



Creative Technologies & Interaction

Exchange programme

Academic guide 2024-2025

This unique programme is presented to you by the faculty of Science & Technology and is open for students in the field of Multimedia.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

The minor Creative Technologies & Interaction offers a selection of courses of the [professional bachelor Multimedia & Creative Technologies](#), a degree programme entirely in English.

Therefore, classes will be attended by both international degree students and exchange students, thus creating a real international experience. The programme is also open to Belgian students.

We offer a crossover of technical digital skills and creative and design thinking

So this is your chance to create and design: Writing interesting and compelling narratives, you will draw on different technologies such as the Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence and Augmented Reality to find solutions to real-life challenges. User experience and Interaction are key to everything you do in this semester.

Therefore, in order to be eligible to this programme, students need to have a background in Multimedia and have prior knowledge in programming

As the world is rapidly changing, companies are eagerly searching for skilled people, young urban potentials, ready to take on the world. This course will give you the chance to refine your creative and technological skills.



HOW TO CREATE YOUR LEARNING AGREEMENT?

During the registration, you will be invited to select the courses. You will take up minimum 20 credits and maximum 33 credits. The learning agreement will be made digitally in Mobility Online.

<u>Course overview</u>	Credits
1.3 3D development	3
1.3 Storytelling basics	3
2.3 Strategy & creation	3
2.4 3D animation 2	3
2.3 3D VFX (light)	3
2.4 Motion graphics	3
2.4 Real-time 3D (ATO)	4
1.3 Science, technology and society	4
1.4 Visual communication	4
Dutch as a foreign language	3

Please find the full course description at [Creative Technologies and Interaction | KdG University of Applied Sciences and Arts](#) When you click on a course you will see a global description of the course. For a more detailed course description please check our course catalogue [ECTS - Karel de Grote Hogeschool \(kdg.be\)](#).

Dutch as a Foreign Language

The KdG offers also free Dutch language courses for all exchange students. Classes are organized in the evening and will take place at the Faculty of Management & IT at Campus Groenplaats, in the center of Antwerp.

APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

As the entire programme is taught in English, you should master the English language sufficiently to participate actively in the courses. **Level B2 is strongly recommended.**

If you are not proficient enough in English to participate actively in the courses, there is always the risk of failing assignments or examinations. This is entirely the responsibility of the sending institution.

Students can take English (or other) language lessons on their own expense in the language center of the University of Antwerp ([Linguapolis](#)). Applications and fees are to be arranged directly with Linguapolis.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

In order to be able to measure and compare the learning achievements and to transfer them from one institution to another, the European Community has developed a tool which guarantees academic recognition: the European Community Course Credit Transfer System (ECTS). It is a credit system based on the students' workload which involves lectures, seminars and self-study. In other words, it includes all work needed to prepare for an examination. The basic allocation of the academic credit system is 60 credits per year of study or 30 credits per semester.

We only accept students who enroll for a workload of minimum **20 credits** per semester.

Credits are awarded only when all required course examinations have been successfully completed. Grades are awarded using the local grading system of a score on 20 points. The local grades can then be converted following the ECTS grading system.

An official ECTS grading table will be sent to the home institution together with the Transcript of Records. The table below gives insight in our grading system.

ECTS grade	Descriptor	Score
A	Excellent	18-19-20
B	Very good	16-17
C	Good	14-15
D	Satisfactory	12-13
E	Sufficient	10-11
Fx	Tolerable failure	9
F	Complete failure	6
Not attended		NA
Pass with distinction		14
Pass		12
Fail		6

The home institution will be responsible for the full recognition of credits and grades awarded to the student.

HOW TO REGISTER?

After the deadline for nominations students will be informed about further registration. We use an online tool to register and follow up our student mobility. This tool is called Mobility Online.

In the workflow of Mobility Online, you'll need to complete different steps, starting with your registration. After you've registered you will have to complete the application details and add several documents. Once your application is approved, you are invited to compose and sign the Digital Learning Agreement.

Each step will be checked and - if everything goes right - approved by the coordinator at KdG. The application is complete when you enter the step: [AI] Exchange confirmed by KdG.

