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## **International Student Guide**

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# Information Guide for International Students

**K.H.Kempen**

**Geel**

**Lier**

**Turnhout**

**Vorselaar**







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## ABOUT K.H.KEMPEN

Katholieke Hogeschool Kempen is a University College with 11 departments and more than 6,700 students. K.H.Kempen University College has always been an impulse for regional development in the Kempen, a dynamic region in Flanders, the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium.

The university college in its present form was founded in 1995, when six institutes of higher education in the Kempen region merged. Each of those predecessors, however, boast a reputation going back more than half a century.

In 2002 Katholieke Hogeschool Kempen formed an association with the Catholic University of Leuven, 11 other Hogescholen and the Catholic University of Brussels. Together, its partners have more than 70,000 students in 23 cities across Flanders.

K.H.Kempen University College maintains excellent connections with businesses and organisations of the Kempen region and beyond, especially small and medium-sized enterprises.

The 11 K.H.Kempen departments are spread over the Kempen, the region in the North of Belgium, east of Antwerp. Six of those departments, with roughly 4,000 students, form campus Geel in the city of Geel. Three more K.H.Kempen departments are located at campus Turnhout. The two other campuses are situated in Lier and Vorselaar. All four locations are small cities in a rural setting but with always something going on.

Moreover, if you want to, you can easily go to Antwerp, Brussels, Leuven or any other place by public transport to get a taste of our historic places, recreational facilities and other places of interest. Visit the website for further information [www.khk.be/english](http://www.khk.be/english).



# ABOUT BELGIUM AND FLANDERS

## General Information & History

The Historic Cities of Flanders (Antwerp, Bruges, Brussels, Ghent, etc) are now among Europe's most popular short break destinations. They share a historical and cultural heritage to which the historical market places, magnificent guild houses, beautiful cathedrals and many other monuments bear proud witness of a wealthy and influential past. The numerous smaller squares, cobbled streets, churches and beguinages radiate the atmosphere of days gone by with an intimacy all of their own.

There is a lot more to Flemish cities than just architecture and history. You can also spend a pleasant time strolling through a flea market, visiting an art gallery, or just sitting at a cafe terrace watching the world go by.

The cities take enormous pride in their architectural heritage and yet each has a unique atmosphere. One of the advantages of Flanders is that everything is close at hand, even on a short break you can easily get to know more of Flanders than you would ever have imagined. Visit the website for further information and more links: [www.studyinlanders.be](http://www.studyinlanders.be).

## Country Statistics

- Population 10.4 billion
- Geographically the Heart of Europe
- Area 30,528 sq km
- Languages: Dutch (official) 60%, French (official) 40%, German (official) less than 1%, legally bilingual (Dutch and French)
- Religion: Roman Catholics 75 %, Islam 1.5%, Jews 0.3%, Protestant 1%
- Transportation: Airports 42, Railways 3 536 kilometres, Roadways 152 256 kilometres, Waterways 2 043 kilometres.

Biggest Cities: Brussels (1 080 700), Antwerp (457 740), Ghent (230 951), Charleroi (201 371), Liege (187 751), Bruges (117 351), Namur (107 178)

## Climate and Clothing

The climate is changeable but moderate, with mild winters and good summers. Clouds and wind are common features. The annual rainfall is moderate but unpredictable. It is wise to be prepared for it by having the appropriate clothing.

Some approximate temperatures in Belgium:

	Celsius	Fahrenheit
January	5	41
February	6	43
March	10	50
April	13	55
May	19	66
June	21	70
July	23	74
August	22	72
September	20	68
October	14	57
November	8	46
December	6	43

For clothing it is recommended to bring an umbrella and a raincoat. It is also good to have a jacket because of the cold wind and easily changing weather.

When doing your work placement or visiting companies in Belgium it is vital that you bring casual smart clothes with you.

## Crime

Belgium cities are among the safest places in Europe. However criminals are not unknown in Belgium and particularly bicycle thieves are very common and it is advised to lock your bike carefully when leaving it unattended.

## Time

Belgium uses Central European time (GMT+1) and (GMT+2) from beginning of April to the end of October.

## Using the phone

If you want to call Belgium from abroad, dial the international admission number (this number varies for each country), the country code, then the area code (omit the 0) and finally the subscriber's number. The country code for Belgium is 32.

If you want to call abroad from Belgium, dial 00 (= international admission number), then the country code and finally the area code (omit the 0) and the subscriber's number.

Telephone cards, which are necessary to call from a telephone booth, can be purchased in post offices, railway stations, book shops or in the telephone shops.

### **Sockets**

If you want to use the Belgian sockets, it's good to bring an international plug with you. Belgium uses 220 volts, 50 Hz AC, requiring standard two-pin round continental plugs.

