



FACTS & FIGURES



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Louvain-la-Neuve, a university town

The university site of Louvain-la-Neuve is an urban project initiated by the UCLouvain in the 1960s. His Majesty King Baudouin the 1st laid the first stone on 2 February 1971, bringing Louvain-la-Neuve from the virtual to the real sphere : the meadows, woods and fields of the Lauzelle plateau have played host to the university town ever since.

The town comprises six neighbourhoods. Nestled in the folds of a small valley, the urban center rests on a concrete slab covering two or three levels of parking facilities, roads and the railway. All around, the Hocaille, Bruyères, Baraque, Biéreau and Lauzelle districts nestle on the slopes. Essentially residential, these quarters house families as well as students, and are easily accessible on foot.

The university buildings intermingle on the site with shops, services, community facilities and housing, which promotes contacts between the different users of the town.

The number of inhabitants and students has a tendency to be in equilibrium since 1999. The arrival of the last inhabitants in Bruyères and in the urban center constituted a new step towards the target of keeping a balance, namely to host 30,000 people, with a 2 to 1 inhabitant-to student ratio.



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This pedestrian town remains a unique urban creation that has undergone uninterrupted development since it was launched. Thanks to its university, the Science Park, shops, residential districts, schools, and athletic and cultural facilities, Louvain-la-Neuve is making a sizeable contribution to the economic dynamism of the Brabant Wallon.

Geography & accessibility

Localisation

Belgium > Province of Walloon Brabant > District of Nivelles > Municipality of Ottignies -Louvain-la-Neuve

Distances

Within 30 km from Brussels, 30 km from Leuven, 38 km from Namur, 42 km from Charleroi, 65 km from Mons, 85 km from Liège and 194 km from Luxembourg (1.6 Kilometers = 1 Mile)

Altitude

Average elevation :
113,3 m above sea level (Grand-Place)
Highest point : 147 m (Cyclotron)
Lowest point : 98,6 m (lake)

Average town radius from its centre to its limit

About 1,1 km : the neighbourhoods are limited in size so that the majority of its residents are within a 15-minute walk of the town centre and its basic services

Concrete slab of the city centre

An area of 14,5 ha, a thickness of 39 cm, built on pillars every 8,10 m

Surface area 1ha = 0.01 km²

920 ha originally, more than 1.000 ha today (for a municipal territory of 3.339 ha), including :

- 231 ha science & technology park
- 198 ha Lauzelle woods
- 250 ha built up area
- 168 ha green zones and parks
- 64 ha golf
- 7 ha lake

Mobility

Railway station (SNCB) :

regular train connections to the neighbouring cities, Brussels and the European capitals thanks to the direct railroad linking Louvain-la-Neuve to the main line 161 Brussels - Luxembourg
tel. 02/528.28.28 - www.belgianrail.be

Bus station (TEC) (near parking Leclercq) :

13 bus lines travelling from Louvain-la-Neuve to various locations in Brabant Wallon and to Brussels (including the «Conforto bis» going to the campus of UCLouvain in Woluwe-Saint-Lambert)
tel. 010/23.53.53 - www.infotec.be

Population

Ottignies - Louvain-la-Neuve

31.422 inhabitants in 2018

Louvain-la-Neuve

Resident population : 21.000 inhabitants, of which 11.000 permanent residents and more than 10.000 persons, mostly students, living in the town being temporary residents

Daytime population : more than 50.000 persons (inhabitants ; students from schools, higher education and the UCL ; visitors ; 15.000 people working for the UCL, the science & technology park, the shops and the small & medium size companies)

School population

Année scolaire 2018-2019

	Schools	Pupils/students
Pre-school and primary education	5+2 spécial	1.674
Secondary education	2+1 preparatory	1.969
Non-university higher education institutions	7	4.790
Catholic University of Louvain (UCLouvain)	1	20.500
TOTAL	18	28.933

