



**GHENT
UNIVERSITY**



 **FACULTY OF ENGINEERING
AND ARCHITECTURE**

HOW TO DECIDE WHERE TO STUDY ABROAD ?

When choosing to study abroad, consider what matters most to you:

- **THE COUNTRY:** Belgium is at the heart of Europe, with London, Paris, and Amsterdam just a short trip away.
- **THE CITY:** Ghent, dubbed “Belgium’s best-kept secret” by Lonely Planet, offers a unique blend of charm and excitement.
- **UNIVERSITY RANKING:** UGent ranks 12th among nearly 200 engineering programmes in the Europe, according to [EngiRank](#).
- **THE WEATHER:** Definitively not our strongest suit, expect moderate to warm summers and cool winters with frequent overcast skies.

Ultimately, it’s about finding the perfect fit for your interests and goals.

WHAT CAN WE OFFER ?



FUNDAMENTAL, BROADENING & SPECIALIZED ENGINEERING COURSES

A large number of fundamental and specialized courses on master’s level are available in English in almost all engineering disciplines.



THESIS PROJECTS & RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

Doing cutting-edge research in one of our research labs. Many topics are multidisciplinary in nature and combine multiple engineering disciplines.



WORLDWIDE NETWORK

Meet new people and build a network all around the world. Joining one of the student chapters can bring you in touch with local & international students as well as other exchange students.

WHY CHOOSE ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE ?



EDUCATION BY WORLD-CLASS RESEARCHERS

The education is given by professors who not only excel in teaching but also excel in research on a European and even worldwide scale. A fair number of professors have received a prestigious European Research Council Grant.



ACCREDITATION

All of our master programmes, courses and curriculum were audited by CTI (Commission des Titres d'Ingénieur), as part of the EUR-ACE® quality audit carried out by ENAEE (European Network for Accreditation of Engineering Education).



STRONG STUDENT CHAPTERS

The students chapters make you feel welcome in our community, they organize courses, games, sports-activities and lots of parties as well. many of them have a buddy program.

- Vlaamse Technologische Kring ([VTK](#))
- Board of European Students of Technology ([BEST](#))
- International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience ([IAESTE](#))
- Erasmus Student Network ([ESN](#))
- For many specific disciplines, there are student chapters available as well...



VIBRANT CITY LIFE

Enjoy the city of Ghent, a student city with plenty of leisure possibilities, cinemas, museums, exhibitions, bars & clubs, restaurants, sports facilities, ...

ABOUT GENT



“Smack in the middle of Brussels, Bruges and Antwerp, Ghent distils their greatest attributes into one engaging and enchanting city.”



ABOUT UGENT

Ghent University, founded in 1817, is one of the top 100 universities in the Dutch language area, with more than 44,000 students and 15,000 staff members.

Our 11 faculties are divided into 86 departments and offer high-quality and research-supported training courses in most scientific disciplines.

Ghent University	#
Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai Ranking) 2024	90
U.S. News Best Global Universities Ranking 2024	109
Times Higher Education (THE) World Universities Ranking 2025	112
QS World University Ranking 2025	169
QS Sustainability Ranking 2024	24
Best Engineering Universities in Europe (EngiRank) 2024	12

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FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE

- 10 departments
- About 50 research teams
- About 130 FTE Professors
- Over 100 Doctoral Degrees per year
- Over 700 International publications per year
- Total student population (BSc + MSc): 4900

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Departments:

Architecture and urban planning

Information technology

Electronics and information systems

Telecommunication and information processing

Electromechanical, Systems and Metal Engineering

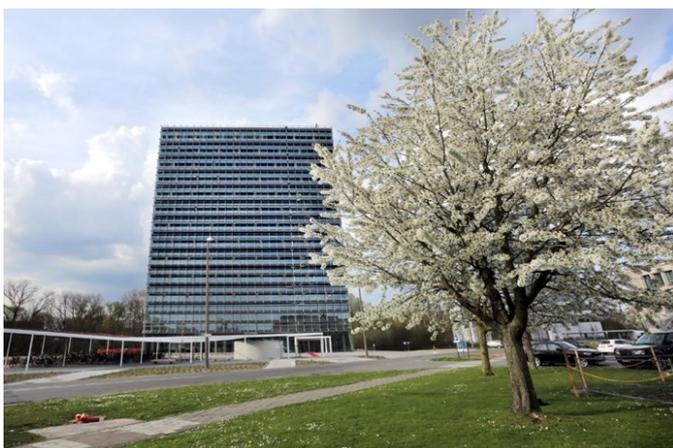
Materials, Textiles and Chemical Engineering