### **Important phone numbers**

100	For urgent medical assistance and the fire brigade
101	Police
112	European emergency number
106	'tele-onthaal', a helpful ear for urgent psychological needs
1207	to find subscriber's number in Belgium (Dutch)
1307	to find subscriber's number in Belgium (French)
1204	to find subscriber's number in foreign countries (Dutch)
1405	English directory assistance
03/217 75 95	special centre for the treatment of burns
070/245 245	anti-poison service
02/649 95 55	suicide prevention
02/648 40 14	help-line (English), 24 hours, crisis information and support
070/344 344	Card stop in case of loss of credits cards

### **Flemish eating habits**

In Flanders, people usually have three meals a day:

- Breakfast: sandwiches / slices of bread or cereals, coffee or tea
- Lunch: sandwiches with coffee or tea
- Dinner: 3 course hot meal: soup, main dish with meat or fish and potatoes, desert (served around 6 pm).
- Typical Flemish dishes are:
  - Steak and chips
  - Mussels
  - Various stews like rabbit in Trappist beer or Gentse Waterzooi

## Helpful words in Dutch

English	Dutch
Bakery	Bakker
Hairdresser	Kapper/Kapsalon
Bookstore	Boekhandel
Butcher	Slager/ Beenhouwer
Dairy	Zuivel
Fish Shop	Viswinkel
Grocery Store	Kruidenier/Algemene voeding
Florist	Bloemenwinkel/Bloemist
Pharmacy/Chemist	Apotheker/ Drogist

## Post

Stamps are for sale at the post office ('postkantoor'). You can also buy them in many supermarkets and some tourist shops where you choose your postcards. Each town or town area has at least one post office. There are red post office boxes in Belgium.

For further information visit their website [www.depost.be](http://www.depost.be).

The addresses of some of the post offices are:

- Werft 63, 2440 Geel
- Grote Markt 39, 2300 Turnhout
- Kuiperstraat 2, 2290 Vorselaar
- Kruisbogenhofstraat 24, 2500 Lier

## Transport

### Airports

The biggest airports in Belgium are in Brussels. International Airport Brussels (Brussels Airport Zaventem) is the biggest one. From the airport you can easily continue your journey to Brussels or anywhere else.

More information visit the site (<http://www.brusselsairport.be/nl/>)

The other Airport in Brussels is Charleroi Airport. This airport is mainly a landing place to airlines that offer cheap flights like Ryanair.

For more information visit the site (<http://www.charleroi-airport.com/>)

There is also an airport in Antwerp where low-cost European airlines fly.

For more information visit the site (<http://www.antwerp-airport.be/>)

## Train

Belgium has the densest rail network in the world. Trains run regularly between 06.00 am and 08.00 pm, later in the evening only a selection of trains runs until about 11.00 pm. Trains run less frequently during weekends.

There are first and second class coaches, and a standard return (round-trip) fare is double the price of a single (one way) fare. Keep in mind that the ticket is only valid for one day. A timetable in English containing schedules and prices can be bought in the railway stations and on the website, in French, English and even German.

- Go-Pass: 10 one-way trips for 50 Euros (you must be under 26, takes you to any station in Belgium for a set price)
- Multi-Pass: up to five people of any age, to any railway station in Belgium and back for a set price
  - 35 Euros for a maximum of 3 people
  - 40 Euros for a maximum of 4 people
  - 44 Euros for a maximum of 5 people

Furthermore, there are a number of other possibilities to travel cheap by train which you can find on the website of the NMBS ([www.b-rail.be](http://www.b-rail.be)) or at the railway stations.

## Bus

Single bus tickets can be purchased from the driver in the bus but they are more expensive. Multiple ride tickets can be bought at the railway station. Regular travelers can purchase monthly or trimester tickets in the railway stations which are called Buzzy Pazz.

- Buzzy Pazz: a ticket for people under 25, you can take any bus or tram you want with any destination, as often as you want; the price depends on the period for which you buy this ticket
  - 1 month: 20.90 Euros
  - 3 months: 59.00 Euros
  - 12 months: 162.00 Euros

For further information about tariffs visit the website of De Lijn [www.delijn.be](http://www.delijn.be)

## **Health & Insurance**

If you are an EU citizen insured in your country by your National Health Service, you will be covered by the Belgian health service too. In that case you will have to obtain a European Health Insurance Card from the health service in your country and bring it with you. It is advised that you carry adequate medical insurance.

Please check with your home institute and insurance broker which costs are covered in case of an accident or any other inconvenience. Make sure you are insured against third party liability.

## **Holidays**

Usually shops are closed on public Holidays.

### **Public Holidays**

- 1st January, New Year's Day
- 1st May, Labour Day
- 21st July, National Day
- 15th August Assumption Day
- 1st November, All Saint's Day
- 11th November, Armistice Day
- 25th December, Christmas Day

Moveable days include Easter Monday, Ascension Day and Whit Monday.

Summer Holidays in schools start on 1st of July and last until 31st of August.

