



KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT
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Katholieke Universiteit Leuven



Founded in 1425 by Pope Martin V

Oldest University of the Lower
Countries

In Flanders, northern part of Belgium

Dutch-speaking (sister university
UCL is French-speaking)





2008-2009:

14 faculties + 50 departments

62 bachelor programs

120 master programs

51 master after master programs

4831 researchers

296.7 million euro spent on research

9133 employees (among which 1454 professors, 1/3 administrative staff)

Student numbers 2009-2010

36.923 students (+ 5.42%)

5.078 international students (+ 15.44%): 50%
from Europe and 50% from outside Europe



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Oldest faculty of the University

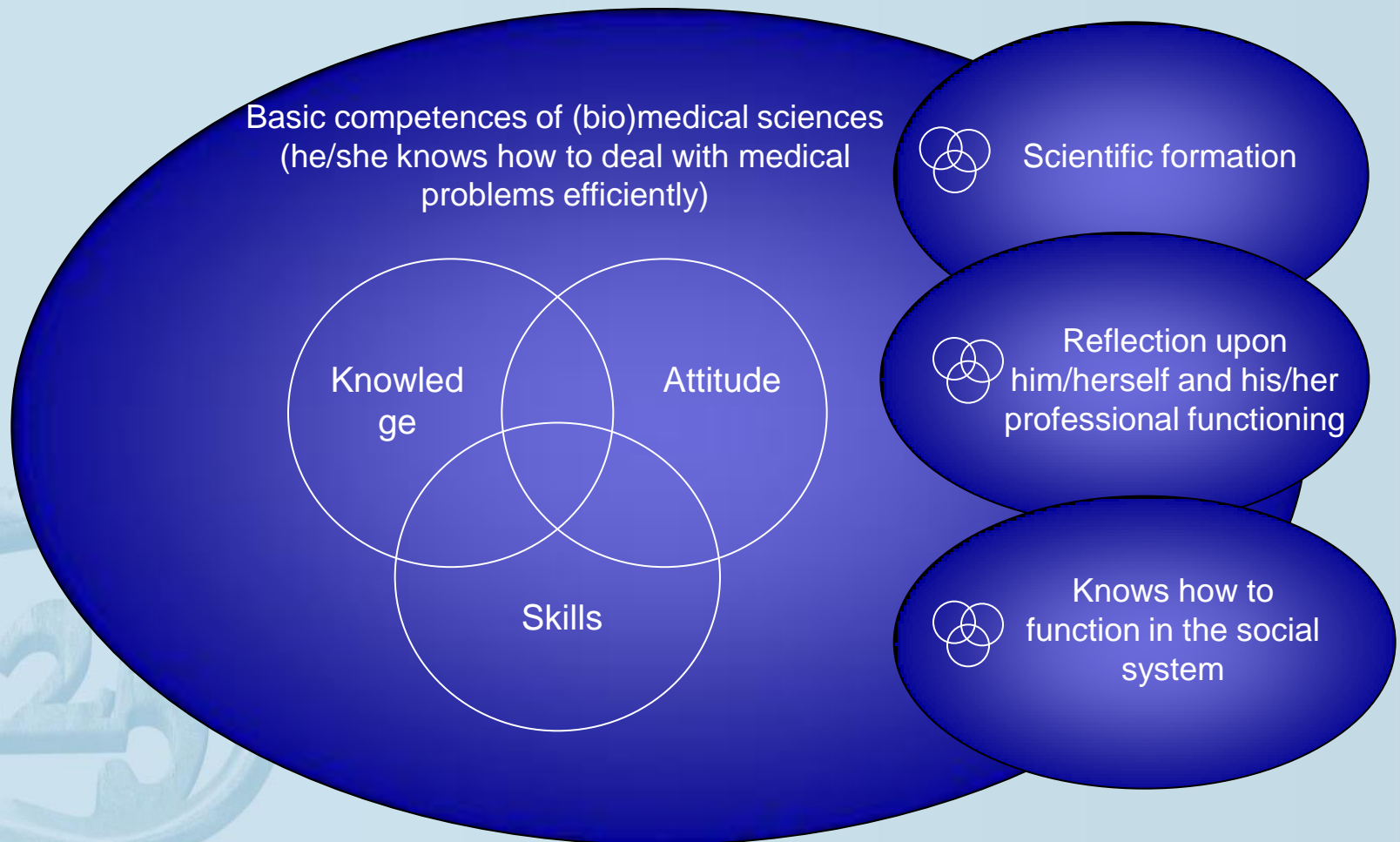
- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Speech therapy
- Biomedical Sciences