All these steps have to be completed well **before arrival**.

- **Technical helpdesk** Mobility Online: international@kdg.be
- For **other questions** concerning Creative Technologies & Interaction, please contact us via: incoming.sat@kdg.be

CHANGES TO THE DIGITAL LEARNING AGREEMENT

Once Creative Technologies & Interaction has started, students are

allowed to change the Digital Learning Agreement before the communicated deadline (see academic calendar).

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

- We will upload the Transcript of Records and the Confirmation of Study Period in Mobility Online. Students can download it and hand it over to the coordinator of their home university.
- Information on the Grading Conversion Table and the procedure of the second chance exams will be sent to the student by mail at the end of the study period.
- In the course catalogue students can find all the information on exams and whether and how a second chance exam will be organized for a specific course

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Spring Semester 2025

- Welcoming Days: 30 & 31 January
- Start classes term 3: 3 February
- Deadline changes LA: 17 February
- Half term holidays (1 week): 3-9 March
- Examinations: 24-28 March
- Start classes term 4: 31 March
- Seasonal holidays (2 weeks): 7 April – 20 April
- Examinations: 2 – 17 June
- End of semester: 20 June
- Farewell event: To be decided

PERSONAL TIMETABLES

All timetables are published on the student portal and can be verified on <https://timeedit.kdg.be/> once they are published. You can log in with your KdG e-mail and password that you will receive after the application to see your personal timetable.

Lectures take place from Monday to Friday between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. and sometimes in the evening (hours are subject to changes).

Lecture periods generally take 60 minutes. There is a 15 minute break after two periods. Students can have lunch in the cafeteria.

Campus

Your main campus is Campus Hoboken, the Faculty of Science & Technology. Yet, classes can be organized at different campuses

- Campus Zuid (CZ)
- Campus Groenplaats (classes Dutch language)
- Campus Sint Jozef (audio-visual classes)

Opening hours Campus Hoboken:

Monday to Thursday: 7h30am – 7pm

Friday: 7h30am – 7pm

NOTE: all services such as STIP, library, International Office, ICT service desk,... close earlier. The opening hours of the offices are available on campus.



ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS

Every lecturer decides which type of evaluation is appropriate for his/her course. You can find the specific course information online in our course catalogue on ects.kdg.be. Sometimes the scoring is based on a combination of several evaluations (e.g. post-assignment, group work, presentation, examination).

RETAKE EXAMS

At KdG, the re-examinations are organized Mid-August. As we are bound by the retake examinations cannot be organized before the official retake period at KdG.

If the evaluation form allows, resit exams can be conducted online in certain circumstances. Yet, the official publication of grades cannot be

advances and will be maintained in September.

You will have to request permission for an online exam from the instructor by sending an email to the teacher with the coordinator of internationalization in cc. The instructor will grant or deny permission based on the feasibility of an online exam.

Please note the deadline: You need to submit a request to the instructor **within a week** of grades being published.

The KdG Education and examination regulations are applicable on all exchange students and can be found on the KdG-website.

COURSE MATERIALS

Course materials depend on the courses for which students are registered. Books and syllabi will be available on our electronic learning platform 'canvas', in our library or in our Shop. All study materials and costs are mentioned in the course catalogue that you can find at ects.kdg.be.

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PREPARING FOR YOUR EXCHANGE AT KdG

Here you can find all you need to know for a good start:

[Preparing to join us | Karel de Grote Hogeschool Antwerpen \(kdg.be\)](#)

WELCOMING DAYS

At the beginning of the semester, we organize [Welcoming Days](#) for all incoming students. We strongly advise you not to miss these introduction days!

A detailed programme will be sent to you several weeks before the start of the programme.

STUDENT LIFE

Antwerp is a wonderful historical old town and a student friendly city, full of fun activities. There are a lot of theatres, cinemas, concert halls, museums such as Rubens House, Fine Arts, Modern Arts, Fashion and Middelheim. Antwerp has an exciting nightlife but also offers plenty of daytime activities.