Structural engineering and Building Materials

Civil engineering

Applied physics

Industrial systems engineering and product design



ENGINEERING PROGRAMMES

English-taught | 2 year | 120 credits

- Biomedical engineering
- Chemical engineering
- Civil engineering
- Computer science engineering
- Electrical engineering
- Engineering physics
- Fire safety engineering
- Industrial engineering and operations research
- Mechanical and Electrical Systems Engineering
- Photonics engineering
- Ships and Marine Technology
- Sustainable materials engineering



→ **All courses available in English and available for exchange students**

Dutch-taught | 2 year | 120 credits

- Architecture
- Urbanism and Spatial Planning

→ **A large number of courses available in English for exchange students**

Dutch-taught | 1 year | 60 credits

- Civil Engineering Technology
- Chemical Engineering Technology
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Electromechanical Engineering Technology
- Electronics and ICT Engineering Technology
- Industrial Design Engineering Technology
- Information Engineering Technology
- Land Survey Engineering Technology
- Machine and Production Automation



→ **A fair number of courses available in English for exchange students**

ENGINEERING (120 ECTS)

Biomedical Engineering

- English-taught
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Patrick Segers](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/biomedical-engineering

Chemical Engineering

- English-taught
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Mark Saeys](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/chemical-engineering

Civil Engineering

- English-taught
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Hans De Backer](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/civil-engineering

Computer Science Engineering

- English-taught
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Jan Fostier](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/computer-science-engineering

Electrical Engineering

- English-taught
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Heidi Steendam](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/electrical-engineering

Engineering Physics

- English-taught
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Sven Rogge](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/engineering-physics

ENGINEERING (120 ECTS)

Fire Safety Engineering

- English-taught
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Ruben Van Coile](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/fire-safety-engineering

Industrial Engineering and Operations Research

- English-taught
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Stijn De Vuyst](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/industrial-engineering-operations-research

Mechanical and Electrical Systems Engineering

- English-taught
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Frederik De Belie](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/mechanical-electrical-systems-engineering

Photonics Engineering

- English-taught
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Bart Kuyken](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/photonics-engineering

Ships and Marine Technology

- English-taught
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Evert Lataire](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/ships-marine-technology

Sustainable Materials Engineering

- English-taught
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Leo Kestens](#), [Prof. Lode Daelemans](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/sustainable-materials-engineering

ARCHITECTURE (120 ECTS)

Architecture

- Dutch-taught, large offer English-taught courses for exchange students
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Nathan Van Den Bossche](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/engineering-architecture

Urbanism and Spatial Planning

- Dutch-taught, number of English-taught courses for exchange students
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Michiel Dehaene](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/urbanism-spatial-planning

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (60 ECTS)

Civil Engineering Technology

- Dutch-taught, number of English-taught courses for exchange students
- Exchange coordinator: [Antony Tetaert](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/civil-engineering-technology

Chemical Engineering Technology

- Dutch-taught, number of English-taught courses for exchange students
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Greta Diricks](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/chemical-engineering-technology

Electrical Engineering Technology

- Dutch-taught, number of English-taught courses for exchange students
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Ludwig Cardon](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/electrical-engineering

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (60 ECTS)

Electromechanical Engineering Technology

- Dutch-taught, number of English-taught courses for exchange students
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Ludwig Cardon](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/electromechanical-engineering-technology

Electronics and ICT Engineering Technology

- Dutch-taught, number of English-taught courses for exchange students
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Jo Verhaever](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/electronics-ict-engineering-technology

Industrial Design Engineering Technology

- Dutch-taught, number of English-taught courses for exchange students
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Michael Monte](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/industrial-design-engineering-technology

Information Engineering Technology

- Dutch-taught, number of English-taught courses for exchange students
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Eli De Poorter](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/information-engineering-technology