2009-2010:

Faculty: 6.204 students (+ 11.97%)

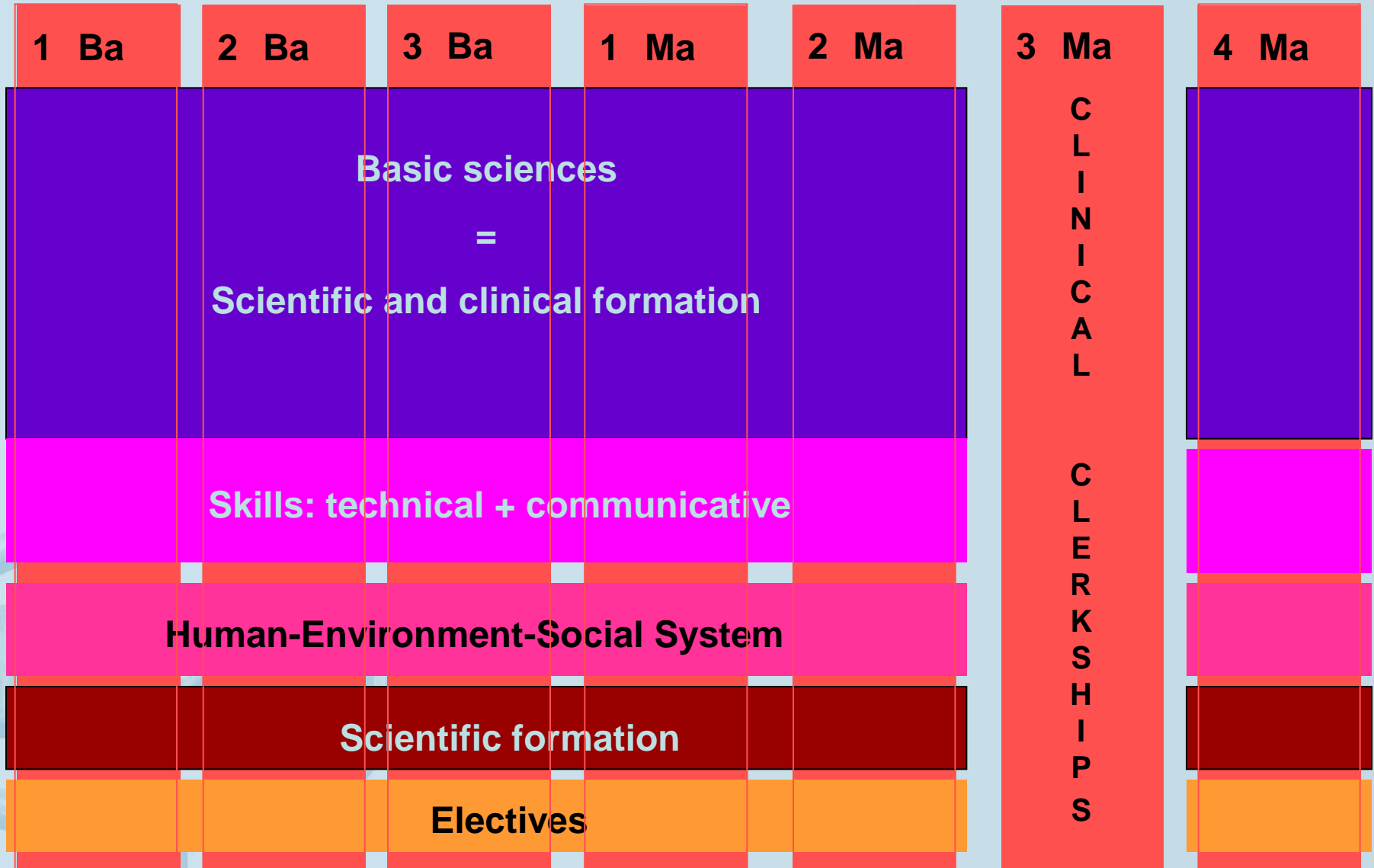
Medicine: 2.519 (+ 9.19%) + 224 in Kortrijk

