

UCLouvain,  
since 1425  
and tomorrow



# A diverse and open community

UCLouvain has every confidence in the men and women who work and study at the university to advance knowledge and provide answers to the questions facing society.

**38,000**

**students,**  
20% of whom  
are international

**6,000**

students  
in **continuing  
education**

**2,200**

**teachers,**  
16% of whom are  
international

**3,600**

**researchers,**  
30% of whom  
are international

**2,100**

administrative  
and technical  
**staff**

**10,300**

**people**  
employed in  
**university  
hospitals**

**8,400**

**science park  
employees**

**190,000**

**alumni,**  
123 nationalities



**1,600 students**  
get involved in a social,  
cultural or athletic  
project supported  
by the university.



Each year, roughly **one  
of every two university  
diplomas** in French-  
speaking Belgium is  
awarded by UCLouvain.



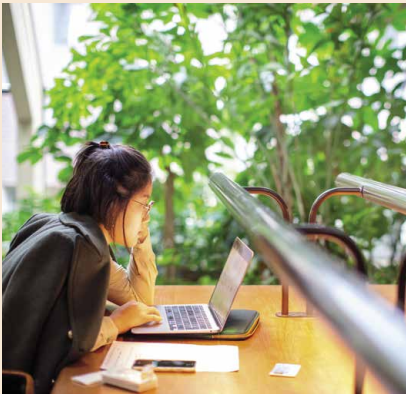
**Nearly 300 PhD  
students,** half of them  
international, defend  
their theses every year.





### A passion for research

The 3,600 UCLouvain researchers represent an impressive pool of knowledge and skills. Their quality can be measured by the number of European Research Council (ERC) grants, the European grants of excellence, that they win each year: in 2023, they numbered 56. UCLouvain scientists also benefit from the LouvainTRANSFER “turnkey” service for promoting their research results.



### Innovative and open teaching

At UCLouvain, teachers are encouraged to place innovation at the core of their teaching. To this end, they can count on the support of the Louvain Learning Lab (LLL), a leader in its field. In addition, since sharing knowledge with as many people as possible is one of its key missions, the university has placed open science and open education at the centre of an ambitious digital transformation project.

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Above all, the university is a place where we prepare the young to assert themselves.

**Denis Mukwege,**  
gynaecologist in Kivu, DRC,  
Nobel Peace Prize winner,  
Sakharov Prize winner,  
2014 UCLouvain honorary  
doctorate recipient





# Understanding and taking action

Understanding the world, analysing the major challenges facing society and developing strategies to meet them: UCLouvain's ambition is to inspire and educate citizens capable of providing innovative solutions for building a sustainable future.



## Education in all areas of knowledge

UCLouvain offers a full range of bachelor's and master's degree courses in its three sectors: **social sciences and humanities, science and technology, and health sciences.**

Bachelor's students have the opportunity to enrich their course with an elective for the purpose of broadening their horizons and embracing a multidisciplinary approach.

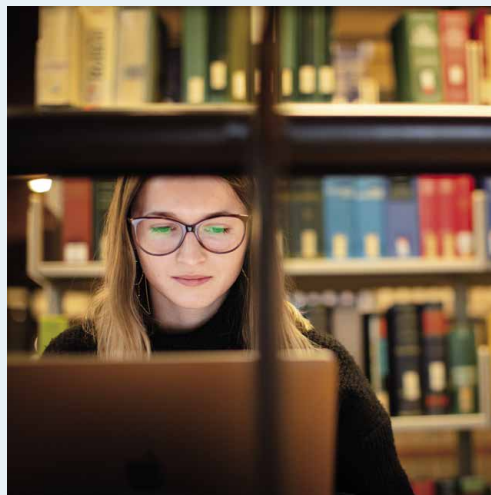
## An interdisciplinary approach to research

Aware of the need for a global and interdisciplinary approach to studying certain societal issues, UCLouvain launched "**Louvain4**". These consortia bring together researchers from all university sectors to focus on major contemporary issues such as energy, nutrition, space and migration.

