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university of applied sciences

**HOWEST UNIVERSITY
OF APPLIED SCIENCES**
ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE

BRUGES & KORTRIJK, BELGIUM

Exchange students **Chris de Wilde** The Netherlands, **Eliana Henderson** the USA and **Susana Zaldívar Rueda** Mexico.
Picture taken in Bruges.

2023-2024

DEAR STUDENT



If you want to study in the heart of Europe, [Howest University of Applied Sciences](#) is without a doubt the perfect spot for you.

Howest offers **29 bachelor's degrees and 14 associate degrees with a strong practical focus**. Some of them are unique for our country, such as our award-winning [Digital Arts and Entertainment \(DAE\)](#), available both in English and Dutch. Our **40 English-taught programmes** attract students from all over the world to our beautiful region, and provide them with top-notch education..

With [campuses in Bruges and Kortrijk](#), Howest provides an appealing programme within an impressive historical context. Bruges is one of the most beautiful cities in the world while Kortrijk holds a symbolic place in Flemish history and is a creative and entrepreneurial hub with a global outlook.

Howest has a vast tradition of international cooperation and is an active partner of many European universities. We also have a growing number of valuable partnerships with universities and fieldwork organisations in North and Latin America, Asia and Africa.

I'm sure Howest is a place for you.

We'll make you feel welcome!

Lode De Geyter / President of Howest University of Applied Sciences

Frederik D'Hulster / Vice President for Education, Research and International Affairs.

Isabelle Pertry / Director of International Affairs

Studying in the heart of Europe

With campuses in Bruges and Kortrijk, Howest University of Applied Sciences is at the very heart of Europe, only a two hour train journey to major cities such as Paris, London and Amsterdam.

BRUGES

- UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000
- Medieval gem, with its romantic canals and cobbled alleys

KORTRIJK

- One of the hotspots of Flemish history
- UNESCO Creative City, city of innovation, creation and design with broad boulevards along the river Leie and a large shopping mall in the historic city centre



AN INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Howest is an entrepreneurial University of Applied Sciences known for its innovative and interdisciplinary approach to education and research, and its close collaboration with industry, business and the social profit sector.

We offer [29 bachelor's, 14 associate degrees and many postgraduate certificate programmes](#), all with a strong practical focus, in **Architecture, Energy & Construction; Business & Entrepreneurship; Health & Care; Media & Communication; People & Society; Education; Digital, Design & Arts; Sports, Tourism & Recreation; Tech & IT**. Howest is a member of Ghent University Association, which provides high-quality higher education to 30% of Flanders' student population. All programmes are fully accredited by NVAO, the Dutch-Flemish Accreditation Organisation.

Anticipating the future, starting from each individual student's talent and motivation, Howest educates its students to become competent, employable and team-oriented professionals. **Industry and society-**

driven assignments and on-the-job training are key components of our programmes. We achieve high-impact learning through modern approaches such as project based and cooperative education. Our **WOW**, Window on the World integration project, in which multidisciplinary student teams tackle community-based, real-life challenges, is just one of many examples. All students develop international competencies and have diverse opportunities to study, train, do projects or study trips abroad. With our alumni as proof, Howest meets the changing needs of society and equips its students for the future.

Howest sets the tone for socially relevant, practice and value oriented education, research and services to society, with a wide regional and international outlook.

Howest is an **open-minded and pluralistic** university of applied sciences, with respect for diversity. Howest inspires its staff and students to integrate its core values "serve-empower-care" in their professional and personal lives.

Ananth Samyukta, from India, student bachelor Industrial Product Design.
Picture taken by Susana Zaldívar Rueda, exchange student from Mexico.

OUR 2023-2024 PROGRAMMES

16 full degrees/programmes in English

[Bachelor of Digital Arts and Entertainment \(DAE - 3 yrs - 180 ECTS\)](#)

- **6 majors:** *Game Development, Visual Effects (VFX), 3D Animation, Game Graphics Production, Independent Game Production, Interactive Sound Production*

[Bachelor of Digital Design and Development \(Devine - 3 yrs - 180 ECTS\)](#)

Bachelor of Applied Computer Science (3 years - 180 ECTS)

- [Major Cyber Security Professional](#)
- [Major Web3 Engineer](#) **NEW**

[Bachelor of Industrial Product Design \(3 years - 180 ECTS\)](#)

[Bachelor of Creative Technologies and AI \(3 yrs - 180 ECTS\)](#) **NEW**

Bachelor of Creative Technologies and AI (short track - 1 year - 60 ECTS, if you already hold a BA degree in IT)

[Advanced Bachelor of Bioinformatics \(1 year - 60 ECTS\)](#)

[Postgraduate Certificate in Global Business Management \(60 ECTS\)](#)

[Postgraduate Certificate in Migration and Refugees \(30/60 ECTS\)](#)

[European Master in Sustainable Energy System Management](#)

+ 29 bachelor degrees and 14 associate degrees in Dutch

24 English-taught bachelor's semesters for exchange

(all with a minimum of 30 ECTS-credits)

[AI Engineer \(autumn\)](#)

[Applied Computer Science I & II \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[Applied Health & Lifestyle Sciences \(autumn\)](#)

[Bioinformatics I & II \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[Collaborative Design Studio \(autumn\)](#)

[Creative Communication Project \(spring\)](#)

[Design for Impact \(spring\)](#)

[Destination Development in Tourism \(autumn\)](#)

[Digital Arts and Entertainment \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[Digital Design and Development \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[Global Business Management I & II \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[Integrated Building Design and Construction \(autumn\)](#)

[Journalism \(autumn\)](#)

[Migration and Refugees \(autumn or full year\)](#)

[Nursing Programme \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[We Teach the World - Teacher Training \(autumn\)](#)



Howest is one of the 9 members of the RUN-EU alliance, established in 2020 under the European Universities Initiative. RUN-EU is focused on delivering future and advanced skills to its students, and on achieving thorough regional impact in the countries where it has campuses: Austria, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, the Netherlands, and Belgium. Via the RUN-EU membership, Howest can offer its students and staff countless short- or long-term international learning and research opportunities, on campus or abroad, on top of the traditional Erasmus or intercontinental mobility experiences with our global network. To name only a few: the RUN-EU Short Advanced Programmes, the RUN-EU Weeks, double/multiple degrees, or professional and practice-based research master's and PhD programmes.



