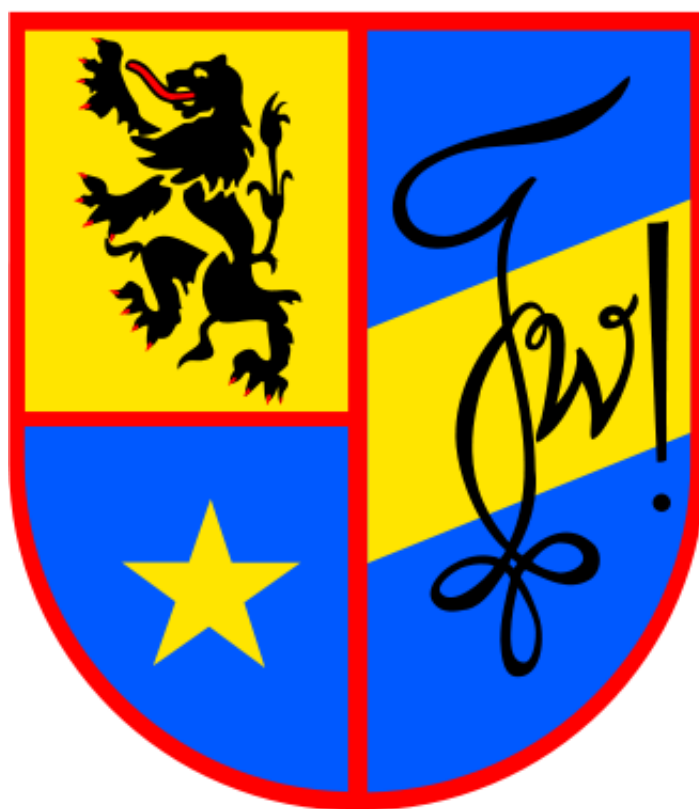


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THE PRAESES SPEAKS

When we were elected to be Wina's next praesidium, we made a promise to the English-speaking students. That was to help you to integrate in our city, our university, and our country during your year abroad.

The first step is the booklet you are reading right now. This should serve as a guide to get you through the first days here.

The next step is for you to meet us! One of the key locations in Leuven is "de oude markt" (The old market square). It is known as the longest bar in the world, famous for its large number of pubs. On Monday evening, Wina invites you to come have a drink and meet your classmates! More info about this evening can be found in the welcome word from Andrew and Daniel.

The final step are your contacts. Two people (Andrew and Daniel) will be in charge of making sure you have somewhere to go with your questions. So, if you're not sure about something, don't be afraid to knock on their door, call them or send them an email. You can find information about them in this booklet.

Hoping to see you around, hoping to be of service,
Lies, praeses of Wina

WELCOME

Another country, a very different language and many, many more new things. It all can be quite scary and confusing in these first days. That's why our student organisation Wina (students maths, physics, computer science and several other master degrees) are here to help you during your first few days in Leuven.

First of all we encourage you to become a member of Wina. It will cost you 8.5 euro's, but it brings you many benefits.

First of all you will receive a much lower price on the course notes and books we distribute (you can find more information about that in a separate article).

Second, you will receive a "Guido Gids" This is a small book (unfortunately it is written in Dutch but I'm sure you will find people to translate it for you) with tons of information about student life, ... It also contains a lot of vouchers for free stuff, or reductions in certain cafés etc.

Third, becoming a member will allow you to take part in activities we organise (like parties, special events, ...) at a cheaper price.

We also encourage you to take part in our tour of the campus. It will start on Monday 25 september at 16h25. We will meet in front of auditorium K or L (we aren't sure yet).

Finally, you are also welcome to join us the same Monday evening for a drink on "the Oude Markt". We will be sitting outside one of the cafés there from 21h00h onwards (just look for a big group). You can also cycle there with us leaving from the Winagang at 20h30. The Winagang can be found in Studentenwijk Arenberg d 4 hallway 0. The Winagang is the dorm situated totally right from Alma 3 (when facing it) on the top of the hill. During the tour of the campus we will show you where it is.