## Useful links

### Tourism

[www.visitflanders.be](http://www.visitflanders.be) (Dutch, English & French)

### Dutch lessons

[www.forbeginners.info/dutch](http://www.forbeginners.info/dutch) (English)

[www.valley-trail.com](http://www.valley-trail.com) (English)

[www.livemocha.com/study/beginner-dutch/1](http://www.livemocha.com/study/beginner-dutch/1) (English)

[www.taalgarage.be](http://www.taalgarage.be) (Dutch, English & French)

### Culture

[www.artsflanders.be](http://www.artsflanders.be) (English)

### Shopping

[www.cosmos.be](http://www.cosmos.be) (English)

### Employment

[www.stepstone.be](http://www.stepstone.be) (Dutch, English & French)

### Food

[www.foodpairing.be](http://www.foodpairing.be) (English)

[www.flemishfoodies.be](http://www.flemishfoodies.be) (Dutch)

[www.kurkdroog.be](http://www.kurkdroog.be) (Dutch)

### News and weather

[www.kifkif.be](http://www.kifkif.be) (Dutch, English & French)

[www.uitinvlaanderen.be](http://www.uitinvlaanderen.be) (Dutch)



# FACILITIES AT K.H.KEMPEN CAMPUS GEEL

## **Cafeteria and Restaurants**

The institute has a student cafeteria that sells hot and soft drinks, sweets and sandwiches. Prices vary from 0.5 to 2 Euros. The restaurant offers a hot meal for about 4 Euros from 12.00 am till 01.30 pm.

## **Library**

As an international student you have free access to the institutional library. You can find dictionaries in many languages, foreign newspapers and magazines in there. Books can be borrowed for 3 weeks. Registration is free for foreign students.

## **Computers**

The library is the main place where you can use the computer. It is open from Monday to Thursday from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm, Friday from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm. It is located next to the main reception.

When you need something to be printed you need to purchase printing credit. Printing your documents costs 0.04 Euros per page (black and white).

There is also a wireless connection all over the school which you can use for free. You need your student number and password to be able to use the connection.

### **Practical Information about classes**

It is very important to be on time when arriving to classes. Some of the teachers may not allow you to attend their classes if you are late.

In classes it is allowed to use the computer when making notes and working in groups.

### **Student clubs**

For the campus Geel ATOMOS, see [www.atomos.be](http://www.atomos.be), is the student association. At this moment they have no information available in English. When international students want to participate in student activities, their course coordinator and fellow students will put them in touch with the student association.



# ABOUT GEEL

## General Information & History

Geel is a small town (some 37,000 inhabitants), but it covers a fairly large area. It developed along the rivers Grote Nete and Kleine Nete and is also crossed by the Albert Canal and the Canal Bocholt-Herentals. There are 10 rural parishes and one urban centre. The city has a number of buildings of interest, which relate to a rich history: the churches of Saint-Dymphna and Saint-Amands, the former Lakenhalle (now tourist information) and the old Hospital (Gasthuismuseum).

Geel claims to be the birthplace of care for the mentally handicapped. Originally this system of psychiatric health care traces back to invocations of the blessing of St-Dimpna, later this evolved to home-care, a form of treatment which is increasingly being copied.

The town now functions as a market town and a centre for shopping, healthcare and education. There is a big industrial estate along the Antwerp-Hasselt (Boudewijn) motorway and the Albert Canal.

The rural area around Geel offers a lot to nature lovers: woods, sand dunes, a bird sanctuary and many walk and bicycle paths. For further information visit the website of Geel [www.geel.be](http://www.geel.be).

## Facilities in Geel

### How to pay

The currency in Belgium is Euro.

Commonly accepted credit cards in Belgium are Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club and American Express. These cards can also be used in cash machines like 'Bancontact' or 'Mister Cash'. You can find these at the following places in Geel:

- Markt: BNP/Fortis Bank
- Markt: KBC
- Nieuwstraat and Stationsstraat: Dexia
- Werft: De Post

## Shopping

The supermarket chains GB/Alma (Pas), Aldi (Antwerpseweg and Rijn) and Lidl (Dr.v.d. Perrestraat and Antwerpseweg) run their own 'brand' lines which cut the average prices considerably, especially in staple goods such as bread, milk, rice, etc. There's also a smaller supermarket in the centre of Geel, named Vewo (Markt 57) where you can find anything you want. Dairy products can be bought cheaply at local markets. The same applies to fruit and vegetables. There is a weekly market on Tuesday (Markt).

Small grocery stores are a little more expensive. They usually are open between 09.00 am and 06.00 pm and are closed on Sundays.

There are also a few night shops in Geel, which are opened 24 hours a day, at Pas and Stationsstraat.

## Cheap restaurants and snack bars:

- Pita Geel: pita, pizza, pasta  
(Nieuwstraat 87, tel.: 014/59 38 19) Also home delivery!
- De Kruimel: sandwiches, pizza, pasta  
(Markt 89, tel.: 014/58 33 81)
- 't Koffiekot: sandwiches, pasta  
(Larumseweg 71 A, tel.: 014/58 48 35)
- Panos: sandwichbar (Nieuwstraat 34, tel.: 014/59 48 49)

## Laundry Service

You can wash your clothes here for a small amount of money.