Land Survey Engineering Technology

- Dutch-taught, limited offer of English-taught courses for exchange students
- Exchange coordinator: [Antony Tetaert](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/land-survey-engineering-technology

Machine and Production Automation Engineering Technology

- Dutch-taught, number of English-taught courses for exchange students
- Exchange coordinator: [Prof. Michael Monte](#)
- Courses: studiekiezer.ugent.be/mpa-engineering-technology

USEFUL INFORMATION

GRADING

Local mark:

- Mark out of 20
- Max = 20/20
- Minimum to pass = 10/20

Percentile on transcript of records (ToR)

On the UGent ToR the ECTS percentile is displayed per 'individual educational component' (= course unit to which credits are awarded). The ECTS percentile provides insight into how the student performs compared to other students in that study field.

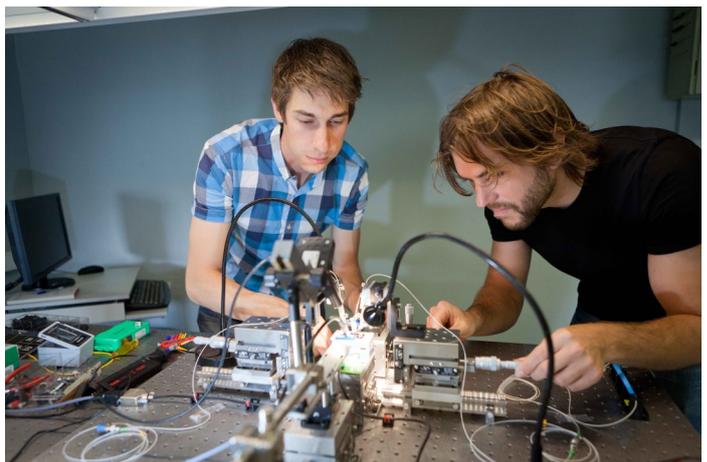
This is indicated as follows: ECTS percentile: A(B)C, e.g. 30(20)50

- A = percentage of students obtaining grades strictly lower than your grade
- B = percentage of students obtaining exactly your grade
- C = percentage of students obtaining grades strictly higher than your grade
- nra = no records available (this means there were not enough marks to make the result statistically valid)

Failure at exams

2nd chance exam session in summer period (mid August - mid September)

= only official period to repeat exams!



TIMING OF THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR (EXAMPLE AY24-25)

CALENDAR 1ST SEMESTER

Lectures & exams



22 Sep: Start of lectures

22 Sep – 13 Dec: 12 weeks of lectures

15 Dec – 20 Dec: Catch-up activities

05 Jan – 31 Jan: 4 weeks of exams

Holidays



01 Nov: All Saints Day

02 Nov: All Souls Day

11 Nov: Armistice Day

22 Dec – 03 Jan: Christmas recess

02 Feb – 07 Feb: Inter-term recess

CALENDAR 2ND SEMESTER

Lectures & exams



09 Feb: Start of lectures

09 Feb – 04 Apr: 8 weeks of lectures

20 Apr – 16 May: 4 weeks of lectures

18 May – 20 May: Catch-up activities

26 May – 04 July: 6 weeks of exams

Holidays



20 Mar: Dies Natalis

06 Apr – 18 Apr: Easter recess

01 May: Labor Day

14 May: Ascension Day

15 May: Bridge Day

25 May: Whit Monday

6 July – 15 Aug: Summer recess

APPLICATION PROCEDURE



ELIGIBLE TO APPLY ?

- Have obtained 180 ECTS prior to the start of the exchange
- B2 English language level



DEADLINES

COURSES (CAN INCLUDE THESIS)

→ Start in the 1st semester, the deadline is **15 May**

→ Start in the 2nd semester, the deadline is **15 November**

TRAINEESHIP / RESEARCH STAY (FOR BSc, MSc & PhD STUDENTS)

→ One month prior to arrival



THESIS / TRAINEESHIP / RESEARCH STAY

- Find a UGent supervisor prior to the exchange
- Thesis as a credited course: include the Thesis Information Sheet
- Thesis research (not for credits): apply for Erasmus+ Traineeship



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

ugent.be/ea/en/for-exchange-students



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Incoming Exchange Students



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