

INFORMATION ON HOWEST UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

General info	<p>If you want to study in the heart of Europe, Howest University of Applied Sciences is without a doubt the perfect spot for you. Howest is a dynamic University of Applied Sciences known for its innovative and interdisciplinary approach to education and research, and its close collaboration with industry, business and the social profit sector. It offers 24 bachelor degrees with a strong, practical focus. Some of them are unique for our country, such as Digital Arts and Entertainment (DAE), available both in English and in Dutch.</p> <p>Our English-taught programs attract students from all over the world to our beautiful region. With campuses in Bruges and Kortrijk, Howest provides an appealing program within an impressive historical context. Bruges is one of the most beautiful cities in the world while Kortrijk holds a symbolic place in Flemish history and is a creative and entrepreneurial hub with a global outlook. Howest has a vast tradition of international cooperation and is an active partner of many European universities. We also have a growing number of valuable partnerships with universities and work-field organizations in Asia, USA, Latin America and Africa. We're sure Howest is a place for you. We'll make you feel welcome!</p>
Location	<p>Our campuses are located in the historical cities of Bruges and Kortrijk, in the province of West Flanders, Belgium. Studying in Bruges or Kortrijk includes having a series of very attractive locations nearby: the Belgian coast as well as our Flemish art cities like Antwerp, Brussels, Ghent... You can also take the train to reach famous European places like Paris, London, Amsterdam, Cologne in just a few hours.</p>
Info for exchange students	<p>You can find an overview of all information for incoming international students here and here.</p>
Course offer	<p>Here you can find our course offer in English.</p>
Nomination and Application links / deadlines	<p>All incoming exchange students need to be nominated by their home institution via an online form.</p> <p>Should the home institution not have received the link to our online nomination form by e-mail, please contact us at international.office@howest.be.</p>

	<p>The Howest <u>nomination deadlines</u> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 15th for study in the Autumn Semester. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April 15th for nationals from outside the European Economic Area AND for traineeship in Nursing or Psychology. ○ May 1st is the only yearly nomination deadline for traineeships in Nursing, also for spring of the academic year to follow. • November 15th for study in spring Semester. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 15th for nationals from outside the European Economic Area AND for traineeship in Nursing or Psychology. ○ May 1st is the only yearly deadline for traineeships in Nursing, also for spring of the academic year to follow. <p>After having received the nominations, Howest will e-mail the student with the application instructions.</p> <p>The Howest <u>application deadlines</u> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 1st for study in the Autumn Semester. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 1st for nationals from outside the European Economic Area AND for traineeship in Nursing or Psychology. ○ May 15th is the only yearly application deadline for traineeships in Nursing, also for spring of the academic year to follow. • November 30th for study in spring Semester. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 31st for nationals from outside the European Economic Area
Academic calendar	<p>You can see our academic calendar <u>here</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn semester - September 16, 2024 to January 31, 2025 - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For US students, most exams can be arranged remotely if agreed and absolutely necessary. • Spring semester - February 3, 2025 to June 27, 2025
Orientation week	<p>Information about our strongly recommended <u>Orientation week</u> (scroll down to the paragraph 'orientation week')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn semester: September 16 to 20, 2024, with 1st day of classes on September 23, 2024. • Spring semester: February 3 to 7, 2025, with 1st day of classes on February 10, 2025.
Insurance	<p>Via the Howest insurance policy incoming international students will be covered for third-party liability and physical accidents DURING the school related activities and on their way to and back from the campus or work placement.</p> <p>However, this insurance is NOT a health insurance and it does NOT cover all risks, such as activities during PRIVATE time of the exchange period. Hence, all incoming students need to arrange themselves sufficient health, third-party (civil) liability and travel assistance insurance, including repatriation of corpse. <u>Prepare your study stay in Belgium. Howest</u> (scroll down to the paragraph 'Howest insurance...').</p>
Accommodation	Howest only offers off-campus housing. Info can be found <u>here</u> .

