We will start very soon...
• **Ms. Marjan MAES** – Faculty Coordinator Internationalisation

• **Prof. Dr. Matthieu KERVYN DE MEERENDRE** – Chair Faculty Commission Internationalisation

• **Ms. Nina BRIGOU** – Faculty Coordinator PR and Marketing
ORGANISATION OF THE SESSION

• **Live** presentation

• Ask your **questions** during the presentation **through the Q&A**

• We will answer your questions **at the end** of the session

• The ppt and answers to the questions will be shared on the **faculty website** + sent to all registered students

• For more **personal questions**, we will contact you individually afterwards
AGENDA

➢ Welcome by the Dean, Prof. Dr. Ben Craps
➢ Overview: Faculty of Sciences and Bioengineering Sciences
➢ E-tools (video)
➢ Who to know? Where to go?
➢ What’s different in 2020-2021
➢ What’s next...
➢ Q&A
Welcome by the Dean
Dean of the Faculty

Prof. Dr. Ben Craps
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Overview:
Faculty of Sciences and Bioengineering Sciences
7 DEPARTMENTS

- Bio-Engineering Sciences Department
- Biology Department
- Chemistry Department
- Department of Computer Science
- Geography Department
- Mathematics Department
- Physics Department
English-taught Programmes

MSc degree
- Applied Sciences and Engineering: Computer Science
- Biology – 5 graduation options:
  - Ecology and Biodiversity
  - Molecular and Cellular Life Sciences
  - Herpetology
  - Human Ecology
  - Tropical Biodiversity and Ecosystems (TROPIMUNDO)
- Chemistry
- Geography
- Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management
  - VLIR-UOS scholarships
- Molecular Biology
- Physics and Astronomy
- Urban Studies
  - MUS (VUB/ULB)
  - 4CITIES (NO INTAKE IN 20-21)

PhD degree and Doctoral Schools

More info: http://we.vub.ac.be/en/programmes
INTERDISCIPLINARITY IN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Earth System Sciences
Robotics and Language Evolution
Environmental Chemistry
Biochemical Pharmacology
Tropical Biodiversity
Computational Biology
Space and Society...

Mathematics
Physics
Geography
Chemistry
Biotechnology
Computer Science
Biology
Engineering Technology
Medicine Pharmacy

SCIENCES & BIOENGINEERING SCIENCES

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EXCELLENT STUDENT-STAFF RATIO

Open-door policy
Small groups
Hands-on experience
Multidisciplinary approach

Creating strong individuals
Committed to sustainable society
Intercultural attitude
Independent, with inquiring attitude
High employability
STUDENTS AS SCIENTISTS

- Maximal opportunities to develop scientific skills
- Courses embedded in research programmes
- Students are part of research teams
OUR FUTURE IS INTERNATIONAL

• Today:
  > 50% Ma-students international
  +- 50% PhD-students international

• Focus on exchange of researchers and students
  o Studies
  o Internships
  o Thesis
  o Field work
- [https://we.vub.ac.be/en/](https://we.vub.ac.be/en/)
- In Dutch and English!
- All information on:
  - Faculty COVID updates
  - Teaching and Examination Regulations
  - Faculty forms and regulations
  - Thesis guidelines
  - Study and traineeships abroad
  - Faculty news
  - Contact details
  - And much more…
Video: E-tools
Faculty Welcome WE
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Who to know? Where to go?
Faculty Secretariat

4F107 (Building F – 4th floor – room 107)
Opening hours: Monday to Friday; 9h30 – 12h30 and 13h – 16h (from Monday 21/9 onwards)
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facwe@vub.be

Dean: Prof. Dr. Ben Craps

Administrative Secretary: Mr. Tom Dorissen

Faculty Coordinator Internationalisation: Ms. Marjan Maes (marjan.maes@vub.be)
- appointments via online agenda
‘If you have questions concerning your individual study path, your curriculum, electives, the examination regulations or other personal questions related to education, you can contact your study path counselor.’

Ms. Reen Tallon and Ms. Sharon Eeckhout
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Appointments via online agenda

!! The Study Guidance Center (SGC) offers personalised study guidance in English during each phase of your academic career.
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Teaching and Examination Regulations + Supplementary faculty regulations:

- **Stipulate the rights and obligations of each VUB student**
- **Before making a complaint -> check the regulations!**
- **All regulations can be found in Dutch and in English on the faculty website under ‘Student information’**.

