

Eligibility	VISA	Study Period	Language of Instruction	Type of Housing	Approximate semester dates	LHU partner since	Cost of Living
Open to LHU and external students; Minimum GPA 2.5	Yes	Fall and/or Spring	English (see majors available below)	Off-campus apartments, rooms, homestays	Early September-late December February-late June	2015	housing between €350-€600 monthly

BELGIUM

IHECS – Institut Des Hautes Etudes Des Communications Sociales

<http://www.ihecs.be/>

The Location

The Institute for the Higher Study of Social Communication is located in the center of Brussels, the capital of Belgium. The city is home to over 1.2 million people, making it the largest urban area in the country. While the main language is French, since its independence in 1830, the city is multilingual, with Dutch as its second language. Architecture within the city is highly diverse. Over 80 museums exist ranging from the medieval structure of the Grand Palace to the postmodern European Union buildings. Brussels provides students with a variety of recreational, educational, and social activities.

The University

In 1965, Maxime Andrew Rossion established IHECS in the city of Tournai, and initially named it the “Temporary School of Assistants to Information”. Due to the increasing popularity and attendance, Minister Jean-Louis Thys relocated the Institute to the city of Brussels in 1990. The recognized and qualified faculties at IHECS are highly involved and continuously provide students with the tools needed to succeed. Resources such as high-performance computer systems and advanced technological devices are available in order to successfully educate individuals interested in communications and language.

Academics

IHECS offers courses in French and English languages. Students can study French language and communication studies. Other social science courses taught in English are available in the subjects of Global Communications, Multimedia, Marketing, Public Relations, Cultural Studies, Photography, Video and Television Production.

Housing

IHECS is not a residential campus; however, the international exchange office assists students with finding accommodations (shared apartments, rooms, and homestays*) near the campus. All exchange students receive information on their housing arrangements before their arrival in Brussels.

Air Travel

Students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Please see the Center for Global Engagement for assistance.

Tuition

LHU students continue to pay LHU tuition and fees while attending IHECS. Students are billed for tuition and fees plus an additional \$150 International Service Fee. Keep in mind that all financial aid can apply toward your study in Belgium since you are participating in a LHU sponsored program. Students do not pay any tuition or fees in Belgium. Please note, however, that it will be necessary to pay for activities such as athletic club memberships, if you wish to utilize those services.

Non-LHU students are billed LHU tuition, fees, and \$150 International Service Fee.

Academic Calendar

- Full English Program:
- Welcome Session: first week of September
- French Immersion week: second week of September (€ 90 fee)
- Beginning of Courses: Mid-September/ Beginning of February
- Ending of Courses: Late December/Late June

Health Insurance

All students are required to maintain a health insurance policy that will provide coverage while abroad. Information on international health insurance providers can be obtained from the Center for Global Engagement. You may find that your present health insurance policy includes overseas coverage. It is important, however, that your carrier provide written verification of such coverage.

So, how do I get started?

Simply come by the Center for Global Engagement to pick up an application form. Remember! The deadline for application is March 1 for the fall term and October 1 for the spring term.

*Homestays are not guaranteed.