

KU Leuven

My name is Fruzsina and I spent an autumn semester at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven) and I enjoyed every moment of it. When I got there for the first time, what appeared first was the charming and cosy atmosphere of the little town. We continuously referred to Leuven as our “gingerbread city”. During autumn, the weather is nice, not too warm but not too cold either, around 10-15 degrees and it does not go under 2-3 degrees even during winter. Despite the pleasant temperature you should never forget your umbrella, as you can never know when it starts raining! The rain is quite different from the one in Hungary, as it feels more like drizzling than actually pouring but you still can get soaked easily. In case you want to share the Belgian realness with the locals, regardless the rain you should purchase (rent) a bike. The process itself is simple and cheap and you can join the hundreds of bikers in the town. Due to its small size, in Leuven you can get from



A to B in at least 30 minutes by walk but you can win some time if you choose biking. Not just the renting is simple but every kind of administration process or shopping as from the 5-year-olds to the 80-year-olds everyone speaks English at a decent level. You will not have any problem to make yourself understood whenever you go. I was “lucky” to get an insight into the medical care system of the region as I had to go to the hospital and also to the GP more than once. It is advisable to have an insurance that could help you

arrange a visit at the doctors but in case you don't have or the situation is urgent, I recommend the Heilig Hart Hospital in Leuven wholeheartedly. The university also has its own GPs, they are welcoming professionals that you may trust. The university itself offers an amazingly high-quality education in every field. The classrooms (and all parts of the town) are clean and well-equipped which are important features as most of the classes are 3 or even 4 hours long! With the quality it comes that you have



to prepare for each class you have as it is quite challenging to pass the exams, but not impossible! I recommend regular learning during the whole semester and I assure you will be fine. After studying during the weekend you can rest a bit. As the town mainly consists of university students, you can meet up with your peers in the town centre, where you can find several pubs and nightclubs. If you

prefer travelling over partying and you are curious about Western-Europe, Leuven is the best choice for you as you can reach Paris, Cologne, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Maastricht just in few hours! Although not leaving the country can be an excellent choice too, Bruges, Antwerp, Brussels or Gent are rich in cultural and natural attractions. The options range from concerts and exhibitions to sightseeing. In case Leuven attracted your interest and you have any questions, feel free to contact me via email! My email address is: eahfruzsi@gmail.com (Fruzsina Szabó)