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Choosing for Life Sciences: Applied or fundamental studies?

You’re fascinated by the world of DNA, proteins, genetics, biotechnology, life sciences, and holder of a Bachelor’s degree in any of these subjects.

At the same time you’re confronted with the difficult choice between different Masters programs related to Life Sciences. At Ghent University, these are:

- Bioscience Engineering - Main Subject: Cell and Gene Biotechnology (Faculty of Bioscience Engineering);
- Biomedical Sciences (Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences);
- Biology (Main Subject: Functional Biology) (Faculty of Sciences);
- Biochemistry & Biotechnology (Faculty of Sciences).

How can you make a motivated choice between these programs in Life Sciences at Ghent University? What defines your final choice? Is it the title of Engineer, the emphasis on application of knowledge, or is it the clinical environment of the program? Or are you just an enthusiast of fundamental science? Do you take your decision for a distinct program on the basis of a specific medical or agronomical problem, such as curing AIDS or cancer, or improving food production or quality by new biotechnological applications?

Although you may intuitively feel more attracted by studies in applied Faculties such as those at the Faculties for Bioscience Engineering or Biomedical Sciences, and to a lesser extent by studies at the Faculty of Science, you should be fully aware of the fact that our Faculty combines fundamental research, the scientific method, the scientific way of thinking, generating novel knowledge and intrinsic curiosity, with carrying these findings beyond the pure and fundamental towards real life applications. We therefore certainly are the right home for the pure scientists amongst you; however, if you feel strongly attracted by fundamental science but are also interested in research applications, don’t hesitate to join us!
The choice between the different "life"-directed programs is only possible if the context and the objectives of the training are clearly understood.

The training in the **Bioscience Engineering, main subject Cell and Gene Biotechnology** is a training focused on plants and animals, with the clear aim of delivering engineers capable of designing and guiding production processes to prepare a product for the market.

The training in **Biomedical Sciences** is a training aimed at delivering persons that can act in between biomedical research on the one hand and the clinical one on the other. In this program, biochemical and biotechnological techniques are widely used.

The **Biology program** (focus functional biology) wants to deliver biologists that can use molecular and biotechnological tools in a typical biological research framework such as ecology, taxonomy and physiology of plants and animals.

The training in **Biochemistry and Biotechnology** has the aim of forming scientists who not only have a thorough knowledge of biochemistry, molecular biology, genetics, cell biology and physiology but who also can use the biochemical and biotechnological techniques in a creative and inventive manner on plants, animals or humans. The students are also initiated in the interesting world of bioinformatics.
In the Faculty of Sciences, fundamental research (meant to generate novel knowledge) is an intrinsic part of the education program. The training in biochemistry and biotechnology also has a social aim: to apply research and knowledge in favor of humanity and society. The focus within the training reflects this social involvement in research on the origin and treatment of all kinds of illnesses (such as cancer, chronic inflammation and metabolic diseases), on the improvement of plants (sustainable food production, production of food with improved nutritional quality, production of bio-fuels) and on the use of micro-organisms in certain chemical processes (detoxification of contaminants).

Knowledge and research results are continuously implemented in the program courses. This close interaction between education and research in the Biochemistry and Biotechnology program is based on a strong and world-famous research tradition in biochemistry, molecular biology and genetics of the 3 departments involved in the education program. This ultimately leads to interesting master theses and creates ample possibilities for doctoral research in an international research environment under the guidance of excellent researchers.

Please visit the websites of the departments involved in the education program to get a better view on the research performed.

- Biochemistry, Physiology and Microbiology
  [http://www.biochemicrofys.ugent.be/](http://www.biochemicrofys.ugent.be/)
- Molecular Biology
- Molecular Genetics

Once the degree of 'Master in Biochemistry& Biotechnology' has been obtained, a Doctorate in Biochemistry and Biotechnology can be started, which takes 4 to 5 years on average. The Doctoral School program at Ghent University offers a number of additional, specializing courses which can be followed during the doctorate program.