Land tenure

Owner of all land, the UCLouvain places them at the disposal of third parties under the long-term lease system for a specific use. This enables the university to preclude property speculation and to maintain control over long-term land development. The right to a long-term lease confers full enjoyment of the land for a specified period (99 years maximum) as well as the exercise of all rights attached to the ownership thereof (construction, mortgage, lease, transfer, conveyance due to death, etc.). In return, the long-term leaseholder pays the landlord (UCLouvain) an annual fee. The long-term leaseholder also contributes financially to the infrastructure charges (roads and various networks) and pays the taxes relating to the property. At the end of the long-term lease, the ownership of structures on the property reverts to the owner of the land. Nevertheless, in residential areas, the contract provides the option of concluding a new long-term lease upon each change of owner.

The Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain)



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Present on **7 sites in Brussels and Wallonia**, the UCLouvain is the first French-speaking university in Belgium and the second-largest complete french-language university in the world according to international rankings. Every year she graduates one out of two university students in French-speaking Belgium. The UCLouvain proposes a wide range of courses and research programs organised in 14 faculties and 22 research institutes and split in three sectors : social sciences, science and technology, and health science.

A true **multiple community and open to the world**, the UCLouvain welcomes in 2018-2019 nearly 31,000 students including 20% international students, 1900 teachers, 1900 staff members and 3000 researchers, 30% of whom are international researchers. Louvain-la-Neuve welcomes more than 20,500 students - as against 641 during the first academic year in 1972 - and 4000 adults in continuing education. The other campuses host 7007 students in Brussels Woluwe, 550 in Brussels Saint-Gilles, 1000 in Mons, 462 in Tournai and 182 in Charleroi). The UCLouvain has no less than 160,000 graduates of 123 different nationalities.

The UCLouvain offers a wide range of services for the university community and society in general :

- 10 main libraries and 9 convention libraries spread over the Louvain-la-Neuve, Woluwe and Mons campuses
- 2 science parks in Louvain-la-Neuve and Seneffe hosting 270 companies
- 3 incubators in Louvain-la-Neuve, Brussels and Seneffe bringing together 82 young companies

- 2 university clinics (University Clinics Saint-Luc and University Hospital UCL Namur) with 11,000 staff members for 1909 beds
- 1 university museum: the Musée L
- 2 sports centers and two swimming pools in Louvain-la-Neuve and Brussels Woluwe

At the UCLouvain, research is dynamically organized around 22 research institutes that work closely with organizations, the public sector and international companies, and mobilize more than 3,000 researchers and 2,000 PhD students. In 2018, the UCLouvain spent 242 millions euros on research and development. The university won 1 Nobel Prize in Medicine (Pr Christian de Duve, 1974), 21 Prix Francqui, 15 FRS-FNRS Five-Year Prizes and 34 European Research Grants (ERC Grants).

The UCLouvain is also characterized by the largest housing stock available to students in Europe (5,725 housing units including 4,250 in Louvain-la-Neuve, 1,250 in Brussels Woluwe, 195 in Mons and 30 in Tournai) which allows students to live on advantageous conditions.

The UCLouvain is present in the PÔLE LOUVAIN which gathers eleven institutions offering higher education courses (in particular in the province of the Brabant wallon) and constitutes a set of more than 60,000 students in french-speaking Belgium.

UCL - Registration
tel. 010/47.21.72
www.uclouvain.be

Student council (AGL)
tel. 010/45.08.88
www.aglouvain.be

University for senior citizens (UDA)
tel. 010/47.41.81
www.uda.ucl.ac.be

Alumni and supporters of the UCL (AUL) :
tel. 010/47.80.65
www.uclouvain.be/alumni

Louvain-la-Neuve Science Park

From start-up to multinational company, Louvain-la-Neuve Science Park hosts a large number of innovative companies. It stimulates interactions between university academics, scientific experts and surrounding businesses. Partner of the Louvain Innovation Network (ULN), it promotes and favours regional development through entrepreneurship, innovation and international openness.

