

COVID-19 UPDATE FOR STUDENTS WHO APPLIED TO ENROLL AT VUB IN 2020-2021

Dear students

We hope this email finds you well.

As you are currently in the process of planning your academic career, we realize that many of you wonder how the start of the next academic year will look like at the Faculty of Engineering at VUB. At this stage, we cannot foresee when travel and mobility restrictions will be lifted. However, rest assured that we are continuously working to find and to implement solutions for international students who may not be able to attend classes on campus as of the first week of the academic year in September 2020. We understand that this may be due to travel restrictions, embassy closures or visa delays, or sanitary and safety reasons.

Our primary goal is to open for the autumn term 2020-2021 for full-degree and mobility students. This might cause changes to the teaching and student environment due to required compliance with sanitary guidelines and social distancing on campus. For international students who are not able to travel to Brussels in September, we will offer online teaching and blended learning to ensure optimal study experience and to avoid disruptions in their study programme. Faculty and teaching staff will offer full support. In addition, and for those courses where this is found relevant and implementable (e.g. laboratory-based courses), peer guidance by fellow students that will be on campus will be available to those who will start with studying remotely.

The safety of our community is of key importance, and we hope that by offering this flexible approach we will be able to offer all students an excellent study experience at the VUB Faculty of Engineering for the year to come.

We will keep updating you on the progress of our efforts and policies, and we remain available to answer any further questions or concerns at short notice (ir.mobility@vub.be)

Should you have any further questions regarding the programme you have applied for, please feel free to attend one of our [online info sessions](#). Following such a session is a unique opportunity to have a one-to-one conversation with a professor who is deeply involved in the programme and to gain a comprehensive view of your programme at the Faculty of Engineering.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your patience and understanding, and we wish you all the best during these challenging times.

Kind regards

Prof. S. Caenepeel, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at VUB



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