

# A student city that's also alive in the weekend

**Antwerp is the fastest growing student city in Flanders. It is currently the second largest student city with its 45.000 students. The city welcomes students to its education institutions. With 200 disciplines, you can become precisely what you want in Antwerp!**

## **Studying with a view of the water**

As 'Stad aan de Stroom' (City at the River)—the city was established on both sides of the Scheldt River—Antwerp has ample water and harbour related education programmes and researches, for example, the logistics and transport education programmes as well as nautical sciences and marine engineering. The Maritime Academy is the only school in Belgium to offer these maritime programmes. It is no surprise, considering that the harbour of Antwerp is Europe's second largest harbour, despite the fact that it is located inland. Or maybe thanks to this, because goods reach the hinterland faster through Antwerp's seaport. This location also appeals to students, who study along the water and go partying at the banks of the Scheldt River.

## **Studying and creating**

Antwerp also ripples of creative talent. In addition to water-related disciplines, you can immerse yourself in dynamic design, dance and art programmes. For example, the city has one of the most influential fashion schools in the world: the Antwerp Six graduated from the Royal Academy of Fine Arts and so did other famous designers, such as Martin Margiela, Véronique Branquinho and Bruno Pieters. And even today, the academy is the jump board for promising careers. Many former students occupy top positions in international fashion houses.

## **Pioneering studies**

The study programmes and researches at the Institute of Tropical Medicine also catch the eye: in a temperate marine climate it carries out pioneering studies in tropical diseases. These are supplemented with equally impressive AIDS studies: influenced by Peter Piot, world famous scientist and former chairman of UNAIDS, Antwerp researchers have laid a solid foundation for the international fight against AIDS and HIV.

## **Top researchers**

The young, modern University of Antwerp threads the scientific studies to each other—they often also find international response. The University of Antwerp focuses on nine research areas and has been an international leader in these for years: from research in drug development to sustainability studies. Even in the smallest things, the University of Antwerp is among the greatest: it has the strongest electron microscope in the world for carrying out research at nano level.

## **Living and studying**

Whatever you study in Antwerp, you are never just a student here. You become a part of the city; you live and study among the inhabitants of Antwerp. Although, according to the numbers, Antwerp is a real student city, it will never feel like one. The students mingle with the inhabitants and the campuses are spread throughout the city. Antwerp students feel at home in all the city districts, but also have their regular hangout: GATE15, a physical and online platform by and for students. It groups together students from various educational institutes and tells them everything about the Antwerp student life. Most students also stay in the city during weekends and holidays. This is also thanks to the many cultural and festive events and the ample choices of catering and shopping establishments.

## **From student to starter**

Even when you have received your diploma, you will stick around in the city. The Antwerp disciplines very much fit the work field and the Antwerp economy, which means you can quickly begin working... and stay, because Antwerp worships its starters. Business locations for starters emerge at the most striking places, with or without the help of private partners. Also the Antwerp higher education institutions support enterprising students with TAKEOFFANTWERP. And through the city sensor network City of Things, start-ups find test audiences for their new technologies. Everything to maintain the potential in Antwerp and to see it grow into an (international) success.