



Hauser Global Law School Program

Catholic University of Leuven Leuven, Belgium

Exchange Program Information Package 2010-2011



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We are pleased you are interested in New York University School of Law's overseas exchange program with the Catholic University of Leuven (KU), Belgium. This package gives a general description of the program as well as details about some of its more important aspects. The information in this pack was taken from a variety of sources made available by the Catholic University, such as their website – <http://www.kuleuven.be/english/>, handbooks, and other informational guides. Carefully review this information before deciding whether to apply.

Please plan to attend an information session. If you can't, or if you have additional questions about the program, please feel free to stop by the Hauser Global Law School Program Office (FH 340) to speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs.

Important Application Dates

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| January 21 | NYU application deadline |
| Mid-January to Mid-February | Applicants screened |
| Mid to late February | Selections made |
| March 12 | Leuven application deadline |

I. Program Description and Information

A. About the Program

Up to two NYU Law students may study at the Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven) per academic semester. The program is open to second- and third-year students only who have spent at least one full-year at NYU School of Law. First-year students cannot participate. All courses at KU Leuven are taught in English.

The Faculty of Law is the oldest Faculty in the country. It was, together with Arts and Medicine, one of the three original faculties at the moment of the foundation of the university in 1425.

Today more than 3,000 students attend courses being taught by 75 professors, who are assisted by 150 scientific staff members. Apart from the compulsory curriculum leading to the Law Degree, there are more than 70 optional courses being taught also.

The Faculty of Law had always a very international and comparative approach to legal education. This approach is reflected in the numerous English courses being taught especially in the area of European Law, International and Comparative Law. Most of these courses are offered within the LL.M program, organized by the Centre of Advanced Legal Studies, but are open to all students from the fourth and fifth year of Law and to the visiting ERASMUS students.

B. The Catholic University of Leuven

The Catholic University of Leuven was established by Papal Bull on 9 December - 1425 at the request of the city of Leuven and with the support of Duke John IV of Brabant. It is the oldest of all the catholic universities in the world and the oldest university in the Low Countries. It was modelled on the universities of Paris and Cologne. Originally, the university consisted of four faculties: Arts, Medicine, Canon Law, and Civil Law. The Faculty of Theology was added in 1432.

Leuven very soon developed into one of the most famous European universities, and it reached a true high point when a Leuven theologian, Adrian VI, was elected pope in 1522. Erasmus remained for years in Leuven, and Gemma Frisius trained eminent scientists there, like Andreas Vesalius, Rembert Dodoens, and Gerard Mercator.

In 1797, during the French revolution, the University of Leuven was dissolved, its library plundered, and 42 of its colleges declared property of the state. Under the Dutch rule, Leuven received its university again, but this state university was closed after Belgium became independent in 1830. Permission to reopen was granted in 1833, and the University continued its old traditions, first for a couple of years in Mechelen until the bishops established the Catholic University in Leuven in 1835.

The reality of the Belgian language question, the tension between the Flemish and the Walloons, is mirrored in the later history of the Leuven Alma Mater. In 1911 a start was made in the "Dutchification" of the university educational system in Leuven. By 1936 most of the lectures were being given in parallel in both languages, Dutch and French. In 1968 the university was split into two independent universities. In 1970 they both acquired legal autonomy: the Dutch-speaking Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (K.U. Leuven) remained in Leuven in the Flemish part of the country, and the French-speaking Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL) moved to Louvain-La-Neuve in Ottignies in the Walloon part of the country.

C. Leuven, Belgium

The city of Leuven is an agglomeration of five communities: Leuven, Heverlee, Kessel-Lo, Wilsele and Wijgmaal. Leuven has around 90,000 inhabitants. Add to this 35,000 post-secondary and 11,000 high-school students and it should come as no surprise that the

streets are filled with young faces and that the city lives at a student's rhythm: hectic weeks at the beginning of the academic year and relative calm during vacation and examination periods.

Although the first references to the town can be traced back as far as the 9th century and in spite of its strategic location on the river Dyle, it was not until around the 11th-12th century that Leuven began to develop as an important trading centre within the Duchy of Brabant. It was at this time that its first town wall, churches, monasteries and abbeys were built. The town's once flourishing cloth trade had fallen into decline by the 14th century, but a new golden age dawned with the 15th century. The university was founded, various industrial concerns flourished and the main market square with its fine Gothic town hall was laid out. Its finely sculpted Town Hall and Saint Peter's church with its magnificent interior which is hung with the famous 'Last Supper' by Thierry Bouts, are fine examples of flamboyant Gothic architecture at its best.

