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## HOWEST UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

### ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE

BRUGES & KORTRIJK, BELGIUM

A photograph of three students standing on a stone bridge in Bruges, Belgium. They are holding a large banner that is split vertically into white and light blue halves. The banner features the 'howest' logo in a bold, lowercase font, with 'university of applied sciences' written in a smaller font below it. The student on the left is a woman with long dark hair wearing a brown jacket and blue jeans. The student in the middle is a man with sunglasses and a red and black patterned hoodie. The student on the right is a woman with dark hair wearing a black hoodie and light blue jeans. The background shows historic European architecture, a canal, and a church spire under a cloudy sky.

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**Giovanna Lorena D.M.** (left), exchange student from México in our Bachelor of Cyber Security / **Adam S.** from Slovakia, bachelor Cyber Security / **Fouzia S.** from Morocco, Global Business Management. Picture taken in Bruges.

2025-2026



## » DEAR STUDENT

If you want to study in the heart of Europe, [Howest University of Applied Sciences](#) is without a doubt the perfect spot for you.

Howest offers many bachelor's and associate degrees along with 2 European master's programmes, all with a strong practical focus. Some of them are unique in Belgium, like our award-winning [Digital Arts and Entertainment \(DAE\)](#). Our 43 [English-taught programmes](#) attract students from all over the world to our beautiful region and provide them with a top-notch academic experience.

With [campuses in Bruges and Kortrijk](#), Howest provides an appealing programme within an impressive historical context. Bruges is one of the most beautiful cities in the world, while Kortrijk is a thriving creative and entrepreneurial hub with a global outlook.

Howest has a strong tradition of international cooperation in education and research. We are a member of RUN-EU, the Regional University Network European University and are an active partner of many universities throughout Europe. We also have a growing number of valuable partnerships with universities and fieldwork organisations in North and Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Our 1250+ international students and their local buddies form a thriving Global Community at Howest.

**We can't wait to welcome you!**

**Frederik D'hulster** / President of Howest University of Applied Sciences  
**Mieke Demeyere** / Vice President for Education, Students and Intl. Affairs  
**Isabelle Pertry** / Director of International Affairs

Howest Kortrijk - The Penta  
photo credit [Susana Valdívar Rueda](#),  
exchange student from Mexico



## » AN INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

### Studying in the heart of Europe

With campuses in Bruges and Kortrijk, Howest University of Applied Sciences is at the very heart of Europe, only a two-hour train ride to major cities such as Paris, London and Amsterdam.

#### BRUGES

- UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000
- Medieval gem with its romantic canals and cobbled alleys

#### KORTRIJK

- A hotspot of Flemish history
- UNESCO Creative City, city of innovation, creation and design with broad boulevards along the river Leie and a large shopping mall in the historic city centre



Howest University of Applied Sciences is an entrepreneurial institution known for its innovative and interdisciplinary approach to education and research, and its close collaborations with the industrial, business and social profit sectors.

We offer [30 bachelor's](#), [13 associate degrees](#), [2 master's and many postgraduate certificate programmes and microdegrees](#), all with a strong practical focus, in **Tech & IT; Architecture, Energy & Construction; Business & Entrepreneurship; Health & Care; Media & Communication; People & Society; Education; Digital, Design & Arts; Sports, Tourism & Recreation**. Howest is a member of Ghent University Association, which provides high-quality education to 30% of Flanders' student population. All programmes are fully accredited by NVAO, the Dutch-Flemish Accreditation Organisation.

Anticipating the future, starting from each individual student's talents and motivation, Howest trains its students to be highly skilled, immediately employable, team-oriented professionals.

Industry and society-driven assignments and on-the-job training are key components of our programmes. We achieve high-impact learning through modern approaches such as project based and cooperative education. "The Collective", an integration project in which multidisciplinary student teams tackle community-based, real-life challenges, is just one of many examples. All students develop international competencies and have diverse opportunities to study, train, do projects or study trips abroad. With our alumni as proof, Howest meets the changing needs of society and equips its students for the future.