Alternatively, several Subsequent Master's Programs are available. These generally take one year of study, but can be combined with a regular job. For more information on these subsequent master programs, you can consult the Students Advisory Center.
Master in Biochemistry and Biotechnology

The 2-year master program is built on 4 modules of 30 study points (ECTS credits) each:

- **common general courses** (30 ECTS, general, broadening)
- **major** (30 ECTS, specializing)
- **minor** (30 ECTS, broadening)
- **master test** (30 ECTS, practical training)

The Master program offers **five** specializing **majors**:

**The major biochemistry and structural biology (BSB)** focuses on the determination of protein structures and the study of the functioning of molecular `machines`.

**The major bio-computing and system biology (BIS)** has been based on the recent need for bio-computing and computational biology for the processing of the vast amount of data generated from the biological information flow on different levels (genome, transcriptome, proteome, interactome, signalosome).

**The major biomedical biotechnology (BIB)** studies the relation between basic cell biological processes and pathological processes (inflammation, cancer, metabolic illnesses) and pays also attention to biomedical applications such as the development of new vaccines and new therapies.

**The major microbial biotechnology (MIB)** studies microbial diversity and functionality and applies the fundamental knowledge of the molecular genetics of micro organisms such as bacteria, yeast, moulds and viruses in a broad variety of biotechnological applications.

**The major plant biotechnology (PLB)** aims at the development of biotechnological applications of plants in agriculture (e.g. disease resistance or drought tolerance), production of bio fuels and the biosynthesis of products with medical applications. The major is supported by a training period (6 ECTS) in the first master and a master test (30 ECTS) in the second semester of the second master.
The Master program offers four broadening minors:

- **The minor Research (RES)** offers the students an extra specialty, chosen from the remaining majors and includes an extra training period.
- **The minor education (EDU)** offers a part of the secondary teacher training.
- **The minor Economy and Business Administration (ECO)** offers an introduction to different aspects of business life.
- **The minor interdisciplinary combination (ICO)** permits to combine a major with a coherent package of courses from a different field (informatics, chemistry, engineer sciences,...)

**Detailed program:**

Master 1 Biochemistry and Biotechnology


Master 2 Biochemistry and Biotechnology

Master in Biochemistry and Biotechnology

Students having an Academic Bachelor degree other than 'Biochemistry and Biotechnology' can start the Master in 'Biochemistry and Biotechnology' program after having followed the Preparatory Course Master of Biochemistry and Biotechnology

**Your career options**

A very large number of the current licentiates in Biochemistry and Biotechnology (between 40-60 % in the past 5 years), start **doctoral studies** and mostly graduate successfully. Ghent University has a very strong research tradition in the domain of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, which leads to highly qualified PhDs in an internationally competitive research environment. Later, these doctors find their way to national and international universities, research institutions and a growing number of young biotechnological companies.

The use of biochemical and biotechnological methods and production strategies increases in health care, the environmental sector, food industry, the agricultural industry, the chemical industry. This implies that there is and will be a demand for academically educated, but also practically trained biochemists and biotechnologists. Given the broad scientific basic education, the combination of chemistry and biology, the practical and research-oriented aspects of the study program, the biochemist and the biotechnologist are well trained for the labour market.

The employment sectors are **scientific research at universities, research centres, R&D in companies, the pharmaceutical industry, cosmetics companies, laboratories for medical analysis, the food industry, fermentation industry, agricultural industry, petrochemical industry, chemical industry, biotechnological companies, companies in environmental technology, public services for water treatment, the environmental sector.**

Finally, graduates in Biochemistry en Biotechnology often end up in **education**, both at the level of the secondary schools (for masters) and at the level of the colleges of higher education (for doctors).
Ghent University is a major university in the Dutch-speaking region. Over 130 faculty departments, divided over 11 faculties, offer high-quality courses in every one of their scientific disciplines, each inspired by innovative research.

Ghent University distinguishes itself as a socially committed and pluralistic university in a broad international perspective.

Ghent University makes every effort to inform its internal and external target groups through several publications such as a summary annual report. To read more about our annual report, visit this webpage:  


Despite its continuing growth, Ghent University maintained its position within the Ghent city centre: our campuses form a proverbial ribbon through the historical city.