The town still owes much of its character to the numerous university college buildings dating from the 16th and 17th centuries, many of which were renovated in the 18th century. The building of paved roads, the canal in the 18th century and the expansion of the brewery created a great impetus for trade and population growth. Unfortunately, this prosperity came to a sudden end under the reign of Joseph II when the French invaded. In addition, the two World Wars in the 20th century destroyed much of Leuven and a great deal of the reconstruction work lasted well into the nineteen-sixties.

Since then, Leuven has developed into a well-equipped, modern town with a thriving service industry economy and with a good balance of old and new buildings combining to offer a well-designed infrastructure to suit the demands of today's modern town with a rich tradition. On January 1st January 1995, Leuven became the capital of the province Flemish Brabant.

D. Program Dates*

The dates for the 2010-2011 academic year has not yet been published. Below is an approximation of the semester date based on the previous year's academic calendar.

Fall 2010

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| 16 - 24 September | Orientation |
| 21 September | Start of the first semester |
| 19 December | Last day of class |
| 19 December - 5 January | Christmas holidays |
| 6 - 10 January | Study period (no classes) |
| 10 - 31 January | Examination period of the first semester |

Spring 2011

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| 3-7 February | Orientation |
| 8 February | Start of the second semester |
| 4-18 April | Easter holidays |
| 21 May | Last course of the second semester |
| 22 May – 6 June | Study period (no classes) |
| 7 June – 3 July | Examination period of the second semester |

* to be confirmed.

During the week before the opening of the academic year, and in the week before the start of the second semester, an orientation program is offered to all new international students at K.U. Leuven. In addition to practical information on how to find your way at the university and in the city of Leuven, the orientation offers lectures on Flanders, Belgium and Europe, and social events which provide an opportunity to meet fellow students, as well as a trip to Brugge or Gent. You will receive a registration form, by post. Participation in the Orientation Days is free, except for the trip. The Orientation Days schedule can be found at <http://www.kuleuven.be/orientation>

E. Courses

NYU School of Law students will be expected to take a minimum of 5 courses (each worth 4 to 6 ECTS credits) at KU Leuven in order to earn 12 credits towards their NYU Law degree. Additionally, in order to ensure compliance with all ABA regulations, NYU School of Law requires that all courses be approved by our office before your schedule has been finalized.

Below is a short list of courses being offered in English for exchange students. For course descriptions, go to <http://www.law.kuleuven.be/english.phtml/courses.html>

- Leading principles of Private Law - Introduction to Belgian Private Law
- The Law of the World Trade Organization
- Armed Conflicts and the Law
- Space Law
- Constitutional law of the European Union
- Judicial Protection in the European Union
- European Competition Law
- Air Law

- Public international law
- The law of international organizations

A complete list of course offerings may be found online at:

http://www.kuleuven.ac.be/onderwijs/aanbod/opleidingen/E/SC_50269081.htm

By clicking on the course number, you will be directed to a detailed course description as well as a listing of which semester the course will be offered. You may also access the biography and other details for each course instructor from this page.

Courses taught in Dutch

Erasmus students, with a sufficient knowledge of Dutch, have the possibility to attend law courses (taught in Dutch) that are attended by the Belgian law students. For a description of these courses we refer to the K.U. Leuven website:

http://www.kuleuven.be/onderwijs/aanbod/opleidingen/N/SC_50045998.htm

A **sufficient knowledge of** Dutch or **English** (depending on the courses you want to attend) **upon arrival** is important and is in your own interest. As mentioned before, possibilities for language improvement will be at your disposal.

F. Registering for Courses

Before the beginning of the academic year, students must send to Nadine Kerstens at KU Leuven the following:

- An email with your date of arrival
- A copy of your learning contract, signed by our office with the list of courses you want to take. A copy of this agreement may be downloaded from the KU Leuven website and sent to Ms. Kerstens by email
- A photo. Please write on the back of your photo your name and university

Nadine Kerstens, Erasmus Office, Faculty of Law, Tiensestraat 41, B-3000 Leuven, Belgium

Tel: ++32 16 32.52.09

Email: nadine.kerstens@law.kuleuven.be

During the first week of the semester, students must stop by the Erasmus Office to register. Ms. Kerstens will provide you with information about the Faculty of Law, library, courses, class schedule, etc. If there is any problem concerning registration, housing, etc., she will be your primary point of contact.

