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The Brussels School of Governance is part of a broader student community in Brussels that consists of four other universities: the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), and Kent University. Together, they support a vibrant student lifestyle. Easily accessible by bus, train, tram, or metro, the area has everything to meet students' needs including affordable housing, two on-campus cafeterias, libraries, banks, shops, markets, restaurants, bars, live entertainment venues, organised athletic activities, and state-of-the-art sports facilities.

STUDENT SERVICES

Academic Advising

Each student is assigned to an Academic Advisor (one of the professors). The Academic Advisor works with the student to personalise his/her course schedule. Academic Advisors also assist students in identifying relevant courses and offer support throughout their academic career.

English & Math Workspace

Strong English and writing skills are fundamental to academic achievement, as well as professional success. The aim of the English & Math Workspace is to help students develop their ability to efficiently and effectively communicate their ideas in writing, in English. The Workspace also provides tutorial sessions for math and statistics courses. The Workspace directors offer students individual help on topics such as text structure, style, clarity and grammar in a relaxed and friendly environment to develop their writing skills and clarity.

Learning Support

Learning Support at the Brussels School of Governance offers limited administrative assistance to all students with medically documented special needs requirements, such as dyslexia and attention deficit disorder. The assistance is offered in the form of extra time allowed for final exams, if requested. Special Needs Students are given the option of taking their final exams at the same time as the other students in the class, in a separate classroom or with a separate proctor, and are allowed up to 50% extra time to complete their exams. For more information, please contact Ms [Louise Bond](mailto:lbond@vub.be) at lbond@vub.be

Career Counselling

To assist students with life after School and to prepare them for their internships, the Brussels School of Governance offers students in their final year the opportunity to attend career seminars and individual coaching sessions. This free service aims to help graduates gain a competitive advantage in the job market after graduation. This is achieved by helping students determine their career objectives in addition to acquiring the skill sets necessary to achieve their professional goals. The workshops range from CV and cover letter writing to information on networking and how to apply for various internship programmes offered in Brussels. The counselling sessions are led by [Mona Shair](mailto:BSG@key2advance.com) from Key2Advance.com. She can be contacted at BSG@key2advance.com.

Psychological Counselling

Moving to a new country, being away from your family, experiencing exam pressure – these are just a few of the major changes that students may go through when they enroll at the Brussels School of Governance. The school offers psychological counselling, free of charge, to students who would like to talk about missing home, exam pressure or any other challenges. Confidentiality is assured.

Students who wish to make use of this service, can contact psychologist Alex Anghelou directly at anghelou@gmail.com.

STUDENT FACILITIES

Research and Libraries

Students at the Brussels School of Governance have access to extensive resources for research at 3 major libraries, the [Vrije Universiteit Brussel](#), [Université Libre de Bruxelles](#) and [The Royal Library](#), Belgium's national library. Together, they provide students with access to over five million books. In addition, students have access to a wide variety of online resources including thousands of journals and newspapers, library catalogues and databases.

IT Resources

Computer and Internet access is an essential part of student life. The Brussels School of Governance computer lab features PCs and Apple computers, as well as facilities for students with laptops to connect to the College's computer network. Students also have access to the extensive computer resources at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, including the free campus-wide wireless network.

Sports Facilities

Brussels School of Governance students have full access to the newly renovated and expanded gym and athletic facilities at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and can choose from over 20 sports. With numerous spacious parks and a forest at its doorstep, Brussels offers students opportunities for biking, running, a scenic stroll or simply relaxing. University facilities include a swimming pool, track and field court, soccer and rugby field, and tennis and squash courts.

– Aerobics	– Football (soccer)	– Squash
– Badminton	– Gymnastics	– Swimming
– Basketball	– Rock climbing	– Tennis
– Boxing	– Rugby	– Volleyball
– Diving	– Running	– Weightlifting
– Judo	– Self-defence	– Yoga

A membership fee and/or usage fee (discounted for students) is required for most of the sports and classes. For more information, contact the [VUB Sports Centre](#) or call at +32 (0) 2 629 23 11, or visit in person at Building I on the VUB Campus.

Basic Fit

Basic Fit, a state-of-the-art fitness centre on the VUB Campus Etterbeek, gives students the opportunity to stay healthy and in shape. The fitness center exists of a large fitness hall with cardio and power equipment, a dance hall, spinning hall, relax zone, sauna and modern dressing rooms. Brussels School of Governance students can acquire an annual subscription at considerably reduced rates. For more information concerning prices, opening hours and conditions contact: [Basic Fit Elsene](#), Pleinlaan 2, Building L, 1050 Brussel, 1050 Brussels, +32 (0) 2 629 15 55.

Food & Beverages

Every day, 'Free-flow', the VUB campus restaurant, serves a wide selection of warm and cold dishes, soups, deserts and drinks – all at student-friendly prices. Students pay a fixed price depending on the chosen dishes. Set menus include soup, a main course and a dessert. Free-flow also has a delicious Salad Bar for those not opting for a 3-course meal.

An alternative is to visit the Cafeteria, which serves breakfast, sandwiches and drinks.

Students can also find two trendy snack bars on campus: 't Complex at the Sports Centre and Opinion next to building D.