=> Note: The English version has been made available for information only. It is not an official document. The original text (in Dutch), as officially approved by the Academic Council, can be consulted on the VUB website.
Faculty Ombudsperson

Prof. Dr. Frank Canters

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Mediator between student and academic/administrative staff

Aim is to come to an amicable settlement
STUDENT REPRESENTATION

✓ Representation at all levels incl. University Council
✓ Students have a direct vote in Rector elections
✓ A student representative has to be appointed per study year and per study programme
✓ Their role is to ensure a smooth communication with faculty administration and teaching staff

=> All Departments/Programmes will launch a call!
Facebook:

- Groups per programme (e.g. Master of Oceans & Lakes, Master Herpetology VUB, VUB Biology students and alumni, Master Urban Studies Brussels, Molecular Biology)
- Department groups (e.g. VUB Department of Biology)
- International Students @ VUB
- VUB International Relations
- VUB – Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Student Events VUB

Instagram: vubrussel
What’s different in 2020-2021...
Code YELLOW
subject to change

ON CAMPUS

• Always keep your distance from others
• Wear a face mask at all times
• Wash your hands regularly
DURING CLASSES

• No drinking/eating during class
• Wear a face mask at all times
• Notify your teacher if you want to get up or leave the room
Code YELLOW
subject to change

If you test positive for COVID-19

Notify us immediately on info@vub.be
Code YELLOW
subject to change

Absent for a mandatory class

Provide a doctor’s note to your faculty secretariat

STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19
vub.be/backtocampus

VUB VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL
ENROLMENT AND LATE ARRIVALS

1. Finalise your enrolment asap

➢ Problems? Questions? Admissions@vub.be

2. Did you already register your courses?

➢ Problems? Check the FAQs and most frequent errors!

➢ Still experiencing problems? Contact the Helpdesk!

3. Where are you? In Brussels or abroad?

➢ Please fill in the form ‘Whereabouts International Students WE’

➢ Stay in touch with your programme coordinators!
HOW TO VIEW MY TIMETABLE

1. Select your level of education

2. Select your faculty

3. Select your field of education

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How to View My Timetable

### Selection

**STUDENT SET TIMETABLES**

- **Filter by partial name**: 
  - 1: MA Molecular Biology (common core)
  - 2: MA Molecular Biology (selectives)
  - 3: MA Molecular Biology profile Agro- and Plant Biotechnology
  - 4: MA Molecular Biology profile Biotechnology for Global Health
  - 5: MA Molecular Biology (common core)
  - 6: MA Molecular Biology profile Agro- and Plant Biotechnology (selectives)
  - 7: MA Molecular Biology profile Biotechnology for Global Health (selectives)

**Select Week(s)**
- 1st Semester (weeks 1 to 14)
  - First week starts on Monday 14 Sep 2020
  - Week 2 starts on Monday 21 Sep 2020
  - Week 3 starts on Monday 28 Sep 2020
  - Week 4 starts on Monday 05 Oct 2020

**Select Day(s)**
- Monday to Friday
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

**Time**
- 08:00 - 22:00
- 08:00 - 16:00
- 16:00 - 23:00

**Type Of Report**
- Grid Table
- List
- iCal (all weeks, all days, all times)

Select the correct student-set

Choose week or entire semester

Click view timetable
### HOW TO VIEW MY TIMETABLE

**How to read your timetable**

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**Rotation colour**
- Blue or orange

**Maximum room capacity during COVID**
- 25
- 30
- 35
- 40

**Name of the course**
- Computational Physics
- Computational Physics
- High-energy Astrophysics
- Quantum Field Theory
- F.5.306

**Name lecturer**
- SEVERIN Alexandre
- SEVERIN Alexandre
- SEVERIN Alexandre

**Room number**
- 1A
- 1B
- 1C
- 1D
- 1E

**Time (begin and end)**
- 9:00 - 11:00
- 11:00 - 13:00
- 14:00 - 17:00
- 14:00 - 17:00
- 15:00 - 17:00

**Scheduled weeks**
- 4, 5, 8, 10, 12
**VUBUDDY PROJECT**

**WHAT**
A project where new international students receive 1 VUBuddy who:
- Guides and supports
- Enables social cohesion within your group

**WHY**
To increase new students' social and academic integration and wellbeing

**FOR WHO**
YOU

**FROM WHO**
Socially engaged empathic students with a heart for new students

**HOW**
THE ANSWER TO (MOST OF) YOUR QUESTIONS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

What will it look like?

Find out here

All info on education – travel policy – student Services – opening hours – FAQs -> student.vub.be
✓ Face mask on campus
✓ Follow the safety directions and keep your distance
✓ Check the rules of your commune!
What’s next…
THE ORIENTATION DAYS CONTINUE

✓ **Campus tours** (registration mandatory): Tuesday 15 September (exchange students) and Thursday 17 September; 14h to 15h (degree-seeking students WE)

✓ **Programme welcomes**

✓ **Pre-assessment tests** – only for MSc Molecular Biology

✓ **Videos** on housing, administration, health insurance: [https://student.vub.be/onthaaldagen-orientationdays#orientation-days](https://student.vub.be/onthaaldagen-orientationdays#orientation-days)

✓ Presentation **General Info Session** (September 3rd, 2020)
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**EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

- Exchange students are advised to contact their exchange coordinator (academic part) as soon as possible.

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- You can also book an appointment with the international coordinator, Ms Marjan Maes: [online agenda](#).
Q&A
YOUR CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS!

- Type your question in the Q&A box on the right hand side
- You can post your question anonymously, if you wish
- We will try to answer most general questions during this Q&A session
- For more personal questions, we will contact you individually afterwards
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Live, learn, laugh...