- Leading Science Park in Wallonia by its date of creation (1971), land area (231 ha), number of companies (263) and total jobs (over 6.564).
- Member of local and international networks of Science Parks (Wallonia: SPoW, International: IASP)
- Business sectors : Life sciences, ICT, Engineering, Chemistry, Sustainable development...

An open-air museum

With 20% minimum of the land area dedicated to green zones and 2% of total estate investment allocated by companies to the installation onsite of works of art, one can say we give particular emphasis to environmental friendliness and quality in our surroundings.

UCL - Science Parks Department

tel. 010/47.80.69 - 010/47.91.34 - www.llnsciencepark.be

Intercommunale du Brabant Wallon (IBW - local development agency)

tel. 067/21.71.11 - www.ibw.be

Alliance Centre Brabant Wallon

tel. 010/45.28.50 - <http://www.alliance-centrebw.be>

Shopping & services

With more than 300 shops and businesses in areas such as food, leisure, homeware, clothing, health and beauty, restaurants and services, Louvain-la-Neuve constitutes a regional retail axis, attracting visitors from the Brabant Wallon, the province of Namur and the regions of Brussels and Flanders. It is also the most dynamic town center in Wallonia, following a survey made in 2018 by the Region of Wallonia and the Association of Town Centre's Management.

- Shopping Mall L'esplanade/Rue Charlemagne, inaugurated in 2005 : 41.578m² commercial surface, 105 shops, about 7.8 million visitors in 2018.
- Retailers of La Dalle : large variety of shops in Galerie Saint-Hubert, Galerie des Halles and the main streets and squares of the city center (more than 130 shops).

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

INESU-IMMO

tel. 010/47.95.35 - www.inesu.be

Klépierre (L'esplanade/Rue Charlemagne)

tel. 010/23.01.21

Louv'Immo

tel. 010/45.36.20

RETAIL & TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

Les commerçants de la Dalle ASBL

tel. 010/48.50.50 - www.ladalle.be

Association des commerçants de L'esplanade

tel. 010/23.01.21

Culture, sports & leisure

Hosting a wide range of cultural, leisure and sporting events throughout the year, Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve is the cultural hotspot of the Brabant Wallon Province :

- **Musée L (UCLouvain)**
tel. 010/47.48.41 - www.museel.be
- **Hergé Museum**
tel. 010/48.84.21 - www.museeherge.com
- **Guided tours of Louvain-la-Neuve**
tel. 010/47 47 47 - www.tourisme-olln.be
- **Atelier Théâtre Jean Vilar**
tel. 0800/25.325 ou 010/47.07.00 - www.atjv.be
- **Aula Magna**
meeting & conference centre, exhibition & concert hall
tel. 010/49.78.00 - www.aulamagna.be
- **La Ferme du Biéreau**
music centre
tel. 070/22.15.00 - www.fermedubiereau.be
- **Cinema**
tel. 010/24.33.33 - www.cinescope.be
- **Centre culturel d'Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve**
tel. 010/45.69.96 - www.poleculturel.be
- **Public library**
tel. 010/47.28.59 - www.biblodolln.be
- **Point Culture**
tel. 02/737.19.63 - www.pointculture.be
- **Ludothèque**
tel. 010/47.88.45
- **Student events** : 24 hours bike race, Open Jazz Festival, Carnival, theater festival "Universatil", etc.
- **Local specialities** : Troll, Embrasse-Temps and Blanche Neuve (special beers)
- **Louvain-la-Plage**
1200 m² beach, 400 tons of sand
www.louvainlaplage.be



- **Louvain-la-Neige (Christmas market)**
www.louvainlaneige.be
- **Blocry Sports complex**
(1,5 million visitors each year) :
tel. 010/48.38.48 - www.blocry.be
- **Swimming pools**
tel. 010/48.38.58 ou 010/48.38.41
- **ADEPS**
tel. 010/45.10.41 - www.adeps.be
- **Free Disc Golf course in the Bruyères district**
tel. 010/47.47.47 - www.tourisme-olln.be
- **Golf of Louvain-la-Neuve**
tel. 010/45.05.15 - www.golfln.com



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Green zones

Lauzelle Woods

198 ha forest, property of the UCLouvain.

