HOUSES OF FAITH

Belgium is a laic state which means it has no state religion. The constitution (1830) prescribes a strict separation between state and religion but also guarantees the freedom of cult. Belgium has 6 recognized religions: Roman-Catholic, Islam, Protestant, Orthodox, Judaism and Anglican. This doesn’t imply other religions are not allowed but that only these 6 are entitled to government subsidies.

Since its inception VUB fully embraces the principle of "free enquiry". This principle is based on a text by the French mathematician, physicist and philosopher Henri Poincaré (1854-1912) that says:

_Thinking must never submit itself,_
_neither to a dogma,_
_nor to a party,_
_nor to a passion,_
_nor to an interest,_
_nor to a preconceived idea,_
_nor to anything whatsoever,_
_except to the facts themselves,_
_because for it to submit to anything else would be the end of its existence._

When facts are established scientifically they should not be ignored, altered or censored in order to comply with religious, political or philosophical beliefs.

It is therefore not surprising that the VUB motto is 'Scientia vincere tenebras' (science will overcome the darkness). VUB also believes in pluralism and welcomes people from all religious backgrounds who accept and respect the principle of "free inquiry".

Out of principle, the VUB does not offer any specific facilities or infrastructure for religious practices (such as worship). Brussels however hosts various religious communities.
1. **BUDDHIST**

1.1. **Association des Bouddhistes de Linh Son**  
Tradition: mahayana - Thich Huyen VI  
Country of origin: Vietnam  
Address: Overwinningsstraat 88 , 1060 Brussel  
Phone: 02/539.59.07  
Email: levinhq@yahoo.fr

1.2. **Association Zen de Belgique / Belgische Zen Vereniging**  
Tradition: mahayana - Taisen Deshimaru  
Country of origin: Japan  
Address: Eugène Cattoirstraat 11, 1050 Brussel  
Secretariats: Thierry Hoyois, Rue Valère Letot 99 - 7050 Herchies  
Phone: 02/485.71.77.36  
Email: zen@azb.be  
Website: www.zazen.be

1.3. **Dhammagroup**  
Tradition: theravada-vipassana - Mahasi Sayadaw  
Country of origin: Union du Myanmar (Birmarnie)  
Address: Hertoginstraat 2, 1040 Brussel  
Phone: 0474/59.00.21  
Email: info@dhammagroupbrussels.be  
Website: www.dhammagroupbrussels.be

1.4. **Institut Nalanda / Nalanda Instituut**  
Tradition: vajrayana - Karma Kagyu  
Country of origin: Tibet  
Address: Olmstraat 50, 1030 Brussel  
Phone: 02/675.38.05  
Fax: 02/675.38.90  
Email: nalanda@tibinst.org  
Website: www.institut-tibetain.org/cms/index.php?page=1-institut-

1.5. **Kwan Um School of Zen**  
Tradition: mahayana - Zen Meester Seungh Sahn  
Country of origin: Korea  
Address: Nestelingstraat 16, 1080 Brussel  
Phone: 0497/59.66.59 (Koen Vermeulen)  
Email: koen_vermeulen@yahoo.com  
Website: http://www.kwanumzen.be/

1.6. **Rigpa**  
Tradition: vajrayana - Dzogchen  
Country of origin: Tibet  
Address: Fernand Bernierstraat 10, 1060 Brussel  
Phone: 02/640.04.42  
Email: info@rigpa-belgique.be  
Website: www.rigpa-belgique.be
1.7. Samye Dzong Bruxelles/Brussel
Tradition: vajrayana - Orgyen Drodl Trinle Dordje
Country of origin: Tibet
Address: Capouilletstraat 33, 1060 Brussel
Phone: 02/537.54.07
Fax: + 02/537.42.45
Email: centre@samye.be
Website: www.samybe.be

1.8. Soka Gakkai Internationale Belgium
Tradition: mahayana
Country of origin: Japan
Address: Grisarstraat 46, 1070 Brussel
Phone: 02/345.87.14
Fax: 02/346.46.85
Email: contact@sgibelgium.org

2. CHRISTIAN

2.1. Anglican
Holy Trinity Pro Cathedral: Kapitein Crespelstraat 29, 1050 Brussel
St Pauls: Hoorenzeelstraat 24, 3080 Tervuren
The Link (St Dominicus Church): Baron Albert d’ Huartlaan, 1950 Kraainem Stockel

2.2. Orthodox

2.2.1. Baptist
Lifepoint Church: Jacques Jordaensstraat 10, 1000 Brussel
International Baptist Church: Lange Eikstraat 76-78, Wezembeek Oppernekk

