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 24 bachelor degrees and 10 associate degrees with a strong practical focus. Some of them are unique for our country, such as our award-winning Digital Arts and Entertainment (DAE), available both in English and Dutch. Our 28 English-taught programmes attract students from all over the world to our beautiful region.

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 holds a symbolic place in Flemish history and is a creative and entrepreneurial hub with a global outlook.

Howest has a vast tradition of international cooperation and is an active partner of many European universities. We also have a growing number of valuable partnerships with universities and work-field organisations in North and Latin America, Asia and Africa.

I’m sure Howest is a place for you. We’ll make you feel welcome!

Lode De Geyter • President of Howest University of Applied Sciences
Frederik D’Herst • Vice President for Education and International Affairs
Isabelle Pertry • Director of International Affairs

DEAR STUDENT

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 journey to major cities such as Paris, London and Amsterdam.

BRUGES
• UNESCO World Heritage since 2000
• Medieval pearl, with its romantic canals and cobbled alleys

KORTRIJK
• One of the hotspots 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 is an entrepreneurial University of Applied Sciences known for its innovative and interdisciplinary approach to education and research, and its close collaboration with industry, business and the social profit sector.

We offer 24 Bachelors, 10 Associate Degrees and many Postgraduate Certificate programmes with a strong practical focus, in the areas of Business & Management, Industrial Sciences & Technology, Digital Design, Architecture, Healthcare, Education and Social Sciences. Howest is a member of Ghent University Association, which provides high-quality higher education to about 1/3 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 talent and motivation, Howest educates its students to become competent, employable and 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. Our WOW - Window on the World 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 tone for socially relevant, practice- and valorisation-oriented education, research and services to society, with a wide regional and international outlook.

Howest is an open-minded and pluralistic university of applied sciences, with respect for diversity. Howest inspires its staff and students to integrate its core values “serve-empower-care” in their professional and personal lives.

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AN INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES
4 FULL DEGREES/PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH

• Bachelor of Digital Arts and Entertainment (DAE) (3 years - 180 ECTS)
  / major Visual Effects
  / major 3D Animation
  / major Game Graphics Production
  / major Independent Game Production
  / major Game Development
  / major Sound Design

• Advanced Bachelor of Bioinformatics (1 year - 60 ECTS)

• Postgraduate Certificate in Cyber Security

• European Master in Sustainable Energy System Management

2 BACHELORS OPEN TO ENGLISH-SPEAKING STUDENTS*

• Bachelor of Applied Computer Science - major Cyber Security (3 years - 180 ECTS)

• Bachelor of Devine - Digital Design and Development (3 years - 180 ECTS)

23 BACHELOR DEGREES IN DUTCH

10 ASSOCIATE DEGREES IN DUTCH
Accounting Administration, HR Support, Marketing and Communication Support, Building and Construction Drafting, Internet of Things, Information Technology, Industrial Informatics, Computer Programming, Education: Secondary Education, Social Educational Care Work

with compulsory Dutch language courses


**Non-exchange students can also attend the English-taught semesters and earn a Postgraduate Certificate.
Howest University of Applied Sciences has a long history of knowledge collaboration with both large, international corporations and with 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. The Howest 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 researchers anticipate the future by applying interdisciplinary research, creating bridges between domains and curricula, with education being the living lab of many research topics. Social profit and profit organisations from our academic and industrial network worldwide make use of our knowhow and expertise.

Howest Student Affairs (Stuvo) helps our international students find suitable accommodation. We have housing possibilities in our own student residence or via the private market. A student room in Bruges will typically cost between €250 and €400 per month; a studio flat between €400 and €600. A student room in Kortrijk will generally cost between €270 and €470 per month.

A buddy for every international student!

International students will have buddies to help welcome and inform them, show them around in Bruges or Kortrijk, introduce them to the 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 fulltime orientation week before the start of the actual lessons, free of charge. Through fun, team-building activities and excursions, incoming students will get to know other international and local students, their Howest cities Kortrijk & Bruges and other beautiful places in Flanders.

OUR RESEARCH: INNOVATING AND STATE-OF-THE-ART!

Howest’s strong research niches within its academic fields:

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- CIRCULAR BUSINESS MODELS
- DESIGN & ORGANISATION

COMPANY & ORGANISATION
- DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY
- VITAL CITIES & COMPANIES
- HUMAN SCIENCE & WELLBEING
- VITAL CITIES & COMPANIES
- PREVENTIVE HEALTHCARE
- ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- CIRCULAR BUSINESS MODELS
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- DESIGN & ORGANISATION

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION
- VITAL CITIES & COMPANIES
- PREVENTIVE HEALTHCARE
- ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- CIRCULAR BUSINESS MODELS
- DESIGN & ORGANISATION

VIRTUAL & AUGMENTED REALITY
- VITAL CITIES & COMPANIES
- PREVENTIVE HEALTHCARE
- ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- CIRCULAR BUSINESS MODELS
- DESIGN & ORGANISATION

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
- VITAL CITIES & COMPANIES
- PREVENTIVE HEALTHCARE
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BIG DATA
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BLOCKCHAIN & CYBERSECURITY
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BIOINFORMATICS
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SMART ENERGY SYSTEMS
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We can’t wait to welcome you!
HOWEST IN A NUTSHELL

- 800 employees
- 24 bachelor programmes
- 10 associate degrees
- 1 European master
- multiple student startups
- 8,000 students
- 1,300 degrees a year
- 180 international academic partnerships
- Member of Ghent University Association
- International students coming from 45 countries
- +6 mio € a year on research and innovation
- #howestvibe