Contact : Security UCLouvain -

tel. 010/47.24.24

Lake of Louvain-la-Neuve

This detention basin of 7 hectares was created to retain all the rainwater that runs off the streets and roofs of Louvain-la-Neuve. Designed to retain permanently some volume of water, it is offering a pleasant green space just a few steps from the town center. In 2015, it was completely drained by the UCLouvain in order to clean its water and restore its banks. In 2013, the footpath of 1.570 meters around the lake was renewed and a Finnish running track was added next to it.

Parc de la Source

Urban park completely renovated in 2009 with the opening of the Hergé Museum : 3 footpaths equipped with 5 didactical panels, 1 fitness track, 23 benches and 5 picnic tables.

Furthermore...

1.500 tall trees, more than 10.000 shrubs, 560 m of hedges, 1 botanical garden next to the Biéreau farm, about 40 remarkable trees, 1 arboretum of fir trees near the entrance of Lauzelle Woods.

General Information

• Municipality of Ottignies - Louvain-la-Neuve :

Espace Coeur de Ville à Ottignies – tel. 010/43.78.11 or 010/43.61.11 – www.olln.be

Extension : Voie des Hennuyers 1, 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve

Open : Monday from 12.30 to 19.00, Tuesday to Friday from 8.30 to 12.30, Saturday from 9.00 to 12.00

• Tourist Information Centre :

Galerie des Halles (next to the railway ticketing office) - Place de l'Université 1, 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve - tél. 010/47.47.47 - www.tourisme-olln.be

Open : Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 17.00, Saturday from 11.00 to 17.00, Sunday in July and August from 11.00 to 15.00

- INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY AND THE TOWN OF OTTIGNIES - LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE (MAPS AND GUIDES, CULTURAL EVENTS, ETC.)
- 35-SEATED AUDITORIUM WITH A 3D SCALE MODEL AND A DISCOVERY FILM OF THE CITY
- GUIDED TOURS OF LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE
- INFORMATION ABOUT THE BUSES COMING TO/FROM OTTIGNIES - LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE, SALE OF BUS TICKETS (TEC)
- SOUVENIR & GIFT SHOP: UCLouvain/LLN SOUVENIRS, POSTCARDS, BOOKS ABOUT LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE, WALKING GUIDES, ETC.
- FORUM DES HALLES: EXHIBITION SPACE (PHOTOGRAPHY, ART, LITERATURE, SCIENCES, ETC.)

• Association des Habitants : residents association - tel. 010/45.29.12 – www.ahltn.be

• Asbl Gestion Centre Ville d'Ottignies-LLN : town events, local development

tel. 010/81.21.04 – www.gcvolln.be

• Security : Police : tel. 010/43.63.60 or 010/42.08.60

Fire brigade/emergency : tel. 112 – Security UCLouvain : 010/47.24.24

And tomorrow ? A selection of further developments...

- Building of the new "Courbevoie" district above the 2330 spaces underground parking for commuters and launch of the projet "Athéna-Lauzelle" a new eco-district with 1400 housing in total.
- China Belgium Technology Center (CBTC) : the first chinese business incubator in Europe is built in Wallonia, in Louvain-la-Neuve.
- Youth hostel : opening in the spring of 2019 of the 124 beds youth hostel "Mozaïk" in the city center of Louvain-la-Neuve.
- Opening of the CSFHN, an athletic center for high level athlete et building of a new Olympic size swimming pool.



Real estate development
in Louvain-la-Neuve?

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