2.2.2. Bulgarian orthodox
Bulgarian Orthodox Church: Victor Hugostraat 8, 1040 Brussel.

2.2.3. Charismatic and Pentecostal movement
http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/features/charismaticrenewal/cr_history.asp
http://www.charismatic.org/belgium.htm

2.2.4 Episcopelian
All Saints: Chaussée de Charleroi 2, 1420 Braine l’alleud

2.2.5. Greek orthodox
St Nicolas: Vooruitgangstraat 293, 1210 Brussel / Brabantstraat 75, 1030 Brus-

2.2.6. Lutheran
Lutheran church of Brussels: Salomélaan 7, 1150 Brussel
2.2.7. *Presbyterian*
Presbyterian Church of Ghana: Antwerpsesteenweg 24 (Harmony centre) 1000 Brussel

2.2.8. *Russian orthodox*
Russian Orthodox Church St Job: De Frêlaan 19, 1180 Brussel
Russian Orthodox Chapel St-Anne (Park of the Royal Palace of Laken), Abelenlaan 1020 Brussel

2.3. *Protestant*
Destiny Christian Center: Nieuwe Graanmarkt 8, 1000 Brussel
East Brussels Church of God / Korean Church: Museumlaan 2, 1970 Wezembeek Oppem
International Protestant Church of Brussels: Heldenlaan 32, 1160 Brussel
Praise Center United: Gheudestraat 54, 1070 Brussel
St Andrews Church of Scotland: Vleurgatsesteenweg 181, 1050 Brussel
The Well: Felix Hapstraat 11, 1040 Brussel
The Vineyard: Franz Guillaumelaan 80, 1140 Brussel
Christian Center: Waterloosesteenweg 47, 1640 St Genesius Rode
The Cornerstone: Frans Vereekstraat 181D, 3090 Overijse

2.4. *Roman Catholic*
L'église du Sacré Coeur: Corregiostraat, 1000 Brussel
Our Lady of Mercy Parish: Heilig Verbandplein 10, 1180 Brussel
St Anthony’s Parish: Oudstrijderslaan 23-25, 1950 Kraainem
St Nicholas at the Bourse: Boterstraat 1, 1000 Brussel
St Josephs Community: Waversesteenweg 203, 1050 Brussel

3. **CONFUSIASM - TAOISM**

**Belgian Taoist Association:**
http://www.taoiststudies.org/belgian_taoist_association.html

4. **HINDU**

4.1. *Mandir*
Indian Cultural Centre asbl Brussels: Colonel Bourgstraat 123-125, 1140 Evere
Email: iccbrussels@gmail.com
Phone: 02/484.03.11.42

4.2. *Namaskar*
Hindu Association of Brussels: Joseph Genitstraat 20, 1082 Brussel
Phone: 02/486.16.34
5. HUMANIST

5.1. Centre d’action laïque (French)
Campus de la Plaine ULB, CP-236
Accès 2, Avenue Arnaud Fraiteur,
1050 Bruxelles, Belgique
Phone: 02/627.68.11
Fax: 02/627.68.01
E-mail: cal@laicite.net
http://www.laicite.be/

5.2. Unie van Vrijzinnige Verenigingen (Dutch)
De Mens.nu Brand Whitlocklaan 87 1200 Brussel Phone: 02/735.81.92 Fax:
02/735.81.66 info@deMens.nu
http://www.demens.nu/nl/

6. ISLAM

6.1. Main Mosk of Brussels (Saoudi):
The Islamic and cultural centre of Belgium
Parc du Cinquantenaire 14
1000 Brussel
Phone: 02/735.21.73
Fax: 02/735.30.71

6.2. Local Mosks
A list of addresses of local Mosks can be found on the following website:
http://www.islamic-events.be/mosquee-belgium-moskee-belgie/mosquees-de-
bruxelles-moskeeen-in-brussel/

7. JEWISH - HEBREW

7.1. Main Brussels Synagogue
Regentschapsstraat 32
1000 Brussel
Website : http://www.jewishcom.be/wordpress/en/2009/03/01/la-commu-
naute-israelite-de-bruxelles/

7.2. Synagogue
Beth Israel Synagogue: Stalingradlaan 74, 1000 Brussel
Avahat Reim Synagogue: Dethystraat 73b, 1060 Brussel
Adat Israel Synagogue: Rogierstraat 126, 1030 Brussel
Simon and Lina Haim Synagogue: Pavilioenstraat 47, 1030 Brussel
The European Synagogue Ohel Eliezer: Froissartstraat 109, 1040 Brussel
8. SIKH

8.1. Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sahib
Lange Molenstraat 14
1800 Vilvoorde
Phone: 02/251.87.82
Website: http://www.gurdwarabrussel.org

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