Joni (Lebonstraat 50, 2440 Geel)

Mr. Ecowash (Elsom 113, 2440 Geel)

## Taxi

- G.T.M.  
Technische-Schoolstraat 50, 2440 Geel, Tel.: 014/58 49 49
- Hendrickx Karel nv.  
Retieseweg 81, 2440 Geel, Tel.: 014/58 91 81
- Taxi Jef, Geel 0800 63 007 <http://new.taxi-jef.be>

## Doctors

- Mr. Peter T'Seyen  
Dr. Van De Perrestraat 41 , 2440 Geel, Tel.: 014/59 17 00
- Mr. Marnix Vandoninck  
Violetstraat 32, 2440 Geel, Tel.: 014/58 42 54

## Pharmacies

- C. Pousset  
Markt 27, 2440 Geel, Tel.: 014/58 82 80
- E. Raeymaekers, Stationsstraat 23
- M.Bellens  
Pas 26, 2440 Geel , Tel.: 014/58 81 05

## Dentists

Ms Erna Andries, Driehoek 12, 2440 Geel, Tel.: 014/58 41 86

## Sports & leisure

In the immediate vicinity of the institute you can enjoy the following facilities:

- Fitness centre B-active (Markt12, tel.: 014/58 41 60)
- Fitness centre Olympia (Stationsstraat 58, tel.: 014/58 21 64)
- BBC-Geel, Basketball Club, contact +32 472 454 222
- Swimming pool (Fehrenbachstraat 26a tel. 014 56 67 00 )
- Cinema Studio Filmtheaters Geel (Werft 30, tel.: 014/58 74 07)

## Tourist office

Tourist Office  
Werft 20, 2440 Geel, Tel.: 014/56 60 00  
E-mail: [toerisme@geel.be](mailto:toerisme@geel.be)

## Public Library

Werft, 2440 Geel, Tel.: 014/57 08 55  
E-mail: [Geel@bibliotheek.be](mailto:Geel@bibliotheek.be)

## Cultural centre

De Werft  
Werft 32, 2440 Geel, Tel.: 014/57 03 40  
Website: [www.dewerft.be](http://www.dewerft.be)



# ACCOMMODATION IN GEEL

## **Independent accommodation**

The Accommodation Office will try to help you find accommodation. The institute provides addresses and contacts where international students can be housed.

- Single furnished rooms in lodgings are let in houses in Geel. Residents share a kitchen and most of the time a bathroom (with shower). The prices of the rooms vary from 150 to 300 Euros a month.
- Renting a furnished flat is more expensive: from 300 to 500 Euros and difficult to find.

Please have a look at the list of rooms available. In the middle of the academic year it is sometimes difficult to find accommodation, so the accommodation office will have to check if students, who are themselves abroad, can pass on their rental contract to international students. Nevertheless, it is important to indicate 5 choices of rooms so that the type of the room can be chosen and in which price range. Note very carefully the reference number allocated to a student room.

Unfortunately, this list of rooms available is not in English, but you will be able to understand the price range (minimum prijs – maximum prijs), distance to KHK (gelegen binnen een straal van ....km rond de campus), see some pictures (toon fiche) and find the reference number (referentienummer).

## **How to reserve accommodation**

Please contact the accommodation coordinator (myriam.appels@khk.be) at least 3 months prior to your arrival if you want help in searching accommodation. Send her an email with the reference numbers of your 5 choices. As soon as all students have sent in their choice, she will get in touch with you and give you the address and all the details of your accommodation here. When you have received the address, you have to confirm the booking of the room. Your agreement to the rental of the room is definite after confirmation.

### **Rental contract**

Before you come to Belgium, you can already take a look at the rental contract. It specifies the amount of the rent, the payment dates, the effective period of the contract and the house rules that you are expected to observe. On the first office day after your arrival in Geel you are expected to sign the rental contract at the accommodation office (Myriam Appels F101).

Normally, students are required to pay a deposit of one month's rent with the first month's rent. The purpose of the deposit is to cover the cost of any damage you may cause. The entire deposit will be refunded to you on completion of the contract period. Make sure you get a receipt on payment of the deposit. This will prevent problems when repayment is due. You are also required to leave the room in a clean state before you leave.

### **Bed linen**

Your student room is furnished but in most cases there will be no bed linen. Student Services Geel rents for a small deposit of 15 Euros a duvet and pillow for you for the duration of your stay. You still have to bring your own sheets and pillowcase.

Please tell the international coordinator or accommodation officer in advance if you need a duvet and pillow. Make sure to have the deposit with you when you arrive at KHK. At the end of your stay, it is your responsibility to return the bed linen to the campus, in good and clean condition. The guarantee will then be returned to you.