To find out more about the different facilities we offer to our students (such as student restaurants, library, helpdesk, etc.), please visit this webpage:


**OUR FACULTY**

The mission of the Faculty of Sciences covers the study of the natural sciences on their most fundamental level while keeping an eye on their applications.

The Faculty of Sciences therefore provides education and research at a high international level, with science and technology directed towards the needs of the society. The faculty offers courses and programs not only in all traditional fields, but also in many more specialized disciplines.

The faculty is proud to be attentive to the needs of her foreign students, offering counseling on all levels. Of course many courses are taught in Dutch, but it is the policy of the faculty to offer flexible alternatives to foreign students. Graduates of the Faculty of Sciences easily find a place in the society within the most diverse sectors.

The education in the different disciplines has its roots in intensive scientific research, performed in 14 departments. The departments, further divided into research groups, are supported by several logistic services.

To find out more about the faculty of sciences different departments, staff, etc. please visit the following webpage:  


To find out more about the location and the facts & figures of the faculty of sciences, please visit the following webpage:

http://wetenschappen.ugent.be/site/index_eng.html
LIVING IN GHENT, THE HEART OF FLANDERS

Ghent is a lively city with an impressive historical center, situated at the intersection of the motorways E17 and E40 and can easily be reached by car. National and international trains stop in Ghent (stations Sint-Pieters and Dampoort).

The city has an extensive public transport network serving the city centre and surrounding area.

It can be no coincidence that Ghent, the capital of East Flanders, was given several pretty names: historic heart of Flanders, a city of all times, one of the most beautiful historic cities in Europe.

The city combines an impressive past with a vivid present. The historic heart of the city offers a lot of places of interest. From St Michael's bridge there is a wonderful view on the skyline of Ghent with the three impressive towers of St Nicholas' Church, the Belfry with its bell tower and St Bavo's cathedral with the world famous painting "The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" by Jan van Eyck.

Traces of the Middle Ages were preserved at a lot of places. The old port with its guild halls on the Graslei and Korenlei is merely one example of the beautiful views this town has to offer.

Not far from the Graslei arises the Castle of the Counts, once the medieval fortress of the Count of Flanders. Nowadays it is a major tourist attraction.

Not only art lovers but everyone can find something here to suit his taste. Ghent offers a lot of shops, restaurants and an exciting nightlife.

Ghent can be discovered by boat, carriage, bicycle or on foot.

The official language in Ghent is Dutch, but most people also speak French, English and/or German.

The Belgian currency unit is the euro.

There are exchange offices and banks in the city centre.

Credit cards are accepted in most places.

All prices in Belgium include VAT and service.
APPLICATION PROCEDURE

First of all, you should make your choice between two possible trajectories:

- you wish to follow the entire two-year Master program as a regular student (or a reduced program if you have obtained credits for certain subjects in a previous Master education)
- you wish to come for one (half a year) or two semesters (one year), as an exchange student in the Erasmus program

Carefully read the instructions below, applying to your choice, and contact the relevant person in case you have questions:

1. as a regular student, your contact person is Mrs. Veronique Vandevoorde (contact details below, see section for regular students on page 11).
2. as an Erasmus student, your contact person is Mrs. Valérie Ingelrelst (contact details below, see section for Erasmus students on page 15).
If you come as a **REGULAR STUDENT**, please visit:

The entire admission procedure can be found on the webpage:


However, prior to sending your request to the Rectorate, your file needs to be evaluated by the **Educational Commission for Biochemistry & Biotechnology**, chaired by Prof. Dr. P. Vandenabeele.

Your **request for admission** should contain the following documents:

- the **application form for academic admission**, wherein you formally declare that you have adequate means of subsistence during your stay in Belgium. The procedure to obtain the application form can be read on:

- your **CV**;

- a **legalized copy** of your diploma;

- a **list of courses** you have followed during your **Bachelor education** (including a description of the content of each course mentioning at least all chapter titles)

- a **proof of English proficiency**. All relevant information regarding language requirements at the Masters level can be found on:
Practical information:
BEFORE DEPARTURE TO BELGIUM

If any of these forms is missing, the admission procedure cannot be started. When your file is complete, send all documents to:

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Ghent University
Technologiepark 927
B-9052 Ghent-Zwijnaarde
Belgium
Phone +3293313682
Fax +3293313511
veronique.vandevoorde@dmbr.ugent.be

As soon as the Educational Commission for Biochemistry & Biotechnology has approved your application, all forms will be forwarded to the Rectorate. Should your background knowledge be deemed insufficient, you will be advised to follow a preparatory program.