Stephany Garcia Henao (left) and Jessica Navarro, both from the USA, studying Industrial Product Design

YAOJIA MA / CHINA

"The 5 months I spent studying Global Business Management at Howest was one of the happiest times of my life. All the friends, classmates, teachers, and even the staff in the shops, that I met were much sweeter than Belgian chocolate and waffles. ☺"

"I am truly grateful to have been an international student at Howest and the experience will remain one of the most valuable treasures in my life."



LEO WEISSENSTEINER / AUSTRIA

"I feel extremely privileged to have been able to do this exchange semester at Howest, and can only recommend it to anyone who has the chance. It was truly fascinating to meet new people from all over the world and learn from their diverse perspectives."

"I had the opportunity to take classes with internationals as well as with local students. The AI Engineer program was challenging but also rewarding. If you want to take your skills in Artificial Intelligence to the next level, this is the way to go."

"It was very exciting to explore the local culture firsthand. Belgium, especially Flanders, is a great, modern, and innovative place to live. The people are open-minded and extraordinarily friendly."



JESSICA NAVARRO / USA

"My time abroad gave me so much insight into myself. It was the best decision I have ever taken. Howest was such a welcoming community, from the faculty and professors to my fellow students. The culture that Howest cultivates for its international students is nothing short of exceptional."

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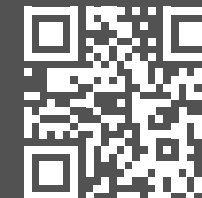
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Howest Kortrijk - The Penta
photo credit Susana Valdivar Rueda



OUR RESEARCH: INNOVATIVE AND STATE-OF-THE-ART!

Howest University of Applied Sciences has a long history of knowledge collaboration with both large, international corporations and with local SME's. Almost all of our [research projects](#) are either demand driven or in close collaboration with enterprises.

Our **research and innovation labs** have a clear focus on applied research. They are organised around top-notch, highly skilled and innovative research teams. The Howest research and innovation labs bring

innovation to life, using the principles of quadruple helix innovation in which government, academia, industry and citizens collaborate to leverage structural changes. Our 200+ researchers anticipate the future by applying interdisciplinary research and creating bridges between domains and curricula, with education being the living lab of many research topics. Social profit and profit organisations from our academic and industrial network worldwide make use of our knowhow and expertise.

Howest's strong research niches within its academic fields:

COMPANY & ORGANISATION

- ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- CIRCULAR BUSINESS MODELS
- DIGITAL MARKETING & COMMUNICATION
- SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION
- DIGITAL STORYTELLING

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

- VIRTUAL & AUGMENTED REALITY
- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
- BLOCKCHAIN & CYBERSECURITY
- BIOINFORMATICS
- SMART ENERGY SYSTEMS
- BIG DATA
- DESIGN FOR EVERYONE

HUMAN SCIENCE & WELLBEING

- VITAL CITIES & COMPANIES
- PREVENTIVE HEALTHCARE
- SERIOUS GAMES
- ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT
- EDUCATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Flavia-Maria Fodor, from Romania / student Ba Digital Design and Development - DEVINE / with Broel Towers, Kortrijk.



WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU!

Housing

Howest Student Affairs ([Stuvo](#)) helps our international students find suitable accommodation. We have [housing possibilities](#) in our own student residence or via the private market. A student room in Bruges will typically cost between €300 and €520 per month, costs included; a studio flat between €450 and €600. A student room in Kortrijk will generally cost between €300 and €540 per month, costs included.

A buddy for every international student!

International students will have [buddies](#) to help welcome and inform them, show them around in Bruges or Kortrijk, introduce them to the student life at our campuses and make them feel at home. We want all incoming students to be well connected with local students and well guided during their stay in Belgium.

Orientation Week

Each semester we organise a full-time orientation week before the start of the actual lessons, free of charge. Through fun, team-building activities and excursions, incoming students will get to know other international and local students, their Howest campus, the Howest cities Kortrijk & Bruges and other beautiful places in Flanders.



Howest buddy & international pals
Aizpea Garmendia Iartza, Bruno Tardaguila and Noor Van de Steen



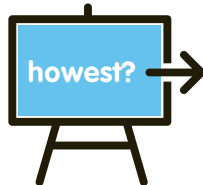
Orientation week

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43 postgraduate certificates
29 bachelor's programmes
24 English-taught semesters
14 associate degrees
1 European master's

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800 employees

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 member of
Ghent University
Association

...
member of
RUN REGIONAL
UNIVERSITY
NETWORK
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY



200 (registered)
student-entrepreneurs
(AJ 22-23)



...

615 international students coming from **84** countries

±9.200
students



...
1.907 degrees a year

...
200 international academic partnerships



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+ €7.5 million
a year on research and innovation