F. Exams and Grades

Registration for exams

Approximately one month after the beginning of the semester, students must register for exams. The exact dates will be put on the notice board a month in advance. **This is an official registration!** This means that your registration can not be changed. You will be **obliged** to do all the exams for which you registered.

Exam Period

All courses will be taught on a semester basis. Exams will be organized at the end of each semester, namely in January-February (first examination session) and in June-July (second examination session).

In case a student fails an exam, a second chance will be offered. Retakes of first semester courses will take place in June. The retakes of second semester courses will be organized in August - September. (Students must write an email to the professor and to Nadine Kerstens **before August 1st** – All arrangements will be made directly with the professor.)

Marks

Marks are graded on a scale of 20 points. At least 10 points must be obtained to pass. The K.U. Leuven ECTS-grading scale is as follows:

| ECTS-marking scale | Point Value (out of 20) | Transcript equivalance |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| A | 18-19-20 | Maxima (summa cum laude): exceptional |
| B | 16-17 | Magna cum laude: excellent |
| C | 14-15 | Cum laude: very good |
| D | 12-13 | Cum fructu: good |
| E | 10-11 | 11 : satisfactory; 10 : Pass |
| FX | 8-9 | Fail |
| F | 0-7 | Fail |

All courses will be graded in the first instance by the KU Leuven faculty in accordance with the Leuven grading system. However, because grading standards between NYU School of LAW and KU Leuven may differ, a direct translation to NYU School of Law's letter grading system can be quite difficult. Therefore, participating NYU students will, upon successfully completing a course, receive a designation of "pass/fail" for the course on their transcripts. **All students must receive the equivalent of a letter grade C in order to receive credit for the class.**

ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CREDIT OR GRADE FOR ANY COURSE TAKEN IN THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION BY NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. We expect, however, that all credits earned at KU Leuven will count towards New York University School of Law credits.

G. European Community Course Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

ECTS is a credit system based on **student workload**. Student workload involves **lectures, and self study**. It includes all work needed to prepare for an examination. The basic allocation of academic credits in ECTS is either 60 credits per year of study, or 30 credits per semester. Special courses are set up for ECTS purposes. All ECTS courses are mainstream courses which are also followed by home students. Credits are awarded only when the course has been completed and all required examinations have been successfully taken.

Students participating in ECTS will receive full credit for all academic work successfully carried out at any of the ECTS partner institutions. They will be able to transfer these academic credits from one participating institution to another, as long as there is prior agreement between the institutions involved.

Most students participating in ECTS will go to one single host institution in one single EU (or EFTA) Member State, they will study there for a limited period and will return to their home institution afterwards.

Once the student has successfully completed the study program previously agreed between the home and the host institution and has returned to his home university, credit transfer will take place. This enables the student to continue its study at the home institution without any loss of time or credit.

H. Registering with KU Leuven

Although exchange students remain enrolled here at NYU School of Law during their study period abroad, you must still register as an exchange student at the K.U. Leuven. Therefore, it is absolutely essential that after your arrival in Leuven you go to the Registrar's Office (**to the Exchange Students Desk**) in order to get registered and receive your student card. This card is generally considered to be the proof that you have been recognized by the academic authorities as a K.U.Leuven student. You may need it when taking exams or when going to the library or to one of the university restaurants.

In order to register as an exchange student, you must submit:

- Your identity card or passport, with "Authorization for provisional sojourn" (student visa) if required
- For those who do not require a student visa: a proof of solvency or proof of scholarship
- Proof that you are registered as a student here at NYU School of Law
- Your "Permission to register as an undergraduate exchange student"

Apart from your student card, you will be given a proof of registration, which you will need when registering at the '**Dienst Bevolking**' of the city of Leuven. Non-EU students will receive a proof of registration intended for the health insurance company as well.

The Registrars Office (in Dutch: Studentenadministratie) is:

Universiteitshal
Naamsestraat 22

3000 Leuven

Tel: +32 (0) 16 32 40 40

E-mail: sa@kuleuven.be

Opening hours: 16 August to 30 September: 9am to 5pm. From 3 October onwards: 9am to 12.30am, closed in the afternoon

I. Program Cancellation Policies

We expect the program to go forward as planned and anticipate no obstacles to implementation. However, in the highly unlikely event that the entire program has to be canceled, students selected for the program will be informed immediately by telephone, email, or in person, and notices of cancellation will be posted on the Hauser Global Law School Program website. In addition, individual meetings will be arranged with any student who wishes one. If in the even more unlikely event that the Program is canceled after students have arrived at Leuven, Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email. Should particular courses be canceled or rescheduled, students selected for the program will be informed by email, telephone, or in person to the extent that we are made aware of these changes.

