

INTERNATIONAL MASTER OF ADAPTED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



DURATION

2 years (full-time), 120 ECTS

APPLICATION DEADLINE

1 March (for non-EEA citizens)

1 June (for EEA citizens)

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

1st semester: end of September

→ end of January (exams in January)

2nd semester: half of February

→ end of June (exams in June)

www.kuleuven.be/academiccalendar

TUITION FEES

The tuition fee for the current academic year is €938.80 for all students.

The tuition fee for future academic years can be higher as a result of indexation.

The preparatory programme incurs an additional cost of €34.80 on top of the tuition fee. Additional costs (ca. €500) for handbooks, seminars, etc. should also be taken into account.

Please consult the website for the most recent information:

www.kuleuven.be/tuitionfees.

The **International Master of Adapted Physical Activity** (IMAPA) aims to provide state-of-the-art research and teaching methodology in adapted physical activity (APA), as well as thorough insights into the social, pedagogical and technical aspects of physical activity adapted to the needs of persons with a disability. The programme is organised at KU Leuven (Belgium) in partnership with the University of Olomouc (UP, Czech Republic) and a number of associate partners in Europe. This multicultural setting is a great asset to the programme itself and to the field of adapted physical activity in general.

Preparatory programme

At the beginning of the academic year, an assessment on research methodology will be organised for all IMAPA students. If you pass the assessment, the 3 credits of the course Research Methodology in Adapted Physical Activity are awarded and you are exempt from the course. If you fail the assessment, the course Research Methodology in Adapted Physical Activity becomes obligatory.

Master's programme

The **professional aim** of the programme is to educate competent and critical professionals, and enable them to design and evaluate adapted physical activity programmes for people with a lifelong disability by using an evidence-based approach.

The **disciplinary aim** of IMAPA is to educate people on how to conduct research in order to advance the field of APA.

The first academic year takes place at KU Leuven (Belgium). In the second year, the students follow the first semester at the Palacky University of Olomouc (Czech Republic), while the second semester is completed at a partner university based on the student's interests and his/her specialisation areas.

For detailed descriptions of the courses and for the course timetable, please consult

www.kuleuven.be/ma/imapal

Admission requirements

To be eligible for the International Master of Adapted Physical Activity, you must have obtained an academic bachelor's degree in one of the following areas:

- Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and Movement Sciences
- Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences and Physiotherapy
- Bachelor of Physical Education
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy
- Bachelor of Sport Sciences
- Bachelor of Movement Sciences
- Bachelor of Motor Rehabilitation
- Master's degree in the above mentioned study fields



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**48 in Times Higher Education
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**49 bachelor's programmes
(4 in English)**

**136 master's programmes
(68 in English)**

**41 advanced master's
programmes (22 in English)**

If you have obtained a Master's degree in Movement or Rehabilitation sciences at KU Leuven, you are directly admitted to this programme.

You also have to provide evidence of your English proficiency. Unless you are of Anglo-Saxon origin, you will be asked to submit a TOEFL or IELTS certificate. If you have already completed an English-language academic programme at an Anglo-Saxon university, your degree will be considered sufficient proof of your English proficiency.

Programme admission: www.kuleuven.be/ma/imapal

General admission: www.kuleuven.be/admissions

Application procedure

KU Leuven uses an online application system. You can submit your application via www.kuleuven.be/application.

Students with a Flemish degree can consult www.kuleuven.be/inschrijven.

Academic transcript(s), a motivation letter, a recommendation letter and proof of English proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, etc.) must be added to the application form.

Career perspectives

Graduates will have the professional competence to work in a variety of contexts, where they will be able to set up appropriate adapted physical activity programmes and assess the requirements for exercise screening. Given the broad area of adapted physical activity, as seen in the various countries, graduates will learn the tools needed to implement and evaluate health-, sports- and leisure-enhancing programmes for people with a disability. The most important general tool is an evidence-based approach to intervention. Graduates of the IMAPA programme will also have gained sufficient competence to work in research settings. They will have developed the skills needed to formulate innovative research questions in adapted physical activity and to report on scientific findings. Graduates will have gained the analytical ability to highlight the needs of people with a disability in different countries and identify current barriers for the implementation of adapted physical activity. Furthermore, they will be able to ensure appropriate intervention programmes and draw up policy statements for people with a disability in the areas of exercise and health. Overall, they will have an internationally-oriented character and seek out multicultural collaboration.

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