School of Public Health
- › Faculty of Human Motor Sciences
- › Faculty of Pharmacy
- › Institute for European studies
- › Brussels School of Bioengineering





PARTNERS AND NETWORKS

Our openness to the world is reflected in many collaborations and privileged partnerships with some of the best universities in Europe, America, Asia and Africa.

CIVIS, A European Civic University

1 European university, 11 campuses, countless opportunities. Discover CIVIS, the European civic campus to which ULB belongs. CIVIS aims to create a truly unique European interuniversity campus where students, academics, researchers and staff will move and collaborate as freely as within their institution of origin.

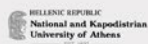
It brings together a community of more than 470,000 students and 68,000 staff members including 35,000 academics and researchers.

The Mediterranean zone and Africa are at the heart of CIVIS' global strategy. The Alliance firmly believes that the future of Europe and that of Africa are intertwined. On 11 March 2022, CIVIS and its member universities signed an ambitious partnership agreement with six prestigious African universities.

 [CIVIS.eu](https://www.civis.eu)



Member universities :



Associate member universities :



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G3-UCAD

The G3-UCAD is a consortium of three leading French-speaking universities (**Université de Genève, Université de Montréal and Université libre de Bruxelles**) and a strategic partner in Africa (**Université Cheikh-Anta Diop de Dakar**). Together, they aim to increase the quality of each partner's research and education activities by taking advantage of converging interests. In addition, the universities of the G3 undertake to design and carry out joint actions to maximise their own international influence.

 g3francophonie.org

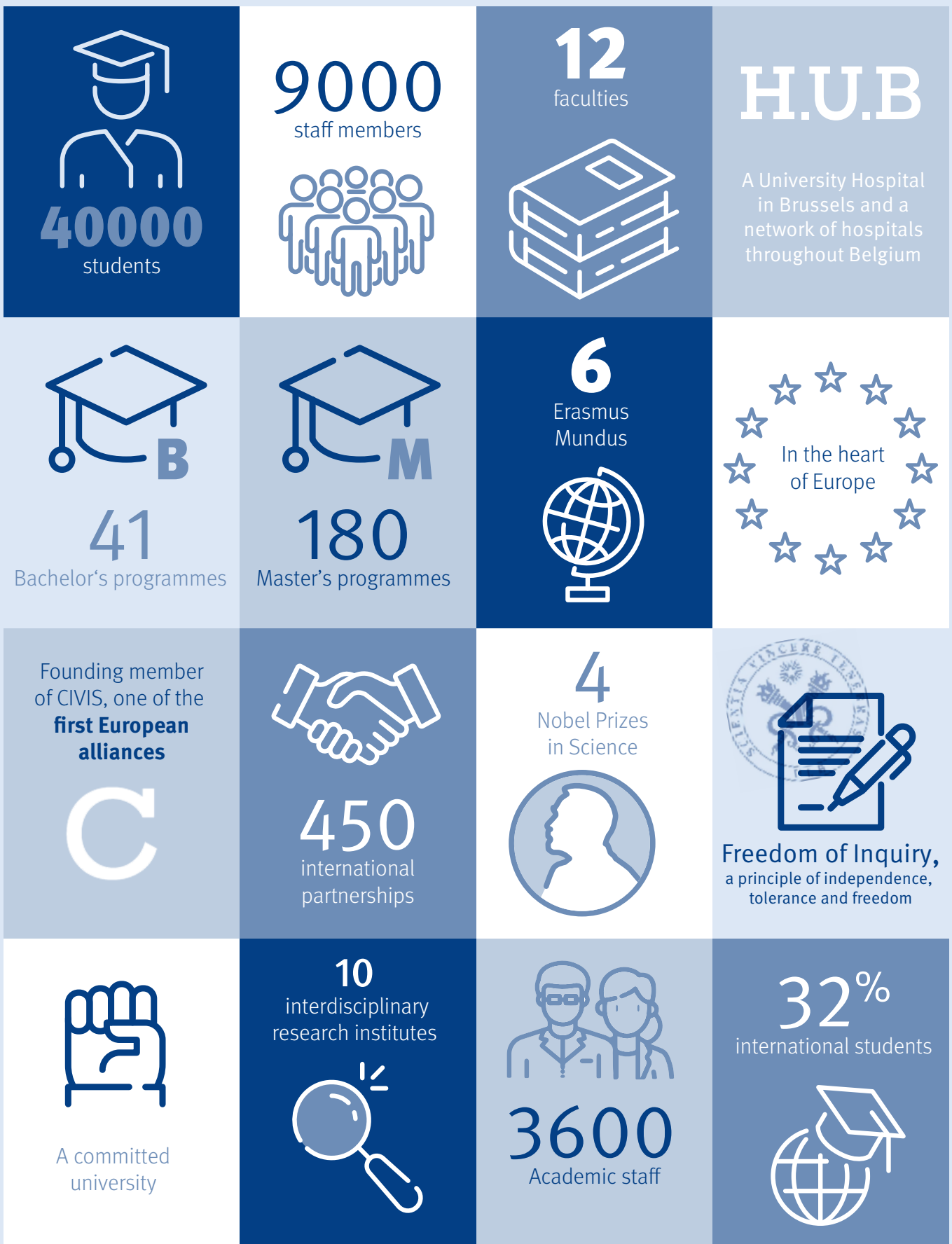
Strategic partners

Among its numerous partners, ULB holds strategic and privileged links with prestigious universities throughout the world.

- › The University of Oxford  UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
- › The University of Cambridge  UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
- › Université de Lausanne  UNIL | Université de Lausanne
- › Université de Montréal  Université de Montréal
- › The University of California, Berkeley  Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
- › Universidade de Sao Paulo  USP
UNIVERSIDADE DE SAO PAULO
- › Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar 
- › Université de Lubumbashi  Université de Lubumbashi
- › Waseda University  WASEDA University



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