# FACILITIES AT K.H.KEMPEN CAMPUS LIER

## **Cafeteria and Restaurants**

The institute has a student cafeteria that sells hot and soft drinks, snacks and sandwiches. Prices vary from 0.25 Euros to 2.00 Euros.

## **Library**

As an international student you have free access to the institutional library. You can find dictionaries in many languages and foreign magazines in there.

## **Student clubs**

Each department has its own student club. They organize cultural, sports and also typical student activities. The students are always happy to take you out for a party or just for a cozy chat. Your international coordinator will be happy to put you in touch with the student club.

It is always good to bring your own student card of your school. You can benefit on many occasions.



# ABOUT LIER

## General Information about Lier

During the Middle Ages, a settlement developed at the confluence of the Grote Nete and Kleine Nete rivers. The town received its character at the start of the 13th century, when a first wall was also built which was later extended and fortified with a number of gates. Within the town walls, a number of churches and convents were built, which characterize the outlook of the town, such as the Gummarus church, the Beguinage (Begijnhof, one of the oldest in Flanders) and the Nazareth abbey. Merchant buildings, such as the City Hall (Rococo period), the Belfry (Belfort, Gothic) and the Vleeshuis (Neo-Gothic) are important landmarks as well. The Zimmer tower, located in the remains of the old city wall, contains a wealth of clocks and bells and houses an astronomy centre.

In spite of severe damage sustained during the First World War, Lier's rich heritage can still be admired in its many historical buildings. Lier is also a centre of the arts: many Flemish writers and artists were born here. The countryside around Lier is characterized by a number of interesting old farms, like the Hof van Lachenen, the Kartuizershoeve and the Hertog Janshoeve. There are also several nature reserves. Inhabitants in Lier 33 492.

For further information visit the website of Geel [www.lier.be](http://www.lier.be).

## Facilities in Lier

### How to pay

Commonly accepted credit cards in Belgium are Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club and American Express. These cards can also be used in cash machines like 'Bancontact' or 'Mister Cash'. You can find these at the following places in Lier: Grote Markt

### Shopping

The supermarket chains Saldo (Grote Markt 27), Carrefour (Lintsesteenweg 4) and Spar (Berlarij 26) run their own 'brand' lines, the latter of which cuts prices considerably, especially in

daily goods such as bread, milk, rice, ... There's also a smaller supermarket in the centre of Lier, the only shop opened on Sundays. Dairy products, fruit and vegetables can be bought cheaply at the weekly market.

Small grocery stores are a little more expensive. They usually are open between 09.00 am and 06.00 pm and are closed on Sundays.

There are also a few night shops in Lier, which are opened longer than usual stores.

### **Cheap restaurants and snack bars:**

- 't Groenhuis: snacks, several dishes  
(Grote Markt 37, tel.: 03/489 13 62)
- Babbel & Co: hot/cold dishes, snacks  
(Zimmerplein 8, tel.: 0473/83 63 12)
- Kapucijn: snacks, vegetarian meals  
(Zimmerplein 26, tel.: 03/480 33 81)
- Latino: hot/cold dishes, tappas, snacks  
(Zimmerplein 9, tel.: 03/290 56 63)

### **Laundry Service**

For the laundry service arrangements will be made by the international coordinator.

Most of the time the laundry is taken care of by the landlady where you rent a room.

### **Taxi**

- Taxi Van Dyck  
Hagenbroeksesteenweg 84, 2500 Lier, Tel.: 03/480 26 90
- Reno-Tax  
Frederik Peltzerstraat 8, 2500 Lier, Tel.: 03/480 11 71

### **Doctors**

- J. Alpaerts, Kolveniersvest 12, 2500 Lier, Tel.: 03/480 83 48
- J. Caenen, Grote Markt 56, 2500 Lier, Tel.: 03/480 10 50
- P. Bierinckx, Grote Markt 1, 2500 Lier, Tel.: 03/480 02 68
- M. Cos, Heilig Hart Ziekenhuis, 2500 Lier, Tel.: 03/491 23 45

## Pharmacies

- Y. Tavernier, Kolveniersvest 6, 2500 Lier, Tel.: 03/489 16 53
- Onze Apotheker, Grote Markt 22, 2500 Lier, Tel.: 03/480 01 17

## Dentists

- Ms Bieke Bellens, Kolveniersvest 12, 2500 Lier, Tel.: 03/480 00 69
- E. Smeuninx, Grote Markt 5, 2500 Lier, Tel.: 03/480 87 38

## Sports & leisure

In the immediate vicinity of the institute you can enjoy the following facilities:

- Health Center NRG  
(Aarschotsesteenweg 6, tel.: 03/488 47 47)
- Time Release  
(Zagerijstraat 4, tel.: 03/480 47 72)
- Indoor Swimming Pool Stedelijk Zwembad  
(Netelaan 14, tel.: 03/480 73 24)
- 't Sas Tennis & Squashcentrum  
(Mechelsesteenweg 380, tel.: 015/31 42 49)