Within the first few days after their arrival, students will receive a **student card**. This card grants reduction in sports centers, cinemas, cultural events, restaurants, at parties, etc.

Do you want to get a taste of student life in Antwerp?

[Explore activities here](#) and check the information on our webpage [study in Antwerp](#)

Further, you absolutely need to discover **STAN**, the student house of Antwerp at [Welcome at STAN! \(stanstan.be\)](#)

There are also opportunities for entertainment organized by students' clubs: local student clubs and ESN (Erasmus Student Network)_

<http://www.esnantwerp.org>.

If you want to meet the incoming students in advance you can install the [KdG Joinby app](#) and get to know your fellow students. Further, you can join the following Facebook [group](#)! Here you can also ask question to an international student who has been studying at KdG in the past. There are also some local students who lend their apartment while they are on their exchange themselves, so just post in the group if you are looking for a room.

Finally, don't forget to like the [International KdG Facebook page](#)



ACCOMMODATION

Students in Flanders usually rent single rooms in a student house and share kitchen, toilet and shower. One month's rent will then cost an average of approximately 350 euro. If you want to rent a room with private toilet, bathroom and cooking facilities, the price can go up to € 450 or more. Landlords (-ladies) usually ask a guarantee of one (or two) month's rent, returned at the end of the contract.

KdG does not have its own student accommodations. **The best place to look for accommodation is [Kotweb](#).** Set up by the city of Antwerp, STAN and higher education institutions, it aims to provide high-quality student accommodation and objective information for students. It also has a useful labelling system that informs you if a particular room meets Flemish legislation and fire safety standards. With more than 5,000 student rooms, it is also the largest database of student accommodation in Antwerp.

Ask a KdG student? If you want to ask a KdG student about types of accommodation, neighborhoods or student life, then you may want to join our [In&Out Facebook group](#).

When looking for accommodation, we recommend you do the following:

- ✓ Preferably search via Kotweb
- ✓ Found a room on Facebook? Check the address on Kotweb to see if it is indeed a student house
- ✓ Ask for the landlord's contact details and a copy of his or her ID before signing a contract or transferring money
- ✓ Questions about quality? Request a free quality survey by phone (+32 3 338 75 74) or email: studentenhuisvesting@stad.antwerpen.be. You can also contact Kotweb, STAN, or Student Services with any questions.

Alternatively, you could also try the following Facebook groups:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/614691192011467/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/216989432371337/>

But be careful for possible scams as these apartments/rooms aren't necessarily approved student accommodations. KdG is not responsible for any accommodation posted in our Facebook group, so please follow the steps mentioned above. 99% of students do not experience any problems, but better safe than sorry!

INSURANCE

It is **compulsory** for all foreign students to have arranged their health insurance and third-party liability insurance by themselves before arrival. The validity of the insurances must cover the whole stay of the students.

Health insurance means adequate coverage for medical costs in case of illness or injury.

Third-party liability insurance covers you in case you are sued for compensation by a third party, where they feel that they have suffered a loss as a result of your negligence or carelessness. In case you are successfully sued by a third party, your third party insurance will cover the costs of damages awarded against you and of any legal costs that you have incurred as a result of disputing the case.

For more information, please check our website [Preparing to join us | Karel de Grote Hogeschool Antwerpen \(kdg.be\)](#) or contact international@kdg.be.

BELGIAN IMMIGRATION

If you are from outside the EU (or some special cases like Switzerland), you will most likely need a visa to study in Belgium.

Do you need any documents for visa purposes from our side (i.e. acceptance letter or proof of solvency)? Let us know!

Some students also need a residence permit. Who has to register at the immigration office?

- All Non-EU students
- EU students who want to work, open a bank account or stay for two semesters or more

You can find all information about residence permits on our [website](#). EU students who stay for one semester only and do not want to work do NOT have to register at the immigration office. Documents and questions need to be sent to international@kdg.be.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Please check our website and read more about onboarding at KdG and how to prepare for your stay in Antwerp:

- [Study in Antwerp – the inspirational city for students | KdG University of Applied Sciences and Arts](#)
- [Student onboarding | KdG University of Applied Sciences and Arts](#)