



Belgium

Studying at Uhasseft





Localization of Hasselt

Hasselt is a city in the province of Limburg, in the northeastern part of Belgium. It is located about 70 kilometers east of Brussels and close to the Dutch border. Hasselt is known for its historic center, lively shopping streets, and as the capital of Limburg.

The city center is pedestrian and accessible by bike.

The language is Dutch, but everyone speaks good English.

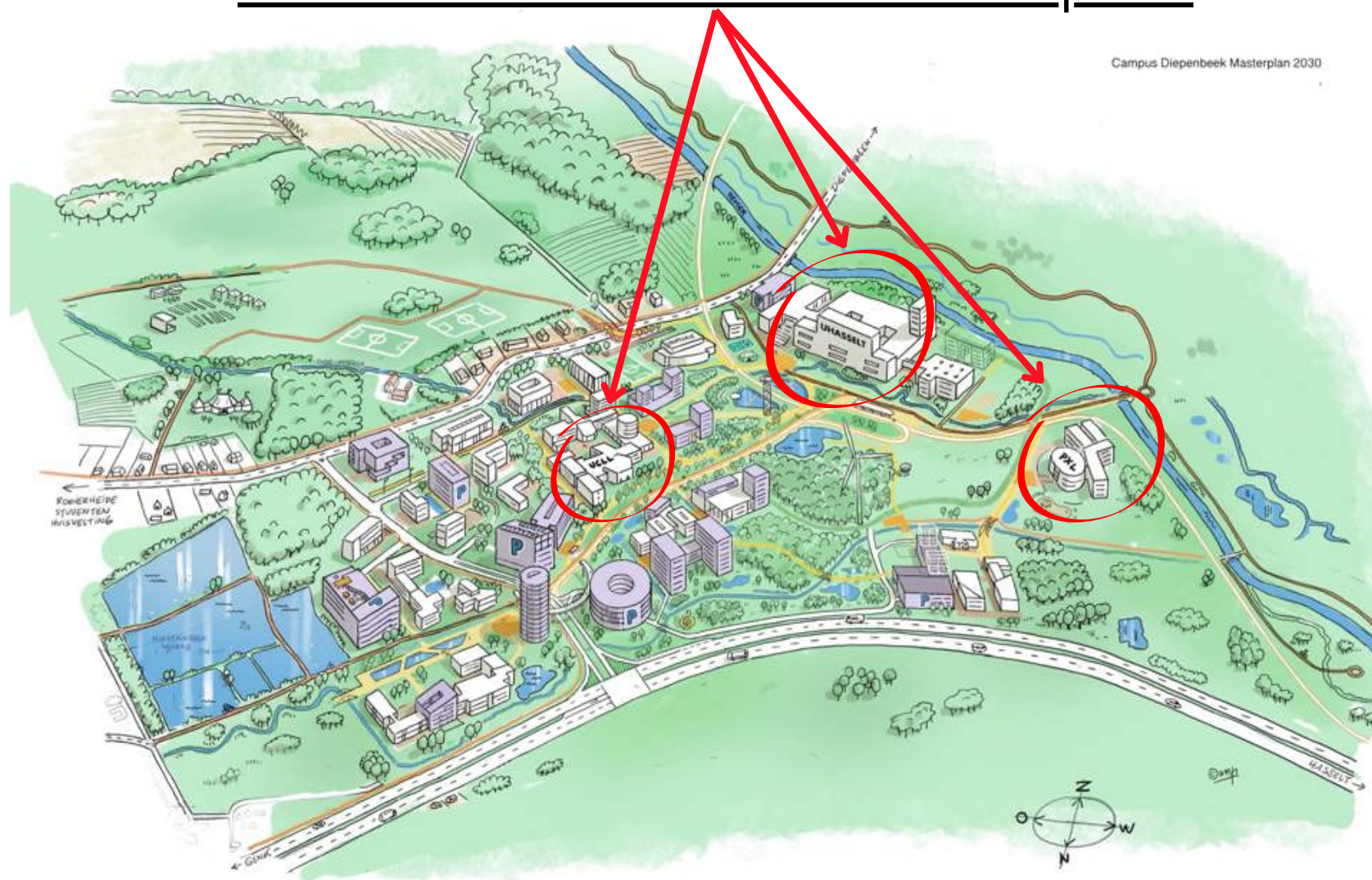


Campus

UHasselt has two campuses :

The main campus in Diepenbeek, which hosts engineering, business, and other programs.
The other campus in Hasselt city center, which focuses on law, transport, and social sciences.