On average, the entire procedure takes 3-4 months. For application deadlines, check: http://www.ugent.be/en/teaching/admission/degreestudent/application/deadlines.htm
Practical information:
BEFORE DEPARTURE TO BELGIUM

>>>If you come as an **EXCHANGE (ERASMUS)** student, please visit:

This is what you will have to do if you want to become an exchange student at Ghent University:

- Ask the International Office in your university for help.
  
  (for students who come with the Erasmus program: ask them if your university has a **bilateral agreement** with Ghent University)
- Also ask them to help you with the **4 necessary forms** (3 of which are available on the UGent website: http://www.ugent.be/en/foreignstud/exchangeprogst/socrates/forms.htm/):
  
    - Exchange Application Form
    - Exchange Learning Agreement
    - Transcript of Records of your previous study results
    - Language Requirements for Exchange Students

Without these documents, you will **NOT be allowed** to study at Ghent University.

You can ask the Transcript of Records in your own university.
REGARDING YOUR LEARNING AGREEMENT

All information on available courses (course description, number of ECTS credits, etc.) can be viewed on the course catalog, using the links mentioned below. For your Learning Agreement, you should use the course codes as indicated on the webpages:

for Masters in biochemistry-biotechnology

for Masters in biology (given the option to combine courses of different disciplines, this may be interesting for you; however, please do bear in mind that (1) no more than 20% of your program can be chosen from other disciplines; (2) those combinations may prevent you from being able to follow the classes since there can be an overlap with the actual teaching hours of courses on the Biochemistry-Biotechnology program)

There is no fixed total number of ECTS points; however, we advise to take around 30 ECTS for one or 60 ECTS for two semesters. The minimum number of ECTS is 24 per semester. The maximum number of ECTS that can be chosen outside the Faculty of Science is 20% of the total. If you choose an Erasmus program in Biochemistry-Biotechnology, you should have a minimum of 80% of your ECTS within our discipline. Please note that you are responsible for checking whether the courses are taught at the time you plan to come to Ghent (1st or 2nd semester), as well as whether the courses are taught in Dutch or English, if you choose courses other than those taught in the Master in Biochemistry & Biotechnology. Courses at the Masters level are taught in English; Bachelor courses are mainly in Dutch. Hence, especially in the latter case you should contact the professors (use the generic email address = firstname.lastname@ugent.be; family names consisting of several words, are written without spaces in the email address) and ask whether they allow you to follow their course (i.e. whether they can provide you the necessary course materials/handbook in English; do realize that this implies autonomous study of the subject - a question and answer session can always be arranged with the professor prior to the exam). Even if you choose to follow a Dutch language course, your practical knowledge may not be reaching the level needed to follow classes in Dutch, so please do contact the professor in case you wish to follow a course that is taught in Dutch.

Practical information:
BEFORE DEPARTURE TO BELGIUM

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As a rule, we only accept students that have earned a Bachelor's degree at their home university, hence, you should send a copy of your Bachelor’s diploma (or a proof that you have successfully completed 3 years of study) **WITH YOUR APPLICATION.** Since we only allow incoming students at the Master's level, you should only choose Bachelor courses to fill in a possible lack in your background knowledge; therefore, your course choice should be restricted to a few courses taught at the level of Bachelor 3 (the rest should be at the Masters level).

For research projects in the area of biochemistry, microbiology, bioinformatics, biomedical or plant biotechnology: surf to the web pages of the departments and contact the respective professor to check whether you can join their group:

for microbiology, biochemistry, animal physiology:
http://www.biochemicrofys.ugent.be

for Biomedical Molecular research:

for Plant molecular research
http://www.hsb.ugent.be and http://www.psb.ugent.be

The best approach is to contact the respective head of the research group, to whom you should express your interest for the subject(s) of your choice (within either one of the 5 for which you received the weblinks above), in order of preference. Including your CV will be of help.