II. KU Leuven Staff and Facilities

A. Program Staff

Until students are admitted to the Exchange Program by both NYU School of Law and KU Leuven, we ask that students not contact the administration at Leuven directly with inquiries about the exchange program. Until that point, NYU School of Law will be your point-of-contact for all questions you might have. However, upon admission to the program, the following contacts from KU Leuven may prove useful:

Frans Vanistendael, Professor of European and Comparative Tax Law, was a visiting professor at Kansai (Osaka), Monash (Melbourne) and Sydney. He served as Royal Commissioner for Tax Reform in 1986-1987, as a cabinet advisor to the Minister of Finance from 1980 until 1992 and was a member of the Belgian High Council of Finance (1980-2000). He is also an expert with the European Commission on the harmonization of tax law and a consultant with the IMF and the OECD. Professor Vanistendael is also a member of the Brussels bar. He has been Director of the Centre for Advanced Legal Studies (1989-1997) and first and founding president of the European Law Faculties Association (1995-1997). He is chairman of the E.C. Tax Review, Member of the Board of Trustees of the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation in Amsterdam and member of the advisory board of Tax Notes International. Currently he is also the dean of the law school.

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Nadine Kerstens is the Director of International Programs and your primary contact at the Law Faculty.

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3000 Leuven, Belgium
Tel: ++32 16 32 40 25
Fax: ++32 16 32 37 73
GSM: 0479531563
E-mail: trees.deloddere@dir.kuleuven.be

B. Academic and Library Facilities

The **Law Library in Leuven** (Belgium) is a versatile and modern library for legal research and education, but it also offers a lot of possibilities for the law practitioner. All books and reviews may be used freely by everybody, since they are placed in open shelf. A local automated catalogue called LIBIS and a wide range of national and international databases (on CD-ROM and on the Internet) give quick and quite complete access to the material. There are some 100.000 volumes on 2 main and 2 supplementary floors (levels) that host 9 different reading rooms, all together about 6 km shelves. 30 PCs are spread throughout the library and another 25 in the PC-lab in the library. There are about 300 seats, 7 copiers, loan facilities, phone and fax in urgent cases. The library has about 150.000 visitors a year who can benefit from the service of 11 library staff members. Last but not least, the library offers some interesting "long distance" documentary services.

Books or articles from journals that are not available in Leuven, can be ordered by library loan (ILL), as well from libraries in Belgium and abroad. These requests can be made through the web catalogue by any registered user. The ILL service is not free of charge and is handled by the Central Library for the law library. More information about the costs and procedure can be found at the main ILL page of the University library.

Wireless internet access is available in all the reading rooms of the library. The library only offers internet access, no access to local databases, files and printers. Access to most web-databases is restricted. The quality of the wireless coverage varies, though it should be more than sufficient throughout the entire library.

Foreign students have free access and are registered automatically with their student card. For more information about the Law Library, visit <http://www.law.kuleuven.be/lib/english/index.phtml>.

Computers and Internet. All students at K.U. Leuven are allowed to use the computers in three centrally located complexes of PC rooms, to have access to the Internet and to apply for an e-mail address, at no cost to the student. Students should just go to one of the PC rooms at [Dekenstraat 2](#) (Leuven), Celestijnenlaan 200 C (Heverlee) or De Croylaan 52a (Heverlee) and ask one of the assistants to help you register as a new user. In addition, students may rent a PC from the University for a nominal fee, and log in to the Internet for free from your student room, provided you have a telephone line at your disposal.

Please see http://www.ludit.kuleuven.be/index_en.html for further information regarding these services.

Sports Facilities

Students may take part in both indoor and outdoor sports activities while at KU Leuven.

International Meeting Centre

Pangaea is the international meeting centre of the university. One of its main objectives is to create a home-away-from-home feeling for international students. It is a place where Belgian and international students and friends can interact in a stress-free atmosphere. It boasts an annual membership of 1000 students from more than 80 different countries. The central place is the coffee lounge, where one can enjoy the simple pleasures of life, may it be chatting with friends, taking a coffee break, reading the several foreign newspapers or magazines, and/or challenging one's mind over a relaxed game of chess or any of the many other board games available, etc. Pangaea offers a myriad cultural activities, such as Karaoke night, Salsa, Tango, Tai Chi lessons, movies, and theatre presentations. These activities provide not only a wonderful form of entertainment, but also ways to meet people of amazing and diverse backgrounds. Pangaea also hosts an online forum where students can communicate with each other, share information, make announcements, post classified ads, etc.

