

Welcoming Refugees – Admission to Higher Education in the French Community of Belgium – Academic Year 2017-2018

I. Admission to 1st cycle studies (Bachelor)

1. General Conditions of Admission

1.1. Required Qualification (one of the following)

- A school leaving certificate obtained in Belgium (equivalent to a Belgian CESS)
- A foreign school leaving certificate + its equivalence to the CESS issued by the French Community of Belgium which enables access to proposed studies
- A foreign higher education qualification + its equivalence issued by the French Community of Belgium
- Evidence of having passed the entrance exam for admission to 1st cycle studies, or evidence of having passed the specific entrance exam for admission to studies in the field of engineering.

1.2. Command of French

No one is allowed to take any exams if they have not demonstrated sufficient command of French.

This may be evidenced by one of the following:

1° Any academic credentials issued in the French Community of Belgium that permit admission to undergraduate studies or that **confirm a sufficient command of the French language**.

Exemptions:

- Holders of a qualification awarded for studies at an institution whose language of instruction is French.
- Holders of a foreign qualification attesting to the final year of secondary school or a higher education degree at an institution whose language of instruction is partly French, after review by the competent authorities for issuing the equivalence of this qualification (if applicable, the equivalence specifies that the student is exempt from taking the French Language Proficiency Test **only if the language of the degree is French**).

2° Proof of passing the entrance exam for admission to 1st cycle studies or, specifically, 1st cycle studies in the field of engineering.

3° Proof of passing a specific French Language Proficiency Test (organised by the universities).

At UMONS, exams are also held on 20th September 2017, 25th October 2017 and 7th March 2018.

It is possible to sit this exam twice in the same academic year. Registration for this test must be carried out at the Registration Office at least 15 days beforehand.

1.3. Practical Arrangements for 1st Cycle Entrance Exams at UMONS

Registration dates:

1st session: 9 am – 12 pm and 1:30 pm – 4 pm, 29th May – 2nd June 2017 at the UMONS Registration Office.

2nd session: 9 am – 12 pm and 1:30 pm – 4 pm (mornings only on Tuesdays and Thursdays), 7th-11th August 2017 at the UMONS Registration Office.

Exam dates:

1st session: 12th-23rd June 2017.

2nd session: 21st August – 1st September 2017.

Deliberations and Announcement of Results

1st session: the deliberation for this session will take place at 9:30 am, followed by the announcement of results at 10 am, on 30th June 2017. Both will take place in the *Salle des Conseils* (Warocqué, Place Warocqué 17, 7000 Mons).

2nd session: the deliberation for this session will take place at 9:30 am, followed by the announcement of results at 10 am, on 8th September 2017. Both will take place in the *Salle des Conseils* (Warocqué, Place Warocqué 17, 7000 Mons).

For more information, please consult: www.umons.ac.be/ExamAdmiss

2. Additional conditions for admission onto certain courses

- For the **Bachelor's degree in Engineering or Architectural Engineering**: there is a compulsory entrance exam that must be passed for admission to undergraduate studies in the field of engineering (next sessions in June and August 2017).

For more information, please consult: [FPMs Admission](#)

- For the **Bachelor's in Medicine**:
It is not possible to register beyond the 1st year of the course (first 60-credit block).
Registration will take place before 1st August 2017. On 8th September 2017, an entrance exam must be passed (organised by ARES).

For more information, please consult: [ARES – Entrance Exam for Medicine](#)

- For the **Bachelor's in Psychology and Education (Speech and Language Therapy)**:
Admission of “non-residents” is limited to 30% of applicants and a special registration procedure applies.

3. **Procedure for admission onto a Bachelor's course at UMONS**

Submit an application via the following link: [Admissions Request](#)

[Admission to 2nd cycle studies \(Master\)](#)

- **Master's degree**

A foreign higher education degree recognised as equivalent (by the French Community of Belgium) **or** validated to 180 credits by the Board.

Submit an application via the following link: [Admissions Request](#)

[Command of French](#)

For admission onto a Master's programme, demonstrating sufficient command of French is **not necessary, except for Master's programmes with a teaching focus, including the AESS (Agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur, or the Certificate of Teaching for Upper Secondary Education).**

At UMONS, exams are also held on 20th September 2017, 25th October 2017 and 7th March 2018.

It is possible to sit this exam twice in the same academic year. Registration for this exam must be carried out at the Registration Office at least 15 days beforehand.

- **Specialised Master's degree**

Conditions for admission onto a Master's course + either a foreign Master's degree, or competencies validated by the Board to at least 300 credits.

Submit an application via the following link: [Request for Admission onto a Specialised Master's course](#)

II. Admission to 3rd cycle studies (PhD and doctoral training)

Subject to the Board's agreement, a foreign Master's degree recognised by the French Community of Belgium as equivalent to a 120-credit Master's degree **or** a foreign Master's degree accepted by the Board.

N.B. The Board can refuse admission to the 3rd cycle if, for example, the study domain of the Master's is too unlike that of the doctorate or if the results obtained at Master level are not good enough.

For the 2017-2018 academic year, registration starts on 24th June 2017.

III. UMONS Tuition Fees

Amount of tuition fees for 1st, 2nd and 3rd cycle studies for students who fall within the category of "Belgian students" (which is the case for refugees): 0 euros for grant recipients / 374 euros for those who qualify for reduced fees / 835 euros in all other cases. In certain cases, the UMONS Social Services may provide financial aid.

Conditions to be fulfilled in order to obtain a grant (in addition to the income criteria) (subject to what the future decree on study allowances will foresee:

- 1) One year of residence in Belgium on 31/10/2017
- 2) Be recognised by the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) for at least 1 day on 31/10/2017.