Please note that there are numerous requests for research projects and that it is difficult to fulfill all, but that alternatives can usually be found. It is therefore highly advisable that you mention all your interests at once.

Be aware that professors usually have a busy agenda and that it takes time before you will have gathered all necessary information and/or agreements. Don't give up if you don't get an answer within a few days or even within a week, send a kind reminder and you surely will receive a reply.
Once you have a **mutual agreement** with a professor to join his/her research group, this assignment is fixed. The number of ECTS allocated to your research project is dependent on the number of weeks you will be working (in full time equivalents) in the lab, and has to be decided with your promoter's consent. One semester of full-time work equals 30 ECTS.

Please note that your Learning Agreement has to mention the name of your **research promoter**; however, if you do not choose to perform research and restrict your Erasmus study to courses, you should mention the academic responsible for Biochemistry & Biotechnology, Prof. Dr. D. Van Der Straeten, as promoter. Together with your Learning Agreement, you should include the email confirming acceptance for a research project, for a given number of weeks/months (without this, your file cannot be processed).

Learning agreements should be completed (and agreed upon) prior to your arrival in Ghent and will in principle not be changed anymore, so think twice before finalizing your learning agreement.

Should you encounter problems, please do not hesitate to contact Prof. Van Der Straeten. For all administrative matters (eg. obtaining an electronic form of a learning agreement), please contact Mrs. Valérie Ingelrelst. All documents relevant to your application (Learning Agreement, copy of Bachelor's diploma, confirmation of acceptance for research) should be sent to Mrs. Ingelrelst.

**Mrs Valérie Ingelrelst**

International Relations Officer Faculty of Sciences

E-mail: Valerie.Ingelrelst@UGent.be  
Tel.: +32-9-264-50-43  
Fax.: +32-9-264-53-39
Once Mrs Ingelreist has received all the forms, she will ask Prof. Dr. D. Van Der Straeten to sign them. Subsequently, we will send you the Letter of Invitation by post and a scanned version by e-mail (and by fax to your university). This procedure will take 4 – 6 weeks. However, during holiday periods it will take longer.

Important notice: the application deadline for the Faculty of Science is June 1 for the first semester and November 15 for the second semester.

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR STAY IN GHENT

The exchange student guide contains all general information about your stay in Ghent and can be retrieved on the following webpage:


Should you have questions about accommodation, visa, insurance, sports, personal problems, registration procedure, financial problems, language preparation, banks, ..., please contact the Exchange Students Adviser of Ghent University,

Mr. André De Cokere

Department of Educational Affairs
International Relations Office

Address: Onderbergen 4 a-c, B-9000 Gent, Belgium
Tel.: +32 9 264 82 26 (in Belgium: 09 264 82 26, from inside university: 8226)
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E-mail: Andre.DeCokere@UGent.be

Website: http://www.international.UGent.be

Contact hours for students: weekdays 14h00 - 17h00 (OR: make an appointment).
Insurance for foreign students:

Guidelines insurance for foreign researchers:
Guidelines insurance for foreign students:
Guidelines insurance for foreign trainee:

List of necessary insurances

1. Health insurance: obliged!
   - bring this insurance from home
   - EU-inhabitants: European Health Insurance Card (= blue card)
   - Non-EU: a valid health insurance
   - If you can not get it at home, the Exchange Students Adviser will help you to get
     this insurance in Ghent.

2. Insurance civil liability during university activities
   You are automatically insured when you get your UGent Student Card

3. Insurance physical accidents during university activities
   You are automatically insured when you get your UGent Student Card

4. Civil liability in your private life
   Highly recommended! You can apply for this insurance in Ghent.

5. Repatriation insurance
   Highly recommended! You can apply for this insurance in Ghent
   - You can find a map of the campus of the University of Ghent online:
Accommodation

Arranging your accommodation:

Accommodation in the student residences of Ghent University

The 4 student residences of Ghent University offer a total of 1,357 rooms. All of these are situated in the surroundings of the university buildings. Only a small number of Ghent students (8%) live in one of the university residences. Every student has a furnished room of his or her own and has access to a kitchen (crockery and cutlery, pots and pans are not provided, including sheets and blankets), bathroom and recreational space with TV room.