Costs Housing / food	<p>You can get an idea of the possibilities and costs students would have for housing here (Howest Kortrijk student dorm is between € 400 per month with no private toilet/no fridge to € 550 per month with own toilet and fridge – shared shower/kitchen/common area in both scenarios; Howest Bruges student dorm is € 340 per month) – and get an idea about food/daily living costs here – under “cost of living” (about € 600 a month at most). In total, students can expect to have monthly costs for housing, food, bike, print, etc... of about € 900 / 1000 USD or so, even less for many, depending on their lifestyle.</p> <p>Below you can find a breakdown of costs. Keep in mind that the amounts are approximate.</p> <p>Bruges</p> <table> <tr> <th>Item</th><th>Cost</th></tr> <tr> <td>Tuition</td><td>€ 00.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>City hall costs</td><td>€ 21.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Student home</td><td>€ 330 - €550 per month</td></tr> <tr> <td>Food - approximate</td><td>€ 240 per month</td></tr> <tr> <td>Public transport and bike rental</td><td>€ 22 per month</td></tr> <tr> <td>Social life</td><td>€ 80.00 per month</td></tr> <tr> <td>Orientation Week costs</td><td>€ 100.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Extra cost (books, study trips ...)</td><td>€ 200 per semester</td></tr> </table> <p>* In rental agreements for student rooms, subletting and assignment of tenancy is always forbidden unless you have the written authorization of the landlord. Nevertheless, an exception is made for students who participate to an exchange program or who must do a work placement. The landlord must always consent to the transfer or assignment of tenancy to another student. The landlord can only oppose when he has a valid reason to do so. Students communicate the address and contact information of the subtenant to the landlord.</p> <p>Kortrijk</p> <table> <tr> <th>Item</th><th>Cost</th></tr> <tr> <td>Tuition</td><td>€ 00.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>City hall costs</td><td>€ 21.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Student rooms</td><td>€ 350 - € 550 per month</td></tr> <tr> <td>Food – approximate</td><td>€ 300 per month</td></tr> <tr> <td>Public transport and bike rental</td><td>€ 22 per month</td></tr> <tr> <td>Social life</td><td>€ 80.00 per month</td></tr> <tr> <td>Orientation Week costs</td><td>€ 100.00</td></tr> </table>	Item	Cost	Tuition	€ 00.00	City hall costs	€ 21.00	Student home	€ 330 - €550 per month	Food - approximate	€ 240 per month	Public transport and bike rental	€ 22 per month	Social life	€ 80.00 per month	Orientation Week costs	€ 100.00	Extra cost (books, study trips ...)	€ 200 per semester	Item	Cost	Tuition	€ 00.00	City hall costs	€ 21.00	Student rooms	€ 350 - € 550 per month	Food – approximate	€ 300 per month	Public transport and bike rental	€ 22 per month	Social life	€ 80.00 per month	Orientation Week costs	€ 100.00
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Youtube	Howest's youtube channel and international playlist .	
Buddy	International students will have buddies (scroll down to the paragraph 'Student life..') to help their international pals feel welcome & at home at Howest in Kortrijk & Bruges.	
Visa requirements / insurance	Prepare your study stay in Belgium. Howest (see paragraph 'Visa Requirements')	
Student services / mobility	https://www.howest.be/en/study/student-services	
English-taught Degree Programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Digital Arts and Entertainment (DAE) www.digitalartsandentertainment.com and their campus The Level • Bachelor of Digital Design & Development (Devine) devine.be, Check student work, View Devine in motion, Find upcoming events and articles, See us alive and kicking • Bachelor of Applied Computer Science - major Cyber Security Professional Cyber Security Professional Howest • Bachelor of Industrial Product Design Bachelor Industrial Product Design Howest • Bachelor of Creative Technologies and Artificial Intelligence Bachelor Creative Technologies & Artificial Intelligence Howest • Advanced bachelor of Bioinformatics Bachelor na bachelor Advanced Bachelor of Bioinformatics Howest • European Master in Sustainable Energy System Management Master European Master in Sustainable Energy System Management (SESyM) Howest 	

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ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE

BRUGES & KORTRIJK, BELGIUM

Helēna Šteina from Latvia and
Diana Moreno from Portugal,
in Kortrijk. Photo credit to **Toms
Krastiņš-Rullis**, from Latvia.
All 3 students Digital Design
and Development - Devine.

2024-2025

DEAR STUDENT



If you want to study in the heart of Europe, [Howest University of Applied Sciences](#) is without a doubt the perfect spot for you.

Howest offers many undergraduate and associate degrees along with 2 European master's programmes, all with a strong practical focus. Some of them are unique in Belgium, like our award-winning [Digital Arts and Entertainment \(DAE\)](#). Our [40 English-taught programmes](#) attract students from all over the world to our beautiful region and provide them with a top-notch academic experience.

With [campuses in Bruges and Kortrijk](#), Howest provides an appealing programme within an impressive historical context. Bruges is one of the most beautiful cities in the world, while Kortrijk is a thriving creative and entrepreneurial hub with a global outlook.

Howest has a strong tradition of international cooperation in education and research. We are a member of RUN-EU, the Regional University Network European University and are an active partner of many universities throughout Europe. We also have a growing number of valuable partnerships with universities and fieldwork organisations in North and Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Our 1000+ international students and their local buddies form a thriving Global Community at Howest.

We can't wait to welcome you!

