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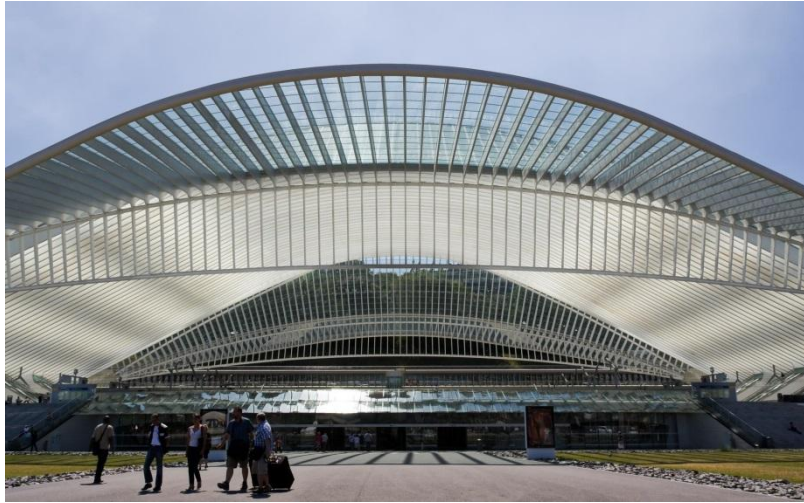
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ERASMUS+ :

learning to learn and to teach in FRENCH IMMERSION



HELMo Campus des Coteaux



Liège Guillemins station

Welcome ...
in the French Community of Belgium ...
in Liège ...
at HELMo Campus des Coteaux (Sainte-Croix) ...



Bruxelles bilingue
Communauté Française
Communauté Flamande
Communauté Germanophone



Le Perron, place du Marché

A school in the heart of the city



Situated in the historical heart of Liège, close to the city Centre, HELMo Campus des Coteaux welcomes in a renovated building about one thousand teacher trainees ready to follow, in a participative structure, a training including theory and practice.

A school on the move

Numerous and creative projects allowing for a dynamic approach which is so important for teacher trainees. Practice activities in collaboration with pre-primary, primary, secondary and high schools: « Printemps des sciences », discovery classes, didactic workshops ... Open-mindedness towards the outside world in study trips, international mobility with Erasmus programs or school practice abroad (Europe, Africa, Canada ...).



A school where we take students into account



A limited number of students in each group allowing for a personalized relationship with teachers and among students. An individual follow-up in order to build with each student the best conditions for success.

Several services for students: a library (Centre de Ressources Pédagogiques C.R.P.), free access to computers and the internet, a sustainable canteen (warm meals, soup and salad bar, sandwiches, pasta ...).

Our teacher training programs

All programs are **4-year** master's degrees, joint degrees with Liège University (ULiège).

A wide range of teacher training programs:

S1 Early childhood education:	children aged 2 ½ to 8 (<i>preschool → 2nd primary</i>)
S2 Primary education:	children aged 5 to 12 (<i>3rd pre-primary to 6th primary</i>)
S3 Secondary education:	teenagers from 10 to 15 (<i>5th primary → 3rd secondary</i>)
optional subjects:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French as a mother tongue and French as a foreign language• French and Roman Catholic religion• French and education to philosophy and citizenship• French and cultural and artistic education• English-Dutch (<i>3rd primary → 3rd secondary</i>)• English-German (<i>3rd primary → 3rd secondary</i>)• mathematics and digital learning• sciences: biology, chemistry, physics• human sciences: history, geography and social sciences• physical education (<i>preschool → 3rd secondary</i>)	

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Our Erasmus+ programs

« Learn to learn and to teach in French immersion »

You are integrated in our classes *in French immersion* during one semester or one school year. You follow lectures, take part in didactic activities, go on teaching practice and have assessment for a certain amount of ECTS.

Language	<p>French only.</p> <p>It is therefore compulsory to be fluent enough in French (minimum B1 level) in order to be able to follow lectures and to take an active part in the activities, including school placement in French.</p> <p>B2 level required for some placement (see course offer in languages)</p>
Public	<p>Teacher trainees for pre-primary, primary or secondary*</p> <p>* <i>for secondary education, please check the options we offer</i></p> <p>https://learn-pedagogique.helmo.be/course/view.php?id=1689#section-3</p>
Partner institutions	<p>Institutions which we signed a bilateral Erasmus+ contract with.</p> <p>Opportunities for new contracts.</p>
Content	<p>Lectures + school placement</p> <p>Foreign students are integrated in our classes.</p> <p>Teacher training in the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles of Belgium aims at a professional approach of the job. Therefore, students are expected to attend courses regularly and to participate actively. Those elements will be assessed.</p>
Dates	<p>1 semester or 1 school year</p> <p>(We can't accept students on a shorter Erasmus+ program)</p> <p>autumn semester: from September 9th 2026 to January 24th 2027</p> <p>spring semester: from January 29th to June 18th 2027</p> <p>Our semesters start with a few « Welcome Days » which are compulsory and included in the dates we mention.</p>
Validation	<p>ECTS for courses and school placement assessed and validated at HELMo (maximum 30 ECTS for 1 semester, 60 ECTS for 1 year).</p>
Cost	<p>The following costs will be charged to the students :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- travel- accommodation (with cooking possibility)- living expenses- photocopies, possibly purchase of books for courses- some extra-curricular activities linked to the courses- transportation costs from accommodation to school- « tourism ». <p>According to the bilateral contracts, no school fees will be charged.</p> <p>The student will receive at the end of the stay an invoice with costs linked to photocopies and extra-curricular activities.</p> <p>Opportunities for an “Erasmus+ grant” (ask your international coordinator).</p>