## Tourist office

Toerisme Lier

Grote Markt 57 , 2500 Lier, Tel.: 03/491 13 93, Fax: 03/488 12 76,  
E-mail: [toerisme@lier.be](mailto:toerisme@lier.be), Website: [www.lier.be](http://www.lier.be)

## Public Library

Openbare Bibliotheek

Kardinaal Mercierplein 6, 2500 Lier, Tel.: 03/480 11 96,  
E-mail: [lier@bibliotheek.be](mailto:lier@bibliotheek.be), Website: [www.lier.be](http://www.lier.be)

## Cultural centre

Cultuur Centrum De Mol

Aarschotsesteenweg , 2500 Lier, Tel.: 03/,  
E-mail: [cultuurcentrum@lier.be](mailto:cultuurcentrum@lier.be)



# ACCOMMODATION IN LIER

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- Renting a furnished flat is more expensive: from 300 to 500 Euros and difficult to find.
- Mostly student rooms are rented for an entire month.

## **How to reserve accommodation**

The Departmental Coordinator is at your service at any time. Please contact the coordinator at least 3 months prior to your arrival if you want help in searching accommodation. He/she will get in touch with you and give you the address and all the details of your accommodation here.

## **Rental contract**

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# FACILITIES AT K.H.KEMPEN CAMPUS TURNHOUT

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## **Library**

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## **Student clubs**

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- Business Studies Department: TABOE  
Website: [www.studentenverenigingtaboe.be](http://www.studentenverenigingtaboe.be)
- Health Care Department: VETUR  
Website: <http://club.studiant.be/vetur>
- Teacher Education Department: SEPULCRUM  
Website: <http://club.studiant.be/sepulcrum>



## ABOUT TURNHOUT

The city lies on the banks of the Dessel to Schoten canal and the river Aa. It is linked by rail to Herentals, and by motorway to Antwerp. Turnhout (40 070 inhabitants) has become a centre for trade and industry. It is especially known for its print shops and its paper-producing and processing industries. Regionally, it is important for its market, its famous cultural centre, and a number of museums, schools and hospitals. It also has a sizable industrial estate. Turnhout developed its town area on the crossroads of two important trade routes: one from Diest to 's Hertogenbosch (NL), the other from Antwerp to the Maasland.

During the 14th century it acquired the rights to a weekly market and two annual fairs. The centre shows a number of buildings of historical importance: St Peter's church, St Theobaldus's chapel, Turnhout Castle (originally a hunting resort of the Dukes of Brabant, now the Law Courts) and the Beguinage (Begijnhof).

Architecture of the 19th and 20th century has also left its mark: there is the Neo-Gothic Heilig Hart church, there is Flemish Neo-Renaissance and Art-Nouveau houses, there is the Neo-Byzantine Onze-Lieve-Vrouw Middelares church. Modern architecture can be seen in the church of the Resurrected Christ, the new City Hall and the St Elisabeth hospital. There are also works of art: stained glass windows, murals and ceramics. The Taxandria museum of archaeology and folklore and the renowned Playing Cards Museum are also worth a visit. South of the city centre there is a nicely landscaped town park with an open-air swimming pool. For further information visit the website [www.turnhout.be](http://www.turnhout.be) or [www.turnhout.be/toerisme](http://www.turnhout.be/toerisme).

## Facilities in Turnhout

### How to pay

Commonly accepted credit cards in Belgium are Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club and American Express. These cards can also be used in cash machines like 'Bancontact' or 'Mister Cash'. You can find these at the following places in Turnhout:

- Grote Markt 53: ING
- Gasthuisstraat 11: Fortis
- Grote Markt 73: KBC

### Shopping

The supermarket chains GB super (Korte Gasthuisstraat 38), Carrefour (Parklaan 80) and Aldi (Steenweg op Gierle 329) run their own 'brand' lines, the latter of which cuts prices considerably, especially in daily goods such as bread, milk, rice etc. There's also a smaller supermarket in the centre of Turnhout, named Het Grote Ei (Mermansstraat 73), the only shop opened on Sundays, and Peeters-Govers (Korte Gasthuisstraat 40). Dairy products, fruit and vegetables can be bought cheaply at the weekly market on Saturday (parking place Grote Markt).

Small grocery stores are a little more expensive. They usually are open between 09.00 am and 06.00 pm and are closed on Sundays.

There are also a few night shops in Turnhout, which are opened longer than usual stores:

- Malik (Otterstraat 1, 2300 Turnhout)
- No Name (Herentalsstraat 28, 2300 Turnhout)
- Crown Night Shop (Zegeplein 16, 2300 Turnhout)
- Mini-Markt (Herentalsstraat 50, 2300 Turnhout)  
-10% for KHK Health Care students (except for alcohol and tobacco)
- 't Groenteboerke (Merode Center 25/19, 2300 Turnhout)
- Cheap restaurants and snack bars:
- Melrose: sandwiches, snacks, hot meals  
(Zegeplein 13, tel.: 014/42 68 07)
- Pain Matin: sandwiches, bread  
(Warandestraat 8, tel.: 014/42 34 65)
- Hema: sandwiches, spaghetti, snacks  
(Gasthuisstraat 36, tel.: 014/41 04 78)

- Grand Café Beugart: pasta, snacks, hot meals  
(Grote Markt 46, tel 014/558795)
- Waterput: pizza, pita, pasta  
(Grote Markt 75, tel.: 014/65 25 55)
- Broodjes & Co.: sandwiches and snacks  
(Herentalsstraat 77, 2300 Turnhout tel 014/700235)
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### Laundry service

You can wash your clothes here for a small amount of money.