Frederik D'hulster / President of Howest University of Applied Sciences
Mieke Demeyere / Vice President for Education, Students and Intl. Affairs
Isabelle Pertry / Director of International Affairs

Studying in the heart of Europe

With campuses in Bruges and Kortrijk, Howest University of Applied Sciences is at the very heart of Europe, only a two-hour train ride to major cities such as Paris, London and Amsterdam.

BRUGES

- UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000
- Medieval gem with its romantic canals and cobbled alleys

KORTRIJK

- A hotspot of Flemish history
- UNESCO Creative City, city of innovation, creation and design with broad boulevards along the river Leie and a large shopping mall in the historic city centre



AN INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Howest University of Applied Sciences is an entrepreneurial institution known for its innovative and interdisciplinary approach to education and research, and its close collaborations with the industrial, business and social profit sectors.

We offer [30 bachelor's](#), [13 associate degrees](#), [2 master's](#) and [many postgraduate certificate programmes and microdegrees](#), all with a strong practical focus, in **Tech & IT; Architecture, Energy & Construction; Business & Entrepreneurship; Health & Care; Media & Communication; People & Society; Education; Digital, Design & Arts; Sports, Tourism & Recreation**. Howest is a member of Ghent University Association, which provides high-quality education to 30% of Flanders' student population. All programmes are fully accredited by NVAO, the Dutch-Flemish Accreditation Organisation.

Anticipating the future, starting from each individual student's talents and motivation, Howest trains its students to be highly skilled, immediately employable, team-oriented professionals.

Industry and society-driven assignments and on-the-job training are key components of our programmes. We achieve high-impact learning through modern approaches such as project based and cooperative education. "The Collective", an integration project in which multidisciplinary student teams tackle community-based, real-life challenges, is just one of many examples. All students develop international competencies and have diverse opportunities to study, train, do projects or study trips abroad. With our alumni as proof, Howest meets the changing needs of society and equips its students for the future.

Howest sets the standard for socially relevant, practice and value oriented education, research and services to society, with a wide regional and international outlook.

Howest University of Applied Sciences is open-minded and pluralistic, with respect for diversity. Howest inspires its staff and students to integrate its core values "serve-empower-care" in their professional and personal lives.



Ananth Samyukta, from India, student bachelor Industrial Product Design.
Photo credits to **Susana Zaldívar Rueda**, exchange student from Mexico.

OUR 2024-2025 PROGRAMMES

15 full degrees/programmes in English

[Bachelor of Digital Arts and Entertainment \(DAE - 3 yrs - 180 ECTS\)](#)

- **6 majors:** Game Development, Visual Effects (VFX), 3D Animation, Game Graphics Production, Independent Game Production, Sound Design

[Bachelor of Digital Design and Development \(Devine - 3 yrs - 180 ECTS\)](#)

[Bachelor of Applied Computer Science, major Cyber Security Professional \(3 years - 180 ECTS\)](#)

[Bachelor of Industrial Product Design \(3 years - 180 ECTS\)](#)

[Bachelor of Creative Technologies and AI \(3 yrs - 180 ECTS\)](#)

[Advanced Bachelor of Bioinformatics \(1 year - 60 ECTS\)](#)

[Postgraduate Certificate in Global Business Management \(60 ECTS\)](#)

[Postgraduate Certificate in Migration and Refugees \(30/60 ECTS\)](#)

[European Master in Sustainable Energy System Management](#)

[Master in Game Technology](#) **NEW**

24 English-taught bachelor's semesters for exchange

(all with a minimum of 30 ECTS-credits)

[AI Engineer \(autumn\)](#)

[Applied Computer Science I & II \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[Applied Health & Lifestyle Sciences \(autumn\)](#)

[Bioinformatics I & II \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[Collaborative Design Studio \(autumn\)](#)

[Creative Communication Project \(spring\)](#)

[Design for Impact \(spring\)](#)

[Design for Industry \(spring\)](#)

[Destination Development in Tourism \(autumn\)](#)

[Digital Arts and Entertainment \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[Digital Design and Development \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[Global Business Management I & II \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[Integrated Building Design and Construction \(autumn\)](#)

[Journalism \(autumn\)](#)

[Migration and Refugees \(autumn or full year\)](#)

[Nursing Programme \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[We Teach the World - Teacher Training \(autumn\)](#)



Stephany Garcia Henao (left) and Jessica Navarro, both from the USA, studying Industrial Product Design

YAOJIA MA / CHINA

"The 5 months I spent studying Global Business Management at Howest was one of the happiest times of my life. All the friends, classmates, teachers, and even the staff in the shops, that I met were much sweeter than Belgian chocolate and waffles. ☺"

I am truly grateful to have been an international student at Howest and the experience will remain one of the most valuable treasures in my life."