Basic medical doctor



Competence: knowledge+attitude+skills

Medicine

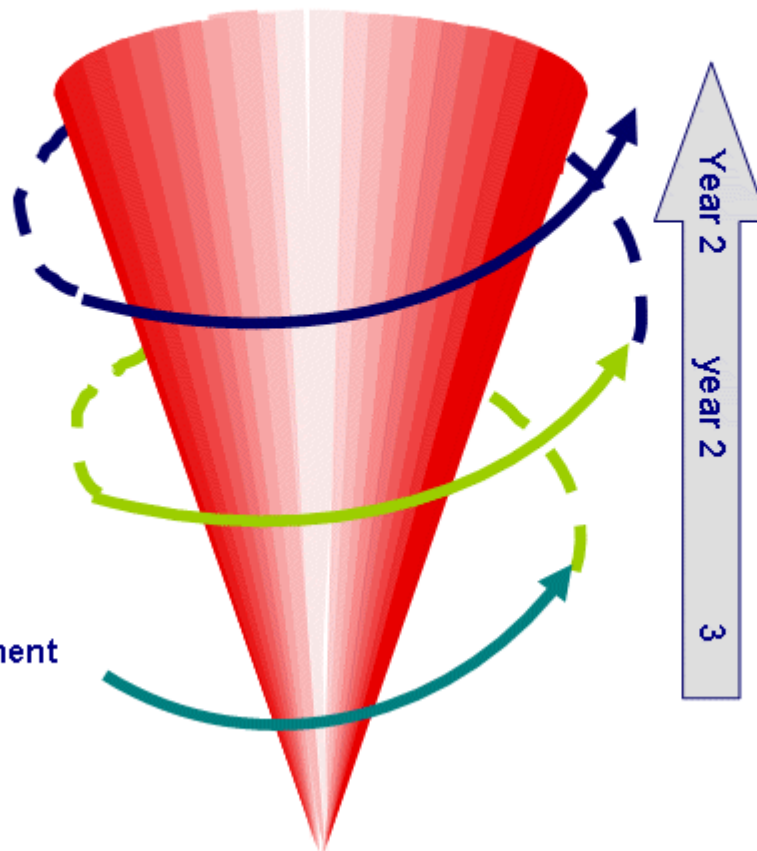


Curriculum in Medicine

Medical Sciences

Topics:

Locomotor system
Blood & Circulation
Digestion & Nutrition
Respiration & Kidney
Nervous system
Reproduction & Development
General Medicine



Master

Integration in a clinical setting

Clinical theoretical competence

Bachelor

Competence in basic sciences

- the medical and clinical training is thematically organized
- students walk through the themes several times: in the bachelor training and in the master training
- during the bachelor training the focus lies on the physiology, biochemistry, anatomy and histology
- during the master training, internal and surgical aspects, pediatrics and gynecology/obstetrics, together with radiology and pathology are emphasized



Quality Control

Accreditation Committee: last visit in 2005,
final report in December 2005

receiving a 'good' for the third master year
(year of clinical clerkships)

positive on organization, contents and initiatives.
Very positive on motivation and guidance by the regional
supervisors

recommendation: clinical clerkships in psychiatry
and in family medicine are necessary for every
graduate in medicine