Howest sets the standard for socially relevant, practice and value oriented education, research and services to society, with a wide regional and international outlook.

Howest University of Applied Sciences is open-minded and pluralistic, with respect for diversity. Howest inspires its staff and students to integrate its core values "serve-empower-care" in their professional and personal lives.



Dana S., Kazakh student from Sejong Univ. Korea studying Communication, and Patryk R., Polish student from TUS Ireland studying AI Engineer.

## » OUR 2025-2026 PROGRAMMES

### 15 full degrees/programmes in English

[Bachelor of Digital Arts and Entertainment \(DAE - 3 yrs - 180 ECTS\)](#)

- **6 majors:** *Game Development, Visual Effects (VFX), 3D Animation, Game Graphics Production, Independent Game Production, Game Sound Integration*

[Bachelor of Digital Design and Development \(Devine - 3 yrs - 180 ECTS\)](#)

[Bachelor of Cyber Security \(3 years - 180 ECTS\)](#)

[Bachelor of Industrial Product Design \(3 years - 180 ECTS\)](#)

[Bachelor of Creative Technologies and AI \(3 yrs - 180 ECTS\)](#)

[Advanced Bachelor of Bioinformatics \(1 year - 60 ECTS\)](#)

[Postgraduate Certificate in Global Business Management \(60 ECTS\)](#)

[Postgraduate Certificate in Migration and Refugees \(30/60 ECTS\)](#)

[European Master in Sustainable Energy System Management](#)

[Master in Game Technology](#) **NEW**

**+ 30 bachelor's degrees and 13 associate degrees in Dutch**

### 28 English-taught bachelor's semesters for exchange

(all with a minimum of 30 ECTS credits)

AI Engineer (autumn & spring)

» [Fundamentals](#) / [Intermediate](#) / [Advanced](#)

[Applied Computer Science Autumn / Spring](#)

[Architecture and Design \(autumn\)](#)

[Bioinformatics I & II \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[Creative Communication Project \(spring\)](#)

[Destination Development in Tourism \(autumn\)](#)

[Digital Arts and Entertainment \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[Digital Design and Development \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[Global Business Management I & II \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[Industrial Product Design \(autumn\)](#)

Industrial Product Design, minors (spring)

» [Design for Identity](#) / [Design for Impact](#) / [Design for Industry](#)

[Journalism \(autumn\)](#)

[Migration and Refugees \(autumn or full year\)](#)

[International Nursing Programme \(autumn & spring\)](#)

[We Teach the World - Teacher Training \(autumn\)](#)



Stephany G.H. (left) and Jessica N., both exchange students from Appalachian State University, USA, studying Industrial Product Design.

### Leonie S. / Austria / Journalism

*"Choosing Howest was one of the best decisions I've made. The welcoming international student community, innovative courses, and vibrant city life in Kortrijk made my time here unforgettable. I built strong friendships, developed valuable skills, and experienced Belgian culture firsthand. If you're looking for a unique academic and cultural adventure, Howest is the place to be!"*



Gunyoung L. (2nd left) with other international degree and exchange students in Brussels.



### Jessica N. / USA / Industrial Product Design

*"My time abroad gave me so much insight into myself. It was the best decision I have ever taken. Howest was such a welcoming community, from the faculty and professors to my fellow students. The culture that Howest cultivates for its international students is nothing short of exceptional."*



Leonie S., exchange student from FH Joanneum, Austria.



### Gunyoung L. / South Korea / DAE - Game Graphics Production

*"Ever since I came to Kortrijk my life feels a lot more free compared to when I lived in Korea. I've been experiencing various things that I wouldn't have been able to if I decided to stay in my country. The majority of people are welcoming and friendly. There is a decent amount of work that has to be done for classes, and it can be difficult sometimes to find the right balance between assignments and social life, but I believe the quality and quantity is reasonable."*

*One thing I'm most happy about is the fact that I'm learning both in and out of classes."*



Howest is one of the 8 members of the **RUN-EU alliance**, established in 2020 under the European Universities Initiative. RUN-EU is focused on delivering **future and advanced skills** to its students, and on achieving thorough regional impact in the countries where it has campuses: **Austria, Finland, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, the Netherlands**, and Belgium. Via the RUN-EU membership, Howest can offer its students and staff countless **short- or long-term international learning and research opportunities**, on campus or abroad, on top of the traditional

Erasmus or intercontinental mobility experiences with our global network. To name only a few: the RUN-EU Short Advanced Programmes, the RUN-EU Weeks, double/multiple degrees, or professional and practice-based research master's and PhD programmes.