LEO WEISSENSTEINER / AUSTRIA

"I feel extremely privileged to have been able to do this exchange semester at Howest, and can only recommend it to anyone who has the chance. It was truly fascinating to meet new people from all over the world and learn from their diverse perspectives."

I had the opportunity to take classes with internationals as well as with local students. The AI Engineer program was challenging but also rewarding. If you want to take your skills in Artificial Intelligence to the next level, this is the way to go."

It was very exciting to explore the local culture firsthand. Belgium, especially Flanders, is a great, modern, and innovative place to live. The people are open-minded and extraordinarily friendly."



JESSICA NAVARRO / USA

"My time abroad gave me so much insight into myself. It was the best decision I have ever taken. Howest was such a welcoming community, from the faculty and professors to my fellow students. The culture that Howest cultivates for its international students is nothing short of exceptional."



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Howest is one of the 8 members of the RUN-EU alliance, established in 2020 under the European Universities Initiative. RUN-EU is focused on delivering future and advanced skills to its students, and on achieving thorough regional impact in the countries where it has campuses: Austria, Finland, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, the Netherlands, and Belgium. Via the RUN-EU membership, Howest can offer its students and staff countless short- or long-term international learning and research opportunities, on campus or abroad, on top of the traditional Erasmus or intercontinental mobility experiences with our global network. To name only a few: the RUN-EU Short Advanced Programmes, the RUN-EU Weeks, double/multiple degrees, or professional and practice-based research master's and PhD programmes.



OUR STATE-OF-THE-ART RESEARCH

Howest University of Applied Sciences has a long history of knowledge collaboration with large, international corporations and local SME's. Almost all of our [research projects](#) are either demand driven or in close collaboration with enterprises.

Our **research and innovation labs** have a clear focus on applied research. They are organised around top-notch, highly skilled and innovative research teams. Howest's research and innovation labs bring

innovation to life, using the principles of quadruple helix innovation in which government, academia, industry and citizens collaborate to leverage structural changes. Our 250 researchers anticipate the future by applying interdisciplinary research and creating bridges between domains and curricula, with our study programmes acting like living labs for many research topics. For-profit and social profit organisations alike, from our academic and industrial network worldwide, benefit from our knowhow and expertise.

Howest's strong research niches within its academic fields:

COMPANY & ORGANISATION

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
CIRCULAR BUSINESS MODELS
DIGITAL MARKETING & COMMUNICATION
SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION
DIGITAL STORYTELLING

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

VIRTUAL & AUGMENTED REALITY
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
BLOCKCHAIN & CYBERSECURITY
BIOINFORMATICS
SMART ENERGY SYSTEMS
BIG DATA
DESIGN FOR EVERYONE

HUMAN SCIENCE & WELLBEING

VITAL CITIES & COMPANIES
PREVENTIVE HEALTHCARE
SERIOUS GAMES
ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT
EDUCATIVE TECHNOLOGY



WELCOME TO HOWEST!

Housing

Howest Student Affairs ([Stuvo](#)) helps our international students find suitable accommodation. We have [housing possibilities](#) in our own student residence or via the private market. A student room in Bruges will typically cost between €300 and €520 per month, costs included; a studio flat between €450 and €600. A student room in Kortrijk will generally cost between €300 and €540 per month, costs included.

A buddy for every international student!

International students will have [buddies](#) to welcome and inform them, show them around in Bruges or Kortrijk, introduce them to student life at our campuses and make them feel at home. We want all incoming students to be well connected with local students and well guided during their stay in Belgium.

Orientation Week

Each semester we organise a full-time orientation week before the start of the actual lessons, free of charge. Through fun team-building activities and excursions, incoming students get to know other international and local students, their Howest campus, the Howest cities Kortrijk & Bruges and other beautiful places in Flanders.



Jihye Kim from South Korea and Marin Mitsugi from Japan with Howest buddy Dinka Joy Gijssels, in Bruges.



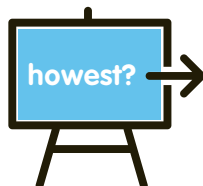
Orientation Week at Howest Kortrijk

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50 postgraduate
certificates &
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30 bachelor's
programmes

24 English-taught
semesters

13 associate
degrees

2 (European)
master's

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773
employees



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member of
Ghent University
Association

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member of
RUN REGIONAL
UNIVERSITY
NETWORK
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY



220 (registered)
student-entrepreneurs
(AY 23-24)

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±10.000
students



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2.056
degrees a year



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225

international academic
partnerships



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1.054

international
students
coming from

100
countries



+ €8 million
a year on research
and innovation