Re-organization of the sixth year

- a clerkship in family medicine and psychiatry would be a surplus value
- guard the current continuity in the departments in the regional hospitals
- the elective periods and the presence of the students in the departments should be long enough
- 1 integrated clinical exam at the end of the year

Current situation third masteryear

13 weeks	13 weeks	13 weeks	13 weeks	
12 weeks internal medicine	12 weeks surgery	6 weeks paediatrics	4 w family medicine	3 w psychiatry
		6 weeks obst./gin.	2 weeks holidays	3 weeks neurology
1 seminar in Leuven 5 days holidays	1 seminar in Leuven 5 days holidays	1 seminar in Leuven 5 days holidays	1 seminar in Leuven 5 days holidays	

- 1 integrated exam in June

The integrated exam



OSCE:
20-25 different posts

Project by the K.U.Leuven for
developing the exam

Internationalisation



Central level

International Office
decentralised policy

flexible deadlines

online applications and admissions

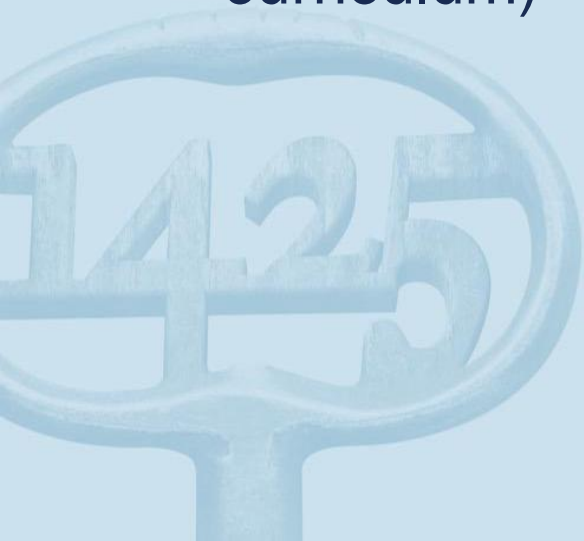
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ECTS label from the beginning



Opportunities for outgoing medical students

- study one semester or one year in Europe (Erasmus) (theoretical courses)
- perform a clinical clerkship abroad (practice)
- IatH = Internationalisation at Home (throughout the curriculum)



Theoretical courses

- mainly first year of masterphase
- European university (Erasmus program)
- one semester or one year
- student applies in last year of bachelorphase



Procedure

- appointment with Faculty
- student compares curricula of both universities
- application before december 24, with CV and motivation letter
- Faculty committee decides on program (to be recognized)
- 2010-2010: 32 students (10%)