- Quick Shop (Herentalsstraat 15, 2300 Turnhout)
- Washcenter (Korte Gasthuisstraat 50, 2300 Turnhout)
- Gudrun (Renier Sniedersstraat 65, 2300 Turnhout)
- 't Strijkcenter (Rubensstraat 68, 2300 Turnhout)

### Taxi

- T.T.T.  
Kastelein 170, 2300 Turnhout, Tel.: 014 43 64 64
- Taxi Jef  
Vredestraat 106, 2300 Turnhout, Tel: 0473 24 23 24

### Doctors

Emergency number on weekends: 014 45 08 88.

- Ms Ellen Vandeput  
Merodelei 95, 014 /42 63 96 , 2300 Turnhout
- Mr. Frank Lauwers  
Schorvoortberg 43, 2300 Turnhout, Tel.: 014/41 75 76
- Mr. Paul Cornil  
Otterstraat 127, 2300 Turnhout, Tel.: 014/41 22 67

### Pharmacies

- De Meester  
Herentalsstraat 44, 2300 Turnhout, Tel.: 014/41 23 67
- Apotheek De Kempen  
Otterstraat 183, 2300 Turnhout, Tel 014/414163

### Dentists

Emergency number on weekends: 0900 10 500.

- Geert De Zutter bvba  
Paterstraat 92, 2300 Turnhout, Tel 014/437624
- Orthodon  
De Merodelei 161, 2300 Turnhout, tel. +32 (0) 14/410156

## **Sports & leisure**

In the immediate vicinity of the institute you can enjoy the following facilities:

- Fitomania (Rubensstraat 96 bus 1, tel.: 014/43 92 99)
- Do it (Korte Albertstraat 2, tel.: 014/43 81 96)
- Horizon Sportclub  
(Steenweg op Gierle 185, tel.: 014/41 09 25)
- Stadspark Sportcentrum (Parklaan 54, tel.: 014/43 00 91)
- Indoor Swimming pool Stadspark  
(Parklaan 58, tel.: 014/409696)

## **Tourist office**

Toeristisch infocentrum 't Steentje

Grote Markt 44, 2300 Turnhout

Tel.: 014/44 33 55, Fax: 014/44 33 54

E-mail: [toerisme@turnhout.be](mailto:toerisme@turnhout.be), Website: [www.turnhout.be/toerisme](http://www.turnhout.be/toerisme)

## **Public Library**

De Warande

Warandestraat 42, 2300 Turnhout, Tel.: 014/41 94 94

E-mail: [info@warande.be](mailto:info@warande.be), Website: [www.warande.be](http://www.warande.be)

## **Cultural centre**

De Warande

Warandestraat 42 , 2300 Turnhout, Tel.: 014/41 94 94

Website: [www.warande.be](http://www.warande.be)



# ACCOMMODATION IN TURNHOUT

## **Independent accommodation**

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- Single furnished rooms in lodgings are let in houses in Turnhout. Residents share a kitchen and most of the time a bathroom (with shower). The prices of the rooms vary from 100 to 300 Euros a month.
- Renting a furnished flat is more expensive: from 300 to 500 Euros and difficult to find.
- Mostly student rooms are rented for an entire month

## **How to reserve accommodation**

The Departmental Coordinator is at your service at any time. Please contact the coordinator at least 3 months prior to your arrival if you want help in searching accommodation. He/she will get in touch with you and give you the address and all the details of your accommodation here.

## **Rental contract**

Before you come to Belgium, a copy of the rental contract will be mailed to you so you can already take a look at it. Upon your arrival you are expected to sign the rental contract. It specifies the amount of the rent, the payment dates, the effective period of the contract and the house rules that you are expected to observe.

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# FACILITIES AT K.H.KEMPEN CAMPUS VORSELAAR

## **Cafeteria and Restaurants**

The institute has a student cafeteria that sells hot and soft drinks, snacks and sandwiches. Prices vary from one to four euros. You can also order a sandwich.

## **Library**

As an international student you have free access to the institutional library. You can find dictionaries in many languages and foreign magazines in there.

## **Student clubs**

Each department has its own student club. They organize cultural, sports and also typical student activities. The students are always happy to take you out for a party or just for a cozy chat.