Where most of the courses take place



Diepenbeek Campus



Hasselt Campus

Bike

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In Hasselt and the surrounding, cycling is the main way to get around. You can rent an old bike for €25 for the whole semester. Buses stop running quite early, usually around 10–11 p.m.

Bikes have their own lanes, separate from cars.

There are cycling paths everywhere, and they are well-lit and safe.

Old bike doesn't have gears, but Belgium is mostly flat.

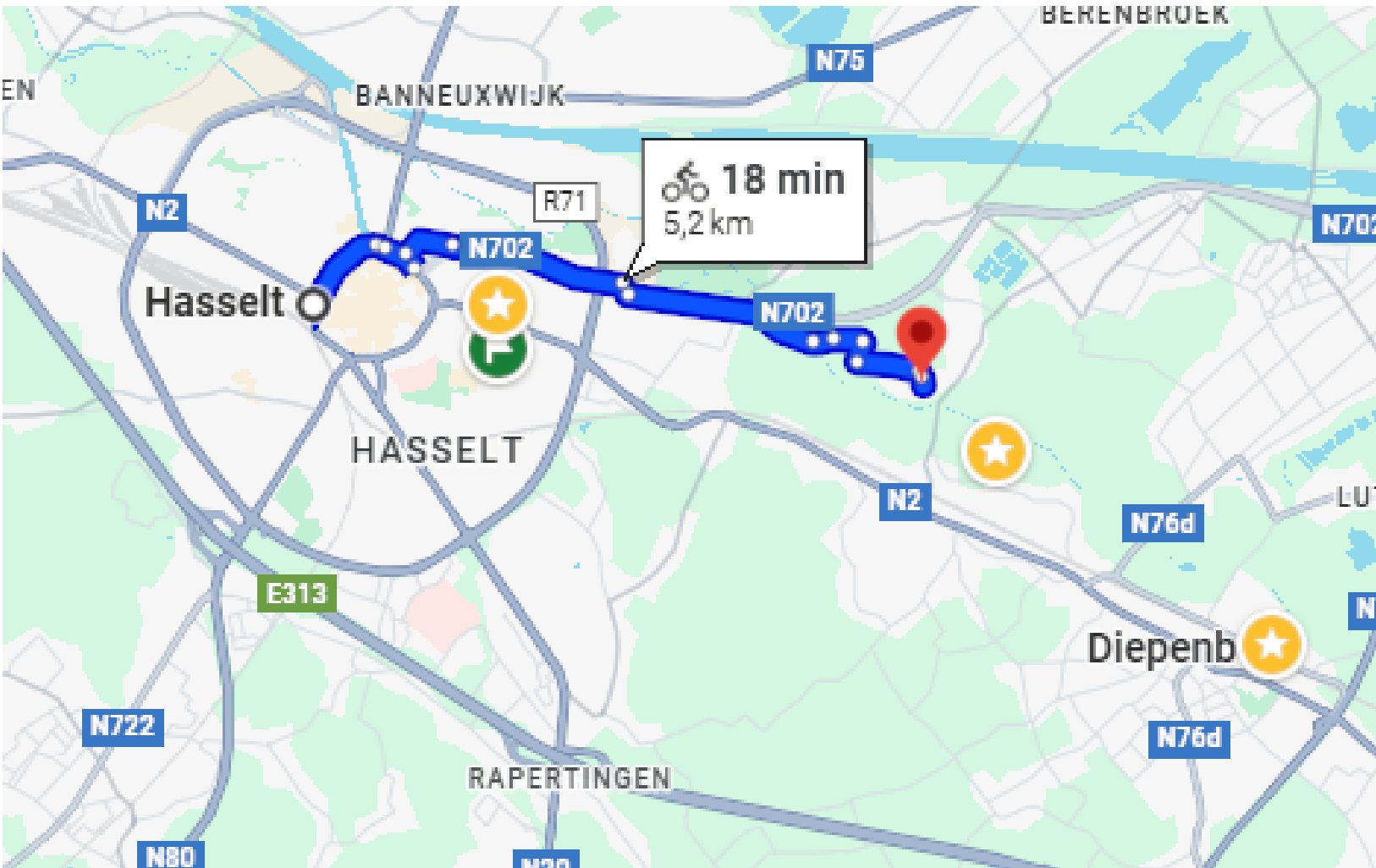


Housing

Students can live in Hasselt, a city, or in Diepenbeek, which has a more countryside feel, it depends on personal preference. UHasselt's website provides links and resources to help students find housing.

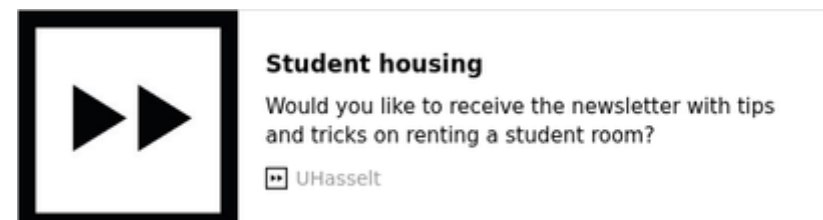
If you don't have a car I recommend staying in Hasselt.

There are no washing machines in student housing, because many go home on weekends. Use the laundromat around your place.



Bike travel from Hasselt to the main campus

The link from UHasselt website :



Life in Hasselt/Diepenbeek

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There are almost no people on the streets at late night, and the shops close quite early.

Bars also close early, sometimes at midnight and sometimes at 2 a.m., depending on the day.

There are a lot of international students, sometimes they are older like 30/40 years old.

On weekend, Belgiums student go back to their parents house.



Courses

The available courses have changed, but here are the ones I took. You can choose from several master's programs like engineering and business.

Course unit	ECTS
3859 Change Management	6,00
4485 Innovation in materials technology	4,00
4311 Colloidal chemistry and rheology	3,00
4547 Master project electromechanical engineering technology	9,00
5019 Advanced power systems	4,00
3318 International module Electronics - Software Systems	4,00

There are a lot of different courses, you should take those that interest you.

How to choose your course program :
7ECTS in Scientific courses
7ECTS in Engineering courses
9 ECTS in Management courses
The minimum required is 30 ECTS in total

PS : If you take a master project, try to have a subject before the Erasmus start.
There are a lot of subject possible, you have to look on the site or send a e-mail to the coordinator for help, she speaks French.

Coordinator e-mail :
karine.evers@uhasselt.be

Courses

Here is an example of a week.
During free time, there is also the project work.
I had to go regularly to the robotics lab to design an automatic opener for aluminum packages.

The course lectures can be found online if you miss any.

All the course for exchange student are in English.

Belgium students and international students in class.