clerkships abroad

periods of 3 months or 6,5 weeks

Europe

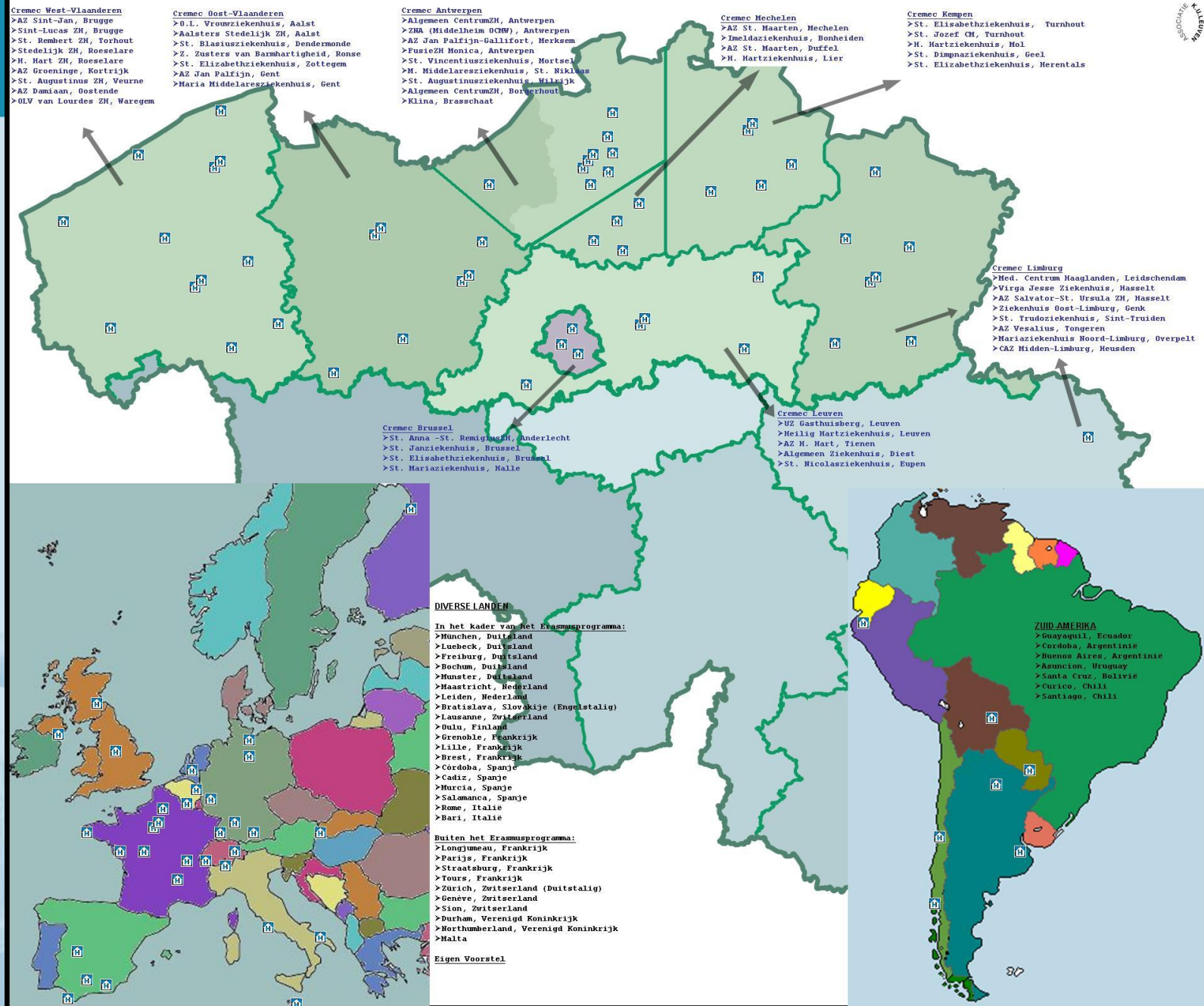
Latin America

Philippines (Baguio)

KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANGUAGE IS ESSENTIAL

- General knowledge (prepared by the student him/herself, exam at the beginning of the fifth year)
- Medical knowledge (course organized by the Faculty in the fifth year, intensive and obligatory)

- student studies the language in the first years of medicine. The language institute offers courses in basic knowledge.
- at the beginning of the fifth year: exam of basic knowledge (student has to pass)
- in the fifth year the Faculty organizes courses in medical English, medical Spanish and medical French. The student has to participate and pass the exams at the end of the course.



Also

for Latin America and Philippines: student has to get a credit for the courses *Biomedical Development Cooperation + Tropical Medicine*

AND

Who can go is decided by raffle/drawing of candidates by group (Europe, Latin America, Baguio)

one third of the students of the sixth year can leave for a clerkship abroad

- international context (university hospital+regional hospitals)
- Biomedical Development Cooperation (mostly external experts)
- Tropical Medicine
- Medical Spanish, French and English
- Modules Medical French (3x3h)



incoming medical students

- research, centres of excellence
- clinical clerkships (language!)
- courses (regular curriculum in Dutch)



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