University rooms cost **190,39 euro a month** (= rental price 2007-2008). Keep in mind that you will be required to pay a deposit (125 euro) as well as a registration fee (35 euro). Payments have to be made by bank instalments and cannot be done beforehand. Upon arrival, the people in the Housing Department will tell you what to do.

It is essential to start looking for accommodation at least 3-4 months before the start of your stay, to ensure a room. Only a limited number of rooms (200 rooms for 850 students) can be reserved for exchange students in the university residences. These rooms will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. The only way to apply for a room is to send the filled out 'Exchange Accommodation Form' as soon as possible (http://www.ugent.be/en/foreignstud/exchangeprogst/socrates/accommodation/residence.htm). Only when you have received a written confirmation, you can be sure of your reservation.

The Housing Department (Responsible Mrs Myriam Van den Branden) will allocate your room as close as possible to the faculty where you will be studying. However, due to the large number of applications, it is not always possible to give you the room of your
1. Registration at Ghent University upon arrival (Student Card for Exchange Students)

The Student Registration and Curriculum Office is situated behind the reception desk of the Rectorate building (Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 25).

Registration hours: Every weekday from 8h30-11h45 and 13h30-16h15.

Please take copies of your documents before you go to the registration office. For registration the following documents are required:

- A copy of your Letter of Invitation, issued by the International Relations Office of Ghent University
- A copy of a certificate of registration at home university or a copy of your student card.
- A copy of your passport or identity card
- A copy of your European Health Insurance Card or another health insurance document or a copy of your application for health insurance at a health insurance company in Belgium (more information)

All duly registered students receive a Ghent University Registration Card for the length of their stay. This card is the proof that you have been recognized by Ghent University as an Exchange Program Student. You need this card when taking exams or when going to the library or to one of the university restaurants. You can also get reductions in the cinema, museum, historic buildings,... Please make sure that you always carry it with you.

You will also receive a document proof of registration that has to be handed in at the City Foreigners' Registration Office.

Before going back home, be sure to pick up your 'Proof of Stay'-document.

The International Relations Officer of the Faculty (Mrs. Ingelrelst) will deliver this transcript.

The transcript of records mentions the courses you have followed, the ECTS-credits and the ECTS-grades you have obtained. It will be sent to your home university by Mrs. Ingelrelst.
UPON ARRIVAL IN BELGIUM

2. Registration in the Foreigners' Registration Office (City of Ghent)

FIRST STEP:
register on-line as a foreign student in the Foreigners’ Registration Office of the City of Ghent. You have to fill in the “Arrival Form” and mail it to vreemdelingen@gent.be

SECOND STEP:
When all compulsory information (fields in bold and with an asterisk [*]) has been completed and sent off, the police will come to check your address on request of the Foreigners’ Registration Office. As soon as it gets the confirmation from the police, the Foreigners’ Registration Office will send you an invitation to come and collect your residence permit. When you go to the Foreigners’ Registration Office, please bring all the necessary documents. If a single document is missing, the office will not be able to deliver the permit.

EU students
(only in case you want a domicile – for all other options you will have to come to the Foreigners Registration Office of the City of Ghent).

Documents:
• Passport or national ID-card
• School certificate (you will receive this when you get your student card of UGent)
• Health insurance Certificate (blue ’European Health Insurance Card’ or other Insurance)
• Declaration that you have enough means of support at your disposal (document to complete during your visit to the Foreigners Registration Office of the City of Ghent)
• 4 passport photos
• 7 EUR
• European driver’s license
Non EU students (obligatory registration)

Documents:
- your passport with D-visa
- School certificate (you will receive this when you get your student card of UGent)
- 3 passport photos
- 7 EUR
- European driver’s license

THIRD STEP: Departure (for all students)
When you leave Belgium, you have to print the Departure Form, fill it in, sign it and send it to:

Stad Gent, Dienst Bevolking en Welzijn
Bureau Vreemdelingen
Woodrow Wilsonplein 1
B-9000 Gent, Belgium

To find out more about the visa requirements visit the webpage:
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