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Student club: REPROBATUM, see [www.student.khk.be](http://www.student.khk.be)



# ABOUT VORSELAAR

Vorselaar is a green village in the heart of the Kempen region along the rivers Nete and Aa. The village was constructed around a triangular market square. Church, castle and convent were the pillars of its history. St Peter's is an ancient church which played a role far outside Vorselaar itself; the moated castle has vast wooded lands laid out with lanes and ponds. The convent became a renowned centre of education from the 19th century on. Other attractions in Vorselaar are the Fourteen Chapels, the Kaak, the Schrans, a sports centre, and many walks and bicycle paths. Inhabitants in Vorselaar 7 399.

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## Facilities in Vorselaar

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Grote Markt

### Shopping

The supermarket chain Tecno (Kuiperstraat 31) runs their own 'brand' lines, especially in daily goods such as bread, milk, rice, ... You can also buy some products (milk, butter, jam, sliced cold meat, drinks) at the local bakeries till 01.00 pm on Sunday. Dairy products, fruit and vegetables can be bought cheaply at the weekly market on Friday morning (Markt Herentals).

Small grocery stores are a little more expensive. They usually are open between 09.00 am and 06.00 pm and are closed on Sundays.

There are also a few night shops in Vorselaar, which are opened longer than usual stores:

Shop 24 (Lepelstraat 41), Kerkstraat 10

### **Cheap restaurants and snack bars:**

- Take away of Chinese food Gouden Kom (Kerkstraat 41)
- 't Kleyne genoeg: sandwiches and snacks (Kerkstraat 31, tel.: 014/50 12 66)
- 't Pleintje: sandwiches and snacks (Heikant 5)
- Rik en Vic: sandwiches and snacks (Goorbergenlaan 23, tel.: 014/50 66 00)
- 't Steentje: snacks, all kinds of dishes (Riemenstraat 11, tel.: 014/50 07 30)
- 't Bourgondisch Hof: snacks, all kind of dishes (Sassenhout 62, tel.: 014/21 16 81)
- Nickys Fritshop: French fries (Riemenstraat 59, tel.: 014/51 60 82)
- Boulevard (Boulevard 32, tel.: 014/50 67 65)
- 't Schuurke: French fries (Lepelstraat 82)
- De Wingerd (Vispluk, 83, 2290 Vorselaar, tel 014/51.50.13)

### **Laundry Service**

For the laundry service arrangements will be made by the international coordinator. Most of the time the laundry is taken care of by the landlady where you rent a room.

### **Taxi**

- Taxi Stan  
Fraikinstraat 57, 2200 Herentals  
Tel.: 014/21 31 20 - 014/21 17 87
- LD Services nv  
Stationsplein 5, 2200 Herentals, Tel.: 014/21 13 26
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### **Doctors**

- Mr. Jan Smans - Ms Karine Lauwers  
Van De Wervelaan 11, 2290 Vorselaar, Tel.: 014/51 28 81
- Ms. Irène Brosius  
Ravenlaan 3, 2290 Vorselaar, Tel.: 014/51 49 45
- Mr. Victor Stoop  
Kuiperstraat 12, 2290 Vorselaar, Tel.: 014/51 15 15
- Mr. Walter Van Der Kerken  
Riemenstraat 58, 2290 Vorselaar, Tel.: 014/51 37 97

## Pharmacies

- Schyvens – Godin  
Kerkstraat 18, 2290 Vorselaar, Tel.: 014/51 13 15
- Thys bvba  
Boulevard 42, 2290 Vorselaar, Tel.: 014/51 21 79

## Dentists

- Mr. Dirk Plees  
Riemenstraat 2, 2290 Vorselaar, Tel.: 014/51 42 04
- Ms. C. Van Tulder  
Kuiperstraat 14, 2290 Vorselaar, Tel.: 014/51 50 40

## Sports & leisure

In the immediate vicinity of the institute you can enjoy the following facilities

- Zwembad Netepark  
Vorselaarsebaan 56, 220 Herentals, Tel.: 014 85 97 10
- 't Binnenhof, Lierseweg 37, 2200 Herentals, Tel.: 014 21 91 00
- Sporthal De Dreef  
Oostakker 1, 2290 Vorselaar, Tel.: 014 50 17 31

## Tourist office

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Markt 14, 2290 Vorselaar, Tel.: 014/50 71 04, Fax: 014/51 10 05

E-mail : [vorselaar@toerismevlaanderen.be](mailto:vorselaar@toerismevlaanderen.be)

Website: [www.vorselaar.be](http://www.vorselaar.be)

## Public Library

Bibliotheek

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Website: [www.vorselaar.be](http://www.vorselaar.be)

## Cultural centre

The cultural centers of Geel and Turnhout can easily be reached by public transport

- De Werft, Werft 32, 2440 Geel, Tel.: 014/57 03 40  
Website: [www.dewerft.be](http://www.dewerft.be)
- De Warande  
Warandestraat 42, 2300 Turnhout, Tel.: 014/41 94 94  
Website: [www.warande.be](http://www.warande.be)



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