Course offer

- Q1 - autumn : <https://learn-pedagogique.helmo.be/course/view.php?id=3816#section-1>
- Q2 - spring : <https://learn-pedagogique.helmo.be/course/view.php?id=3816#section-2>

School placement

One of the goals is to observe pedagogical approaches in Belgium, to compare them with the ones in the home country in order to improve one's own practice as a teacher trainee.

School placement: observation

All Erasmus students will have the opportunity to observe one or several groups at pre-primary, primary or secondary level, during at least one week (1 ECTS).

* Important information:

School placement, whether in observation or active, is not available for students wearing a head scarf. That decision wasn't made by our teacher training college, but it is a rule in pre-primary, primary and secondary schools in the Liège area.

Active school placement

Pre-primary and primary

Trainees will have the opportunity to teach all subjects in pre-primary and primary classes, in French.

Non-French speaking trainees won't be in charge of the lessons in « French as a mother tongue ». They will have the opportunity to teach their mother tongue as a « foreign language » (English or Dutch, rarely German).

English or Dutch speaking trainees might have the opportunity to teach in their mother tongue in immersion schools, where part of the curriculum is taught either in Dutch or in English, but opportunities are very limited.

Secondary

Trainees will have the opportunity to teach:

- the subjects they are trained for. Those lessons will be given in French.
Non-French speaking trainees won't be in charge of the lessons in « French as a mother tongue ».
We won't be able to organize school placement in "French as a foreign language". You can hardly find this subject in the curriculum of secondary education, and the conditions are very different from lessons in FLE given abroad.
- their mother tongue as a « foreign language » (Dutch, English, German or Spanish), including a cultural approach of their home country in French.

Dutch and English-speaking students might have the opportunity to teach their subject(s) in immersion schools, where part of the curriculum is taught either in Dutch or in English (very limited opportunities).

The trainee who chooses for school placement will commit himself/herself to doing it in a serious and responsible way, in full respect of partner schools, mentors and pupils.



Accommodation

HELMo can't offer any students' room on campus.

4 options :

- Student residences (managed by private agencies)
- Student rooms belonging to private owners
- Youth hostel (temporary accommodation for the first week, the student will then have time to look for his/her own accommodation)
- Students look autonomously for their own accommodation

More information on the website:

<http://learn.helmo.be/course/view.php?id=3816#section-6> .

Any help? Get in touch with Françoise Baijot (f.baijot@helmo.be).

Admission procedure

Follow the procedure on our website :

<http://learn.helmo.be/course/view.php?id=3816#section-3>.

Deadline for registration: June 1st for autumn semester and December 1st for spring semester.

School calendar 2026-2027

Students are off on the following dates:

September 27th (Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles Day), October 22nd to November 2nd (autumn leave), November 11th (Armistice Day), from December 19th to January 3rd (winter holiday), from February 24th to March 7th (break), March 29th (Easter Monday), from April 24th to May 9th (spring holiday), May 17th (Whit Monday).

Timetable

School starts at 8.30 am and finishes at 3.05, 4.15 or 5.10 pm. Attendance and participation in courses are compulsory (even on Monday morning at 8.30 and Friday afternoon !!!). Students often have half a day off a week. Breaks from 10.20 to 10.35 am, from 12.25 to 1.15 pm and sometimes from 3.05 to 3.20 pm.

The average Belgian students spends 28 hours a week at school.

Services

All international students have access to :

- the library (CRP = centre de ressources pédagogiques)
- the computer room
- the sustainable canteen: open from 7.30 am to 3.30 pm, you can eat your own sandwiches or buy a sandwich, some snacks, soup, a salad, pasta or a warm meal (lunchtime only).

Your arrival in Liège

- *through Brussels airport (Zaventem)*

From the airport train station (level -1), catch a train to "Liège Guillemins / Luik Guillemins".

- *through Brussels-South airport (Charleroi)*

There is a bus line (line A) between "Charleroi Brussels South" airport and "Charleroi South" train station. Catch a train to "Liège Guillemins".

Some coaches also link Charleroi Brussels South airport with Liège Guillemins train station

<https://www.flibco.com/en/airports/charleroi>

- *by train*

Whatever your departure country, you will arrive at "Liège Guillemins" train station.



Looking forward to meeting you in Liège for an unforgettable experience!