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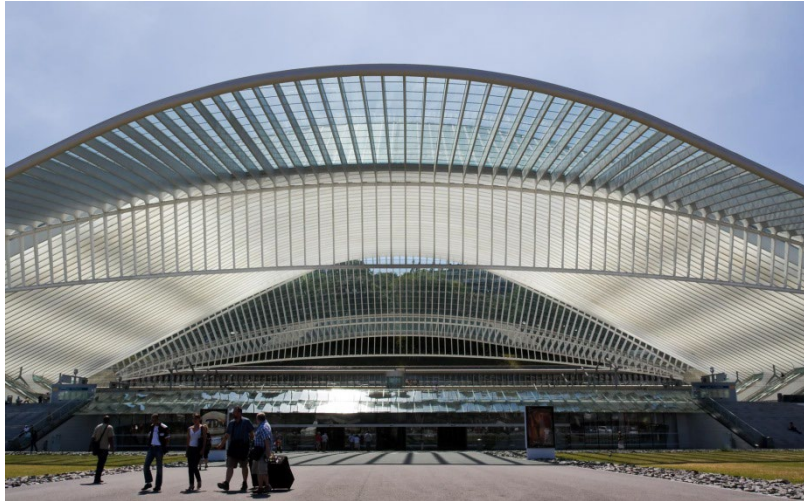
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# INTER- COMMUNITY PLACEMENT IN LIEGE



HELMo Campus des Coteaux



Liège Guillemins station

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



*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:

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

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## Our inter-community placement programs

### Languages

#### ***Following courses at HELMo***

French

#### ***School placement***

French + opportunities in Dutch and German

### Public

Teacher trainees for pre-primary, primary or secondary school

- 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;
- 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).

### 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

The following costs will be charged to the trainees :

- travel
- accommodation (with cooking possibility)
- living expenses
- transportation costs from accommodation to school
- « tourism ».

According to the signed contracts, no school fees will be charged.

### 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 ».

## Secondary

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

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](mailto:f.baijot@helmo.be)).

## Admission procedure

Follow the procedure on our website :

<https://learn.helmo.be/course/view.php?id=3818#section-1>

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 2025-2026

The school year at pre-primary, primary and secondary levels starts on August 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 and ends on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026. 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 18<sup>th</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup> (autumn leave), November 11<sup>th</sup> (Armistice Day), from December 20<sup>th</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup> (winter holiday), from February 14<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> (break), April 6<sup>th</sup> (Easter Monday), from April 25<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup> (spring holiday), May 14<sup>th</sup> (Ascension), May 25<sup>th</sup> (Whit Monday).

## 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 :

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



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