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INTER-COMMUNITY PLACEMENT IN LIEGE



HELMo Campus des Coteaux



Liège Guillemins station

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





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 its 4 programs, over 1,000 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 cafeteria (warm and cold meals at low prices).

## Our teacher training programs

All programs are *3-year* bachelor courses.

A wide range of teacher training programs :

Early childhood education	(children aged 2 ½ to 6)	
Primary school education	(children aged 6 to 12)	
Secondary school education	(teenagers from 12 to 15 or more)	optional subjects :
<ul> <li>French as a mother t</li> <li>English-Dutch</li> <li>English-German</li> <li>mathematics</li> <li>sciences : biology, ch</li> </ul>	tory, geography and social sciences	e

## **International Office**

#### **Martine WILMOTS**

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## **Our inter-community placement programs**

Languages	<i>Following courses at HELMo</i> French <i>School placement</i> French + opportunities in Dutch and German	
Public	<ul> <li>Teacher trainees for pre-primary, primary or secondary school <ul> <li>either with a good level in French in order to be able to follow courses at HELMo and/or to go on school placement in French in a pre-primary, primary or secondary school in the Liège area;</li> <li>or Dutch or German speaking with some basic knowledge of French in order to be able to teach Dutch or German as foreign languages in a pre-primary, primary or secondary school, or to teach in Dutch or German in immersion schools in the Liège area (limited opportunities).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Partner institutions	Institutions which we signed a bilateral contract for inter-community exchange with. Opportunities for new contracts.	
Content	courses or school placement, or courses + school placement Students can be integrated in our classes in order to follow courses. Trainees collaborate with one or several mentors in a pre-primary, primary or secondary school. The first days are spent observing classes. Then trainees gradually start teaching the pupils, according to some previous agreement between the partner institutions.	
Duration	minimum 3 weeks, according to the Belgian school calendar	
Validation	certificate of attendance	
Cost	<ul> <li>The following costs will be charged to the trainees : <ul> <li>travel</li> <li>accommodation (with cooking possibility)</li> <li>living expenses</li> <li>transportation costs from accommodation to school</li> <li>« tourism ».</li> </ul> </li> <li>According to the signed contracts, no school fees will be charged.</li> </ul>	

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## **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 practices as teacher trainee. The number of lessons taught will be negotiated with the home institution.

## Pre-primary and primary

Trainees will have the opportunity to teach all subjects in French, except « French as a mother tongue ».

They will also have the opportunity to teach their mother tongue as a « foreign language ».

### <u>Secondary</u>

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 given abroad.

Trainees will rather teach their mother tongue as a « foreign language » (Dutch or German), or other subjects in French, including a cultural approach of their home country in French.

#### Immersion schools

Opportunities are very limited. At secondary level, only a few subjects can be taught in a foreign language.

All applications will be checked in terms of feasibility.

Some immersion schools can be situated at a certain distance from Liège. The applicant will be told in advance, in order for him to choose appropriate accommodation.

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

## Assessment

There will be no assessment for courses at HELMo.

In case of school placement, the home institution will be responsible for the final assessment. It will be based on the mentor's written report : mentors will be free to use either the assessment document proposed by the trainee's home institution, or the usual HELMo document.

The HELMo international coordinator or a HELMo teacher will pay at least one visit to the trainee at school, in order to make sure the cooperation between trainee and mentor goes smoothly.





Accommodation	4 options :	
	<ul> <li>Student residences (managed by private agencies)</li> <li>Student rooms belonging to private owners (between 300 and 500 € a month). We can help you and suggest some rooms.</li> <li>Youth hostel (temporary accommodation for the first week, the student will then have time to look for his own accommodation)</li> <li>Trainees look autonomously for their own accommodation</li> <li>More information on the website :</li> </ul>	
	<u>http://learn.helmo.be/course/view.php?id=3816#section-6</u> .	
	Please mention your choice on the registration form.	
Admission procedure	Follow the procedure on our website : <u>https://learn.helmo.be/course/view.php?id=3818#section-1</u> Deadline for registration : June 1 <sup>st</sup> for placement between September and January, and December 1 <sup>st</sup> for placement between February and May.	
School calendar 2022-2023	The school year at pre-primary, primary and secondary levels starts on August 29 <sup>th</sup> and ends on July 7 <sup>th</sup> . Schools won't have any trainees around exam periods.	
	Schools are closed on the following dates : September 27 <sup>th</sup> (Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles Day), October 22 <sup>nd</sup> to November 6 <sup>th</sup> (autumn leave), November 11 <sup>th</sup> (Armistice Day), from December 24 <sup>th</sup> to January 8 <sup>th</sup> (winter holiday), from February 18 <sup>th</sup> to March 5 <sup>th</sup> (carnival break), April 10 <sup>th</sup> (Easter Monday), from April 29 <sup>th</sup> to May 14 <sup>th</sup> (spring holiday), May 18 <sup>th</sup> (Ascension), May 29 <sup>th</sup> (Whit Monday).	
Services	<ul> <li>All international students have access to :</li> <li>the library (CRP = centre de ressources pédagogiques)</li> <li>the computer room</li> <li>the cafeteria : open from 7.30 am to 3.30 pm, you can eat your own sandwiches, buy a sandwich (from 2.50 to 4.00 €), some snacks or a warm meal (lunchtime only : about 5.00 €).</li> </ul>	

## Your arrival in Liège :

We will arrange for someone to welcome you in the main hall of "Liège Guillemins" station.



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