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## » OUR STATE-OF-THE-ART RESEARCH

Howest University of Applied Sciences has a long history of knowledge collaboration with large, international corporations and local SME's. Almost all of our [research projects](#) are either demand driven or in close collaboration with enterprises.

Our **research and innovation labs** have a clear focus on applied research. They are organised around top-notch, highly skilled and innovative research teams. Howest's research and innovation labs bring

innovation to life, using the principles of quadruple helix innovation in which government, academia, industry and citizens collaborate to leverage structural changes. Our 250 researchers anticipate the future by applying interdisciplinary research and creating bridges between domains and curricula, with our study programmes acting like living labs for many research topics. For-profit and social profit organisations alike, from our academic and industrial network worldwide, benefit from our knowhow and expertise.

### Howest's strong research niches within its academic fields:

#### COMPANY & ORGANISATION

- ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- CIRCULAR BUSINESS MODELS
- DIGITAL MARKETING & COMMUNICATION
- SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION
- DIGITAL STORYTELLING

#### DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

- VIRTUAL & AUGMENTED REALITY
- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
- BLOCKCHAIN & CYBERSECURITY
- BIOINFORMATICS
- SMART ENERGY SYSTEMS
- BIG DATA
- DESIGN FOR EVERYONE

#### HUMAN SCIENCE & WELLBEING

- VITAL CITIES & COMPANIES
- PREVENTIVE HEALTHCARE
- SERIOUS GAMES
- ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT
- EDUCATIVE TECHNOLOGY



Helēna Š. from Latvia and Diana M. from Portugal, in Kortrijk. Photo credit to Toms Krastins-Rullis, from Latvia. All 3 students Digital Design and Development - Devine.

## » WELCOME TO HOWEST!

### Housing

Howest Student Services ([Stuvo](#)) helps international students find suitable accommodation. We have housing possibilities in our own student residences or via the private market ([www.kotwest.be](#)). A student room in Bruges will cost on average €413 a month and a studio €520 a month. A student room in Kortrijk will cost on average €423 a month and a studio €530 a month. These amounts do not include utilities or internet costs.

### A buddy for every international student!

International students will have buddies to welcome and inform them, show them around in Bruges or Kortrijk, introduce them to student life at our campuses and make them feel at home. We want all incoming students to be well connected with local students and well guided during their stay in Belgium.

### Orientation Week

Each semester we organise a full-time orientation week before the start of the actual lessons, free of charge. Through fun team-building activities and excursions, incoming students get to know other international and local students, their Howest campus, the Howest cities Kortrijk & Bruges and other beautiful places in Flanders.



Jihye from South Korea (Bioinformatics) and Marin from Japan (Teacher Training) with Howest buddy Dinka Joy, in Bruges.

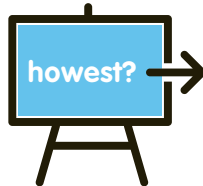


Orientation Week at Howest Kortrijk

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**50** postgraduate certificates & microdegrees

**30** bachelor's programmes

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**13** associate degrees

**2** (European) master's

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**778** employees 

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Ghent University  
Association

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member of  
**RUN** REGIONAL  
UNIVERSITY  
NETWORK  
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY



**200** (registered)  
student-entrepreneurs

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**1.250** international  
students  
coming from **116**  
countries

**±11.000**  
students



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**2.078** degrees a year



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**230**



international academic  
partnerships

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**+ €9.5 million**  
a year on research  
and innovation