III. Preparing for Your Trip

A. Anticipated Tuition, Fees and Living Costs

Tuition

Because this is a revenue-neutral exchange program, participating NYU Law students will pay New York University the normal tuition for a 12 credit-hour semester at NYU Law.

Living Costs

Eating out, entertainment and transportation are less expensive than in New York. KU Leuven has informed us that students can expect to pay the following:

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| Dutch Course (optional) | €275 |
| Health Insurance | €50/month |
| Residency Permit | €20 |
| Rent | €250/month |
| Food, Clothes, Etc. | €1,100 |
| Travel and Other Expenses | €1,400 |

The University has several student restaurants where you can have a meal for less than €5. €1 is approximately \$1.30.

Students should budget at least €1,000 per month, taking into account the fact that you are abroad and will potentially spend more money than during a typical semester at NYU. If you plan on traveling around Belgium and Europe, you will need to budget for additional expenses.

B. Student Housing and Living Arrangements

Exchange students are referred to the private sector for permanent accommodation since they are not eligible for a place in a subsidized university residence. For assistance, information, and suitable addresses, exchange students are welcome to visit the office of International Housing Service.

Since you will be staying for only one semester, you will find it difficult to negotiate with landlords, who are seldom prepared to sign a rental contract for less than 10 months. Rather, upon arrival in Leuven, you will receive a list of rooms being sublet by Belgian students who have gone to study abroad themselves for one semester. The list of exchange rooms for the first semester is available from the beginning of July onwards, for the second semester from the beginning of December. It is not possible to apply for these lists from abroad.

You are advised to arrive in Leuven well before the start of the semester to obtain temporary and permanent accommodation. The week before the start of the academic year is the most difficult time to find both temporary and permanent accommodation. All exchange students should notify the International Housing Service that they are seeking accommodation by completing the web form at: <http://www.kuleuven.be/accommodation/student/exchange.htm>

If you have not arranged temporary accommodation before arriving in Leuven, you should go to the International Housing Service. The staff there will provide you with information about available guestrooms. Temporary rooms cost between €15 and €25 per night.

Once you have settled into your temporary room, you should go back to the International Housing Service for assistance in finding permanent accommodation.

C. Visa and City Registration

Obtaining a Visa

Information regarding the visa process may be found at: <http://www.kuleuven.ac.be/english/travelling/index.pdf>. Please note that the visa process may take some time to complete; therefore, students should consider this timeline when making arrangements. Further information from the Consulate General of Belgium in New York may be found online at: <http://www.diplomatie.be/en/travel/visa/default.asp>

For further information, students can write to Mrs. Trees Deloddere at: trees.deloddere@dir.kuleuven.be.

City Registration (*Dienst Bevolking*)

After registration at K.U. Leuven, students must register at the 'Dienst Bevolking' of the city of Leuven.

As a **non-EU student** you should supply:

- your passport, with visa or "Authorization for provisional sojourn" if required;
- a proof of registration at K.U. Leuven
- 3 passport photographs
- a proof of solvency

All changes of address during your stay in Leuven must be reported to the 'Dienst Bevolking', to your exchange coordinator, and to the Registrar's Office of the K.U. Leuven. At the end of your stay in Leuven, you should notify the Aliens' Registration Office that you are leaving.

D. Health Insurance and Medical Issues

Students must prove that they have health insurance which covers you in Belgium. You can purchase health insurance from KU Leuven or ask whether your current policy covers you during your stay in Belgium. For more information about health insurance through the university, visit <http://www.kuleuven.be/english/insurance/selfsupporting.htm#noneea>

At KU Leuven, there is a doctor (general practitioner) at your disposal for all kinds of medical problems. It is advisable to make an appointment beforehand. However, students can also visit the Medical Centre without an appointment in case of emergencies. The Medical Centre's practitioners have experience with health issues from many different countries, and they speak both English and French. In case you badly need a doctor and are unable to leave your room, students may ask for a house call (requests preferably between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.). There is also a psychiatrist at the students' disposal. If you need help, the general practitioner may advise you to contact him.