week 7	Monday, 10 February 2025 - S				
	Activities of all types shown				
	Mon 10 Feb	Tue 11 Feb	Wed 12 Feb	Thu 13 Feb	Fri 14 Feb
8:00					
9:00			09:00 - 12:00 3859 - Change Management - Hoorcollege B104		09:00 - 12:00 5019 - Advanced power systems - Applicatiecollege B-N113
10:00		10:00 - 13:00 4485 - Innovation in materials technology - AC - Keuzevak H-B211 Student set(s): IIW_ma_CE, IIW_ma_EA-ICT, IIW_ma_EM-AU1, IIW_ma_EM-AU2, IIW_ma_EM-OP1, and 4 other... DAENEN Michael Prof. dr. ir. Applicatiecollege	Student set(s): 3859 - EM economie volledig traject, 3859 - exchange TEW, 3859 - master HW AFF, 3859 - master HW MM, 3859 - master HW OM, and 7 other... VERHEIJEN Luc Prof. Hoorcollege		Student set(s): IIW_ma_EN (English) CERVONE Andrea dr. Applicatiecollege
11:00					
12:00					
13:00					
14:00					
15:00	15:15 - 17:15 4311 - Colloidal chemistry and rheology - Hoorcollege B-P5 Student set(s): IIW_3ba_CE-VV/FF, IIW_S_CE-agro/bio, IIW_S_CE-kort, IIW_S_CE-lana				
16:00					
17:00					

Erasmus Welcome

I was warmly welcomed with all the Erasmus students the first week

I had a trip to Amsterdam for King's Day (ESN).

I spent most of my time with a small Erasmus group.

There were fun events like BDE-style parties and ping pong tournaments.

The campus also has plenty of ways to enjoy student life including : Basic fit, Paddle , Party...



Academic Calendar / Useful Link

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This link is very useful, it has all the website you will need during your stay :

<https://www.uhasselt.be/en/info-for/current-students>

If you have any questions you can always send a mail to the Coordinator, Karine Evers

Coordinator e-mail :
karine.evers@uhasselt.be

semester 1	Deadline deregistration programme component	15/09/2025 - 9/11/2025
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	Teaching period	15/09/2025 - 9/01/2026
	Holidays	27/10/2025 - 2/11/2025
	Collective closure	1/11/2025 - 2/11/2025
	Collective closure	10/11/2025 - 11/11/2025
	Holidays	22/12/2025 - 4/01/2026
	Collective closure	24/12/2025 - 4/01/2026
	Examination period	10/01/2026 - 31/01/2026
	Master thesis defense	31/01/2026 - 31/01/2026
	Inter semestral recess	2/02/2026 - 8/02/2026
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	Meeting Examination Board's Office	10/02/2026 - 11/02/2026
	Announcement of the examination results	12/02/2026 - 12/02/2026
	Inspection of examinations	13/02/2026 - 18/02/2026
semester 2	Deadline deregistration programme component	15/09/2025 - 29/03/2026
	Teaching period	9/02/2026 - 29/05/2026
	Collective closure	6/04/2026 - 6/04/2026
	Holidays	6/04/2026 - 19/04/2026
	Collective closure	1/05/2026 - 2/05/2026
	Collective closure	14/05/2026 - 16/05/2026
	Collective closure	25/05/2026 - 25/05/2026
	Examination period	30/05/2026 - 22/06/2026
	Master thesis defense	19/06/2026 - 19/06/2026
	Postponed first examination opportunity in case of circumstances beyond one's control	22/06/2026 - 22/06/2026
	Meeting Examination Board	24/06/2026 - 24/06/2026
	Meeting Examination Board's Office	24/06/2026 - 24/06/2026
	Announcement of the examination results	25/06/2026 - 25/06/2026
	Inspection of examinations	26/06/2026 - 26/06/2026
2 nd chance	Examination period	17/08/2026 - 7/09/2026
	Master thesis defense	4/09/2026 - 4/09/2026
	Postponed first examination opportunity in case of circumstances beyond one's control	7/09/2026 - 7/09/2026
	Meeting Examination Board	9/09/2026 - 9/09/2026
	Meeting Examination Board's Office	9/09/2026 - 9/09/2026
	Announcement of the examination results	10/09/2026 - 10/09/2026
	Inspection of examinations	11/09/2026 - 11/09/2026

Conclusion

I had a great time there, everyone was friendly and understanding

I recommend to go there if you want some time for yourself and not stress too much

Try not to stick only with French Erasmus students, or you won't learn or experience much.

A lot of differences from ENSGSI, you will be surprised in a positive way