Right that's that for now, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to e-mail us at andrew@wina.be or daniel@wina.be

Daniel and Andrew

COURSE NOTES

Hi, we are Anneleen, Arne, Els and Marijke. We will make sure you can buy the course notes you need for this year. The first week of the year the course notes and books will be on sale on the campus in room 200B – 01.14. We will be open on Wednesday 27/09 from 12h.30 until 14h, and on Thursday from 12h.30 until 14h.

The following weeks the course notes will be on sale in the basement of the Winagang. You need to check the weekly opening hours on <http://cudi.wina.be/> . You can also use this site to order course notes (recommended), and check their availability. The first time you go to this site you will need to register with us. If you are a member of Wina (this is recommended, because your course notes will be a lot cheaper) then you must use the member login.

One important thing to remember: course notes and books can only be paid by cash. Visa and bankcards are not accepted.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us at cudi@wina.be

Anneleen, Arne, Els and Marijke

PARTY

What would a student organisation be without a party every so often? Nothing of course, that's why we won't let any time go to waste and get started straight away. This Thursday 28/09 we will kick off the year in style with a big party at the Albatros for the small price of 2,5/3 euro's (members/ non-members). You can find the Albatros on the Brusselsestraat 15, right in the center of Leuven.

See you all there!

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Wina's
OPENINGS-TD
in de Albatros

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DJ Etnik - DJ Rommi - DJ Isa
Inkom vanaf 22h: €2,5/3 leden/nt leden

V.U. Annelies Schraepen, Arenberg 4/0 3001 Heverlee - Vrij van zegel [KB 1927, art. 198]

Ontwerp: Team Leuven

FREE SOFTWARE

During your studies, you regularly need various computer programs. Instead of copying them from your co-students (mostly illegally), you can find software that performs the same or even better than all overpriced Microsoft software. All these programs are distributed under the principle of free software. This does not only mean you can use the program for free and for any purpose, you can also make copies and give them to your friends, and you can even look at the source code of these programs. Because everyone can fix errors in the software easily, in the long run these programs will be quicker and more robust than 'ordinary' software. An overview:

- Mozilla Firefox is a program to browse the web. The software is written with security in mind from the start, so those using Firefox no longer have to worry about popups or viruses installing automatically. Further, it has a built-in google search bar and tabbed browsing support. After using Firefox for a small time, you'll never want Internet Explorer back.
- Mozilla Thunderbird is a rich mail client with a great spam filter. It has support for multiple e-mail accounts, including your KULeuven mail.
- Eclipse is a programming environment for Java and other languages, where errors are marked while typing. By using several add-ons it also supports other programming languages such as PHP or C++, and systems like Subversion (which allows you to cooperate easily on tasks).
- OpenOffice is a complete replacement for Microsoft Office and consists of a text editor, spreadsheet, presentation program, drawing program and database program.
- Those who don't have enough with that, there's also LaTeX, a text formatter. With LaTeX, you give the structure of your document with commands, and LaTeX automatically chooses the correct layout. It's ideally for documents with tens of pages like master thesises.
- Those wanting to get rid of Windows completely, can use GNU/Linux. With this, then entire operating system and programs

are free software. The system is available in several “distributions” from several organisations. They differ in the software included and the installation program. The most popular distributions at the time of writing are Ubuntu, SuSE and Fedora.

Projects:

- Eclipse: <http://www.eclipse.org/>
- GNU/Linux: <http://www.ubuntu.org> / <http://www.kubuntu.org>
- <http://en.opensuse.org/Download>
- LaTeX: <http://www.latex-project.org/>
- Mozilla Firefox: <http://www.mozilla.com/firefox/>
- Mozilla Firefox addons: <https://addons.mozilla.org/firefox/>
- Mozilla Thunderbird: <http://www.mozilla.com/thunderbird/>
- Open Office: <http://www.openoffice.org>

More software:

- Free software directory: <http://directory.fsf.org/>
- Free software for Windows: <http://osswin.sourceforge.net/>

WWW.MPL.BE

Check It Out!

GAME: SUDOKU

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COLOFON

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