20

faculties

▼  
UCLouvain is at the heart  
of **Europe's largest  
science park.**



207

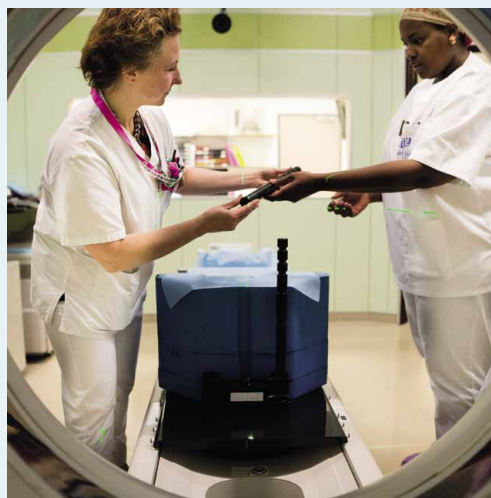
master's  
programmes,  
73 bachelor's  
programmes,  
50 doctoral schools

▼  
**35 research chairs** and  
**15 dedicated funds** are  
financed by sponsorship  
via the Fondation  
Louvain.

213

continuing  
education  
programmes

▼  
UCLouvain is at the  
centre of a network of  
**hospitals** representing  
almost **half the beds**  
**in French-speaking  
Belgium.**



23

research  
institutes,  
51 technology  
platforms

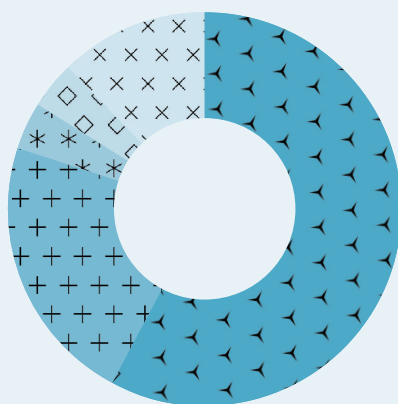
2,500

research projects  
per year

€316

million annual  
investment in  
research

### University funding sources



Public funding	58 %
Research agreements	22 %
Tuition fees	4 %
Services for third parties	4 %
Assets and sponsorship	12 %

2

science parks,  
282 companies,  
68 active spin-offs

2

university  
hospitals,  
1,909 beds

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It is by  
cultivating  
our inner  
passion that  
we find the  
strength to  
choose, to act  
and to adapt.

**Laurence Tubiana,**  
French economist and  
diplomat, 2021 UCLouvain  
honorary doctorate  
recipient





# At the heart of the world

UCLouvain has been open to the world since its founding in 1425. This openness takes the form of numerous international partnerships, as well as a commitment to ecological, social and economic transition.

548

Erasmus+  
partners

56

European  
Research Council  
(ERC) grants

36

master's  
programmes  
taught in English

440

projects financed  
by **European  
framework  
programmes**

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**carbon neutrality**  
of our buildings  
by 2035

200

course offerings  
on **sustainable  
development**

50

percentage of soft  
**mobility among  
staff**

80

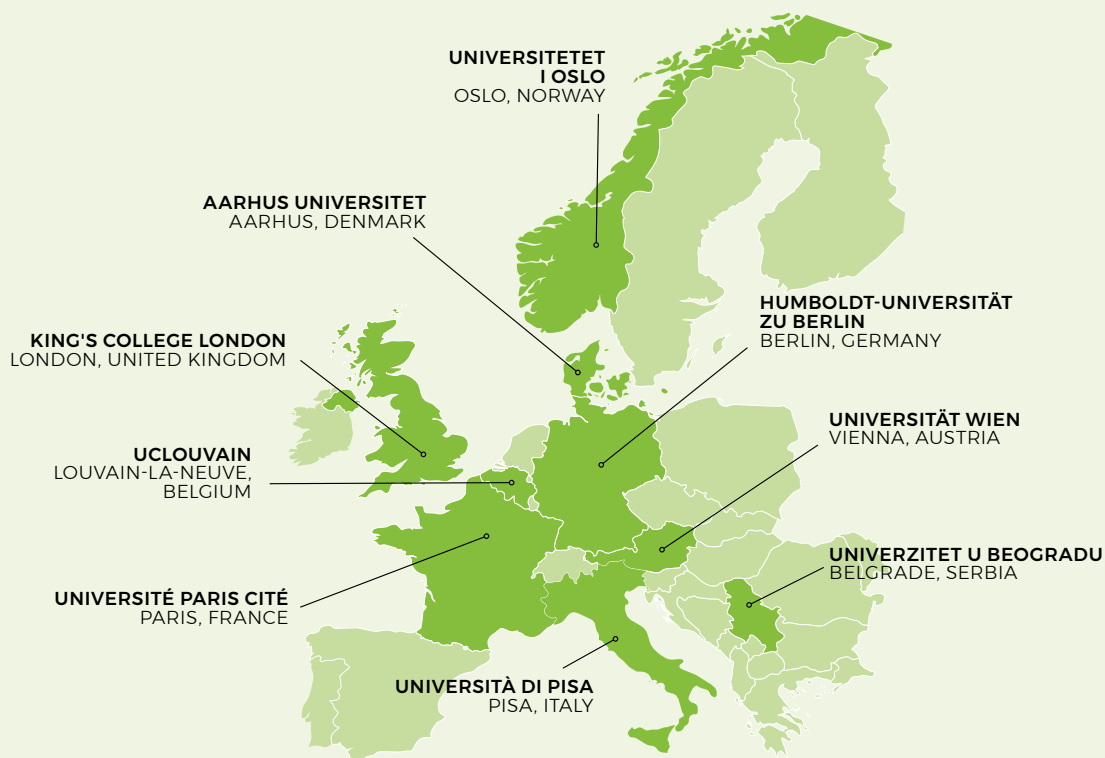
actions carried  
out as part of the  
**first transition plan**



