

Required documents for Long-Stay Visa

Belgian immigration law requires **students** to complete the formalities listed below **before** departure for Belgium. These formalities will ensure the proper permission to enter Belgium and conduct studies.

Please click [here](#) and [here](#) for more information.

Non EEA-citizens:

To enter Belgium, **you will need a visa**. The type of visa depends on how long you intend to stay in Belgium.

(Non-EEA citizens are citizens who do not belong to the EEA¹. To come to Belgium for a period longer than three months, they need an authorization for provisional residence.)

- Where: Belgian Consulate or Embassy in one's home country or in the country where one happens to reside legally
- When: at the latest four months prior to departure
- Documents to submit when applying for the Long Stay Visa (Type D)

1. Valid passport (with at least one year's validity remaining)
2. Permission to enroll at Odisee
3. Proof of solvency

- a. Either Proof of your own financial means

A proof of your own financial means by transferring a certain amount to a blocked bank account in Belgium in your name. Kindly notify the Admissions Office about your intention to make use of this procedure (admissions@odisee.be) The detailed instructions will be communicated to you afterwards.

or

- b. Form 'Agreement for Acceptance of Financial Responsibility' – Annex 32 More information [here](#)

In case of doubt, the Belgian Consulate or Embassy in your home country will inform you as to what form of the proof of solvency is acceptable and what procedures to follow.

4. Certificate of good conduct:

This certificate, which is also called a police record, can be obtained from the police department in your home country. It should cover the last five years. If the police department in your home country does not provide such a certificate, the Belgian Consulate or Embassy will inform you as to what steps to take. For US citizens, this certificate is also called the FBI Clearance.

5. Medical certificate:

The official form for the medical certificate can be obtained from the Belgian diplomatic service in your home country. This certificate has to be completed by a doctor appointed by the Belgian diplomatic or consular agent nearest to your official place of residence and stamped for approval by said agent. Only the completed original (Dutch, French or English language) certificate is accepted by the ministry in Belgium. The medical certificate needs to be legalised by the Belgian embassy or consulate as well.

This certificate should state that you are in good health and are not a carrier of contagious diseases, e.g. tuberculosis.

6. Declaration signed by you, certifying that you will leave Belgium upon the completion of your studies

¹ EEA countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway

EEA-citizens:

(EEA citizens are citizens who have the nationality and passport of one of the countries that belong to the European Economic Area¹ They don't require a visa to enter Belgium.).

No need to apply for any visa. Just bring your:

1. Valid passport or identity card
2. Proof of solvency: e.g. your personal bank statements, personal bank card or credit card, or the bank statements and attestation of financial support from your parents; in case you can't present this you will be asked to sign a declaration that you have sufficient financial means to complete your studies in Belgium
3. European Health Insurance Card that proves you are affiliated with a health insurance in your home country

¹ EEA countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway