

# **Ghent University**





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# **Our location > City of Ghent**







### A long history

#### 1817

Ghent University is founded by the Dutch king Willem I (United Kingdom of the Netherlands)

#### 1830

Belgian independence - "Belgian State University" - French becomes the language of tuition

#### 1882

First female student

#### 1930

The official language of tuition is changed to Dutch

#### 1938

Nobel prize for Prof Corneel Heymans

#### 1991

Larger autonomy for the University - State University Ghent becomes Ghent University





### 2013: new milestones in university history

- Prof. Anne De Paepe elected as first female Vice-Chancellor
- Integration of academic programmes university colleges
  - + 40 programmes (BA, MA)
  - + 6800 students
  - + 600 staff members
  - + Campus in Kortrijk





#### **Mission statement**

**Ghent University Mission Statement:** 

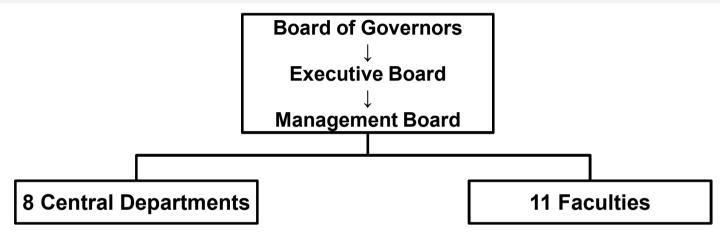
"Ghent University defines itself in a broad international perspective and brings out its individuality in language and culture."







### **Organisational structure**



- Educational Affairs
- Research Affairs
- Administrative Affairs
- Personnel and Organization
- Financial Department
- Information and Communication Technology
- Infrastructure and Facility Management
- Student Facilities

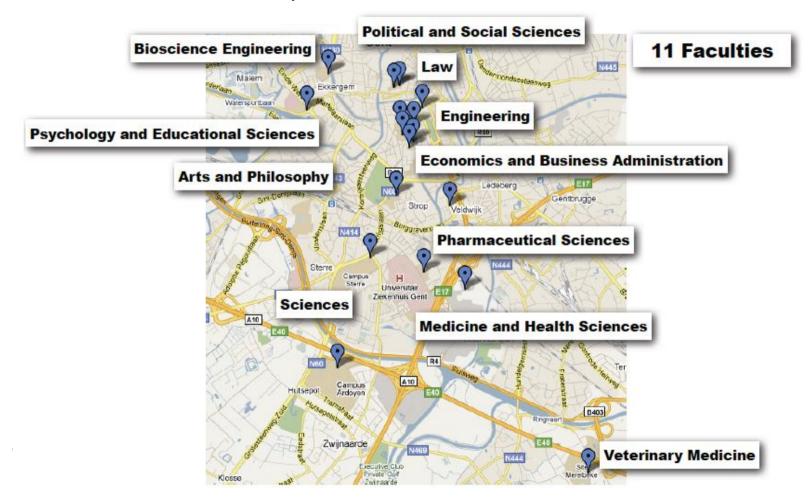
- Arts and Philosophy
- Law
- Sciences
- Medicine and Health Sciences
- Engineering and Architecture
- Economics and Business Administration
- Veterinary Medicine
- Psychology and Educational Sciences
- Bioscience Engineering
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Political and Social Sciences





### **Organisational structure > Faculties**

11 faculties - 125 departments







# **Organisational structure > Faculties**



















#### **Education**

- Comprehensive university
  - 81 BA programmes
  - 140 MA programmes and Advanced MA programmes
- Research based top quality education
- Dutch speaking university
  - English is widely spoken by students and staff
  - Many separate courses taught in English
  - 40 English taught MA programmes

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#### Research > Doctoral Schools

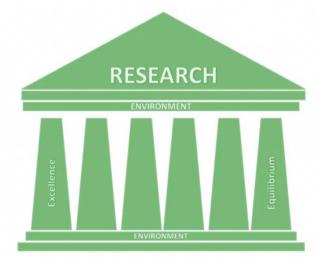
- Doctoral schools
  - Organization
    - Doctoral School of Arts, Humanities and Law
    - Doctoral School of (Bioscience) Engineering
    - Doctoral School of Life Sciences and Medicine
    - Doctoral School of Natural Sciences
    - Doctoral School of Social and Behavioural Sciences
  - Doctoral training
  - Employability
  - Quality assurance
  - Internationalization





### **Research > Policy**

- Excellence as superlative of quality
  - Research environment
- Spearheads
  - Multidisciplinary Research Partnerships
    - Biotechnology for a sustainable economy (Ghent Bio-Economy)
    - Bio-Informatics (From Nucleotides to Networks)
    - Nano- and Biophotonics (Center for Nano- and Biophotonics)
    - Neurosciences (Institute for Neuroscience)
    - Inflammation and Immunity (GROUP-ID)
- Humanities, social and behavioral sciences

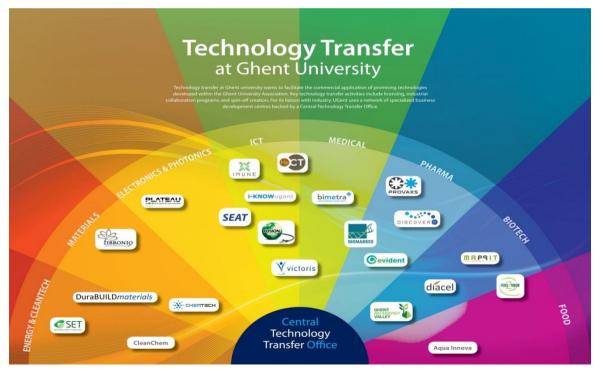






#### **Research > Valorisation**

- Tech Transfer
- Science Parks
  - focusing on biotechnology, sustainable and renewable energy
  - research labs, spin-offs and R&D companies











### **Facts & Figures**

• Students 2013-2014

Total population 41.192

International students
 10% → over 4.000

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PhD students
 3.800 (Dec. 2012)

International PhD students
 30% → over 1.000

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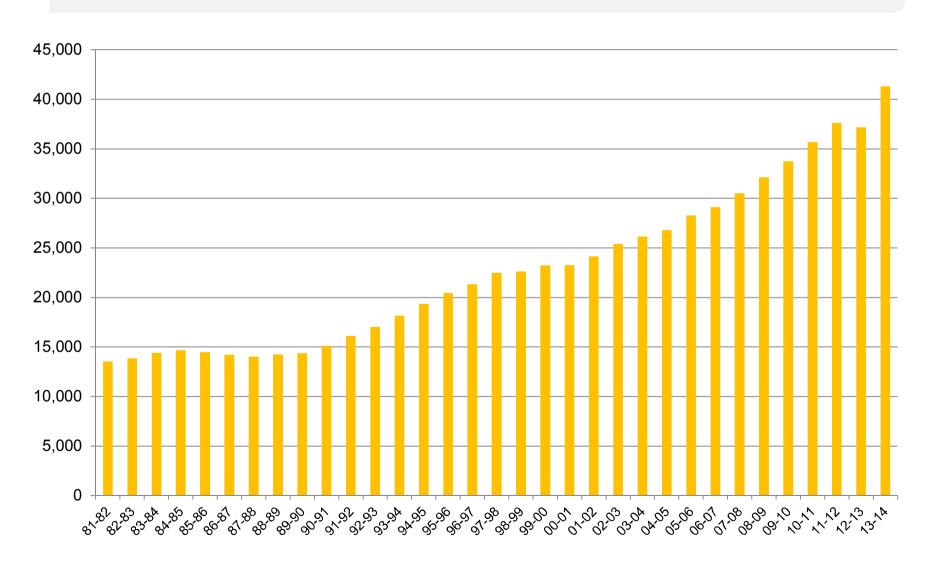
• Staff (Jan. 2014)

8.529 staff members (excl. Ghent University Hospital: over 6.000)





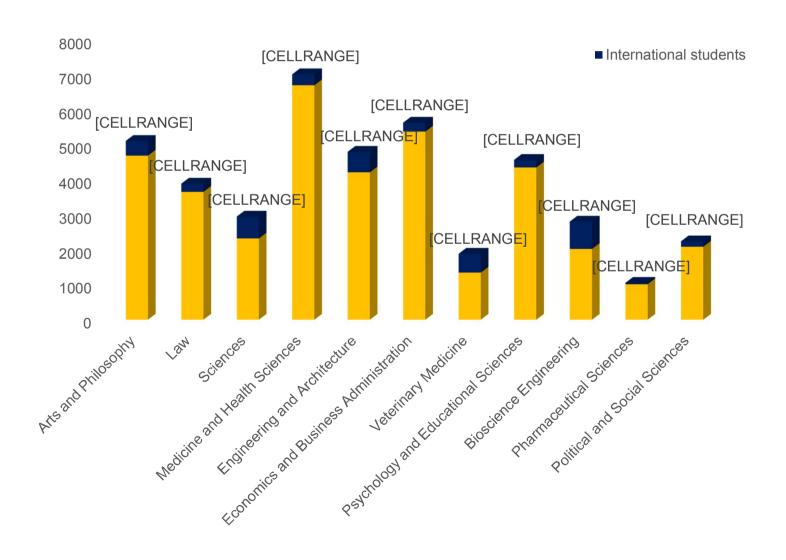
# **Facts & Figures > Students**







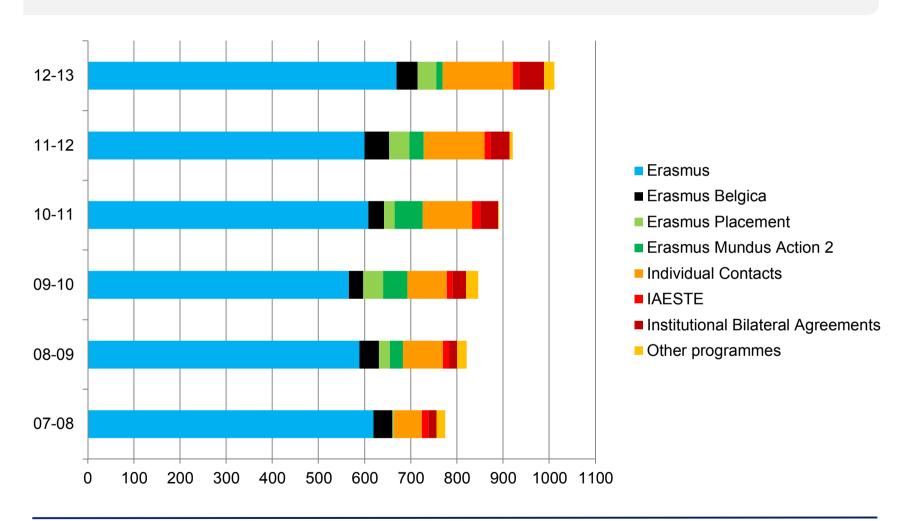
### Facts & Figures > Students per faculty







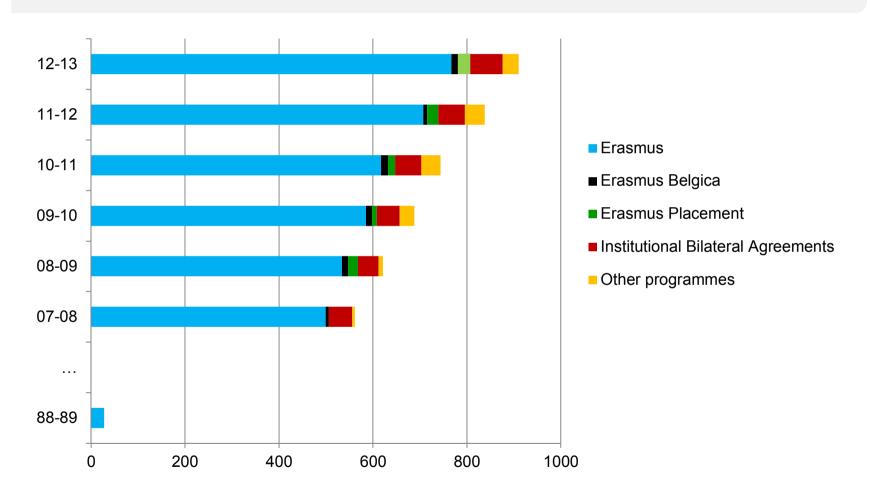
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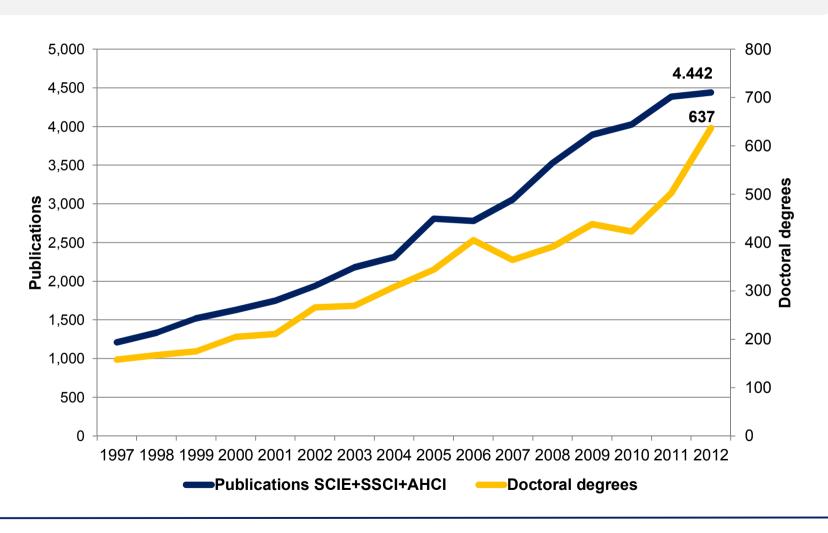
# Facts & Figures > Outgoing exchange







# Facts & Figures > Research output







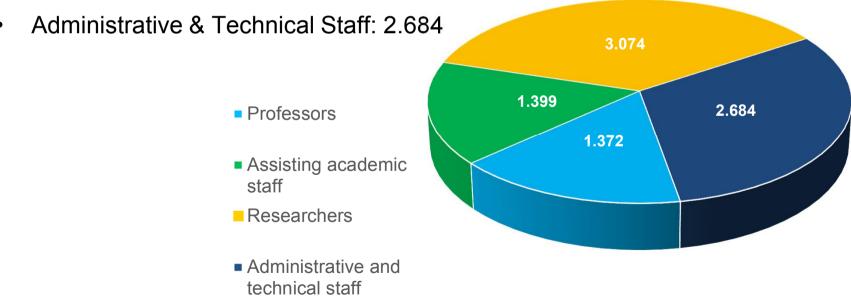
# Facts & Figures > Staff

#### 8,529 Staff Members

• Professors: 1.372

Assistant academic staff: 1.399

Researchers: 3.074







# Facts & Figures > Rankings

- Shanghai Ranking August 2013
  - World rank: 85
  - National rank: 1
- THE Ranking October 2013
  - World rank: 85
  - National rank: 2









#### Internationalisation

- Wide variety of programmes: externally funded and own initiatives
- Tradition in internationalisation
  - ECTS label (2004-2009 and 2009-2013)
  - Erasmus success story
  - Very active in Tempus
  - Stress on development cooperation
  - Several prestigious ERC grants







#### **Internationalisation > Strategy**

- Integrated institutional strategy for internationalisation 2014-2018\*
  - Internal structure and communication
  - Strategic cooperation
    - Quality driven
    - Regional focus
  - Internationalisation of education
    - 25% outbound student mobility
    - English taught courses
    - Internationalisation@Home
  - Selective recruitment of students and staff
    - Orientation programme
    - Focus on integration
  - International branding

<sup>\*</sup> To be approved by University board and management





### **Internationalisation > Student Support**

- International Student Support
  - (Pre)arrival support
  - Guidance through accommodation application
  - Welcome Days, brochures, support to ESN
  - Language vouchers
  - Services / Facilities
    - Student restaurants
    - · Student mobility
    - · Sports facilities
  - Housing:
    - · University residences
    - Private market





### **Internationalisation > Bilateral agreements**

- Bilateral Agreements:
  - Stimulates and finances cooperation with non-EU countries for teaching staff and student exchange
  - On faculty or institutional level
  - > 120 bilateral agreements

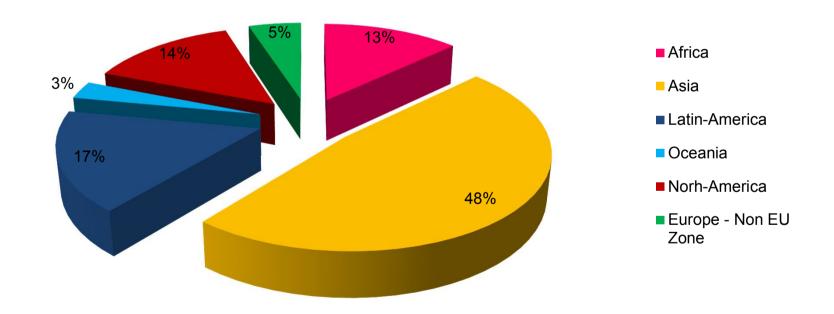






# **Internationalisation > Bilateral agreements**

Bilateral agreements with non-EU countries







#### **Internationalisation > EU programmes**

- Erasmus Mundus Action 1 Joint Programmes
  - As coordinator
    - International Master of Science in Rural Development
    - European Master in Nuclear Fusion Science and Engineering Physics
    - Erasmus Mundus Master of Science in Photonics
    - Erasmus Mundus Master of Science in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation
    - European Master of Science in Nematology
    - International Master of Science in Fire Safety Engineering
    - International Master of Science in Environmental Technology and Engineering
    - MARES Doctoral Programme in Marine Ecosystem Health and Conservation
    - International Doctoral College in Fusion Science Engineering
  - As partner
    - European Master in Law and Economics
    - Common European Master Course in Biomedical Engineering







# **Internationalisation > EU programmes and projects**

#### Erasmus Mundus Action 2 - Partnerships

- As coordinator
  - BASILEUS III, BASILEUS IV, BASILEUS V Western Balkans
  - LOTUS I, LOTUS II, LOTUS III, LOTUS UNLIMITED Vietnam/Thailand/China/Myanmar/Cambodia/Indonesia
  - SVAAGATA.EU India

#### As partner

- WEBB Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Ukraine, Moldavia, Belarus
- EUROEAST Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Ukraine, Moldavia, Belarus
- TECHNO II Cambodia, Mongolia, Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, China
- BABEL Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Paraguay, Brazil, Uruguay
- MUNDUS LINDO Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Paraguay, Brazil, Chile, Cuba
- PEACE Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Argentina, Chili, Costa Rica, Panama, Uruguay
- EU-SATURN South Africa
- TEE Canada, USA
- WELCOME Egypt, Lebanon
- EUROTANGO I, EUROTANGO II Argentina
- NAMASTE India
- CARIBU ACP







#### **Internationalisation > Platforms**

- Africa Platform
- China Platform
  - Partnership between Ghent University, Province of East-Flanders, City of Ghent, Ghent harbor and Flanders-Chinese Chamber of Commerce
  - Beijing representative office
- India Platform











# **Internationalisation > Branch campus**

- Songdo Branch Campus South-Korea
  - Incheon Free Economic Zone
  - Incheon University
  - Programmes BA and MA level
    - Biotechnology
    - Environmental Technology
    - Food technology







#### **Internationalisation > Networks and Alliances**

- Ghent University Association
- Santander Group
- Regional Alliances
  - U4 network (Gent, Göttingen, Groningen, Uppsala)
  - Kent (UK)
  - Lille (France)
- Missouri Western Cape
- Global Initiatives Partnership
- EUniverCities













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