Nearly **a third of UCLouvain's graduates** completed part of their education abroad.



The leading Belgian university in terms of sustainable development, UCLouvain is in the top 100 of the **THE's "Impact"** rankings.



**UCLouvain is  
part of the  
Circle U. alliance**

Nine European universities are committed to contributing to more sustainable, democratic and healthy societies.



## Culture: a window on the universal

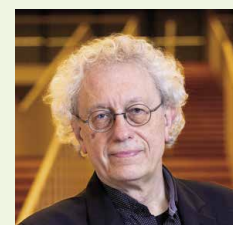
An artist in residence, a cultural season, a minor in culture and creativity, cultural development funds... culture is everywhere at UCLouvain. Through their many initiatives, students make a major contribution to its development. In 2017,

the university inaugurated a major art and science museum, "Musée L". This is a powerful symbol of the university's determination to place culture at the heart of the scientific process.

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To create is  
to resist. To  
resist is to  
create.

**Bernard Foccroulle,**  
Belgian musician,  
composer and opera  
director, 2024 UCLouvain  
honorary doctorate  
recipient



# A university on eight campuses

Located in Belgium, at the crossroads between the major European capitals, UCLouvain is based in Louvain-la-Neuve, some 30 kilometres south of Brussels. The town, created in 1971 by the university, offers a unique living environment in Belgium.



It boasts innovative architecture, a pedestrian-only centre and a wide range of social and cultural activities. The university has seven additional campuses in Brussels and Wallonia.

## Louvain-la-Neuve

Social sciences and humanities  
Science and technology  
Physical education, physiotherapy

## Brussels Woluwe

Medicine and dentistry  
Pharmacy and biomedical science  
Public health  
University hospital

## Saint-Louis Brussels

Philosophy, letters and humanities  
Law  
Economic, social and political sciences  
Communication  
Translation and interpreting

## Mons

Information and communication  
Economics and management  
Political and social sciences

## Brussels Saint-Gilles

Architecture

## Tournai

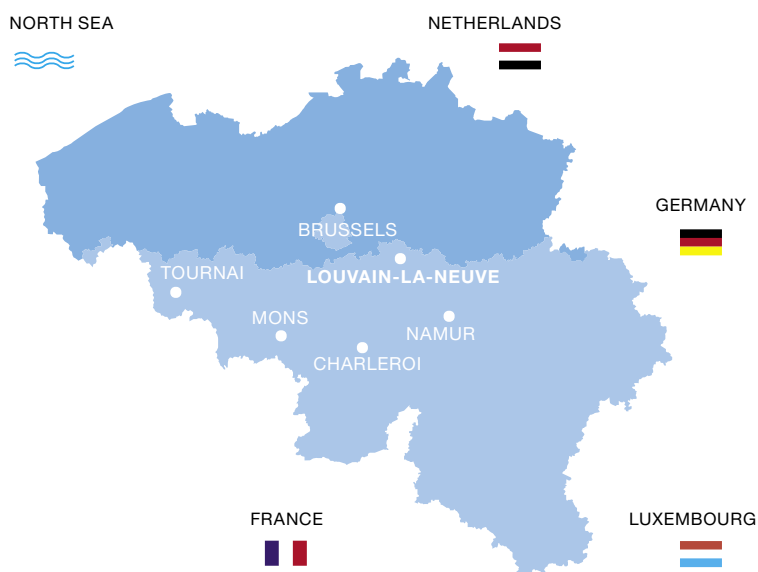
Architecture

## Charleroi

Management

## Namur

University hospital



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