If you are insured through NYU's Student Health Insurance, you are covered for emergencies when traveling more than 100 miles from your campus address through Assist America. Do carry your Assist America card with you when traveling. In case you do get into an emergency, you are to contact Assist America to arrange all medical services. You will not be reimbursed for any services that are not arranged through Assist America. Reimbursement is the same as the NYU-sponsored Basic plan of 20%/80% co-insurance. For more information, visit http://www.chickering.com/stu_conn/travel_assistance.aspx.

It is possible to waive your NYU Student Health Insurance. In order to do this, you must have an insurance policy that is comparable to NYU's Basic plan. For more information, visit http://www.nyu.edu/shc/about/waiving_plans.htm or contact NYU Student Health Insurance Services at 212-443-1020. **Your waiver will not be processed until Student Health Insurance Services confirms that your insurance plan meets the University's criteria.** To avoid being obligated to pay for two health insurance plans, please do not purchase another health insurance plan before it is approved by Student Health Insurance Services.

E. Provisions for Students with Disabilities

The KU Leuven facilities are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you are interested in the program and will need some special assistance due to a disability, please speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Visitors and Exchange Programs, who will contact Leuven to obtain information about the availability of needed services.

F. Resources for Living in Belgium and Traveling

Below are websites you can get more information about living and traveling in Belgium and going further afield.

www.visitbelgium.com
www.leuven.be
<http://www.justlanded.com>
www.roughguides.com
www.lonelyplanet.com

Student Travel Agencies

When buying your flight, you should consider using a student travel agent. Not only might you get a better price, you may also get a more flexible ticket that allows cancellation or date changes. The fees for these are often less than other agents or the airline itself.

STA Travel. There are branches around the city and all over the world. Also online at www.statravel.com

Travel CUTS. There is an office on MacDougal Street. Also online at www.travelcuts.com.

www.studentuniverse.com. Online only. You do not need an ISIC card to purchase products from this site. You must have an active university email address.

Getting Around

Budget Airlines

<http://www.brusselsairlines.com>

<http://www.flyvlm.com/emc.asp>

Most national carriers have changed their fare structure to compete with the budget airlines. You may be able to get a reasonable airfare using those airlines. Bear in mind that many budget airlines often use an airport that is further away than the city's main airport, and you may incur additional expenses when traveling to the city centre.

By train

Belgium is a small enough country that you can travel around by train to all the major cities and neighboring countries. Amsterdam, for example, is only three away by train.

www.eurail.com

<http://www.raileurope.com/us/index.htm>

www.b-rail.be

By bus

www.eurolines.com

Student Discounts

International Student Identity Card. This is the only internationally recognized student identity card. It is available at student travel agencies. An ISIC card costs \$22 and is valid for a calendar year. ISIC cards purchased in September are valid through the following calendar year. With an ISIC card, you can get discounts on flights, tour packages, entry to attractions, and more. Visit www.isic.org to find out what discounts are available in the country you are going to.

IV. Semester Follow-Up

Please note that all NYU School of Law students selected to participate in a study abroad program will be requested to submit to the Hauser Global Law School Program upon completion of their studies abroad:

- 1) A one or two-page report evaluating their experiences in the program
- 2) A Student Questionnaire Form at the end of their studies to be used to provide a resource for future students interested in the program with KU Leuven.

V. How to Apply

If you decide to apply to the Exchange Program at the Ku Leuven, you must complete a written application available from the Hauser Global Law School Program website:

<http://www.law.nyu.edu/global/intlprograms/studyabroadprograms/applicationprocedures/index.html>

In screening applicants, we will look for such things as a strong academic record, serious interest in international and comparative law, and experience with different cultures and overseas travel.

The timetable for the application process is as follows:

January 21

Mid January-Mid February 2009

Late February

March 12

NYU application deadline

Applicants screened and initial interviews completed

Selections made

Leuven application deadline

If you are nominated by NYU to participate in the exchange program with KU Leuven, you will be given their application to complete and submit to the Hauser Office by **March 12, 2010**. We will then forward your application to Leuven where it will be considered for admission. Should you be accepted by Ku Leuven, you will receive an acceptance letter and instructions for obtaining your visa.

VI. Student Questionnaires and Contact Information

One of the resources we offer to our students to provide further information on our exchange programs is a collection of questionnaires that have been completed by our past students about their experiences while studying at each of our partner institutions. If you are interested in looking at these questionnaires, please feel free to stop by our office (Furman Hall, Suite 340) between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM.

Additionally, we maintain a list of past students at each program who have indicated their willingness to speak with interested students about their experiences while abroad. Should you be interested in receiving a copy of this document, please either stop by our office or send us an email at lawglobal@exchange.law.nyu.edu