

## MORE TO EXPLORE !

You are a student in early childhood, primary or secondary education or interested in education in general?

What about studying in a renowned teacher training institution in the middle of Europe?

In the international class at Thomas More Kempen you get the possibility to study for 3 or 5 months in a **full programme in English** together with other international and Flemish students!



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\* You can choose between the options mentioned above.

Attention: the combination of courses can be restricted due to planning of activities and needs to be communicated beforehand.

### **More to discover | 4 ECTS**

In this module you will discover Flanders, Belgium and a small part of the Netherlands. We focus on Europe and education in Europe and compare schools, school systems and learning outcomes. A light also will be shed on aspects of the world and global challenges. These aspects also will be discussed.

The competences you will need as a future teacher, a teacher of the future, are the main goals: connectivity, group forming activities based on openness, safety, dialogue and participation. You will develop 21st century skills, intercultural skills and intercultural awareness. New methods of project work are applied. While reflecting and reporting, students become conscious about their own learning and learning outcome.

### **More diversity in education | 4 ECTS**

This module aims to establish an understanding and awareness of equality and diversity, and to enable students to reflect critically on perceptions, attitudes and practices, focusing on diversity and equity. They become aware of their own view on diversity and develop the attitude to understand and accept other perceptions and values.

You will look into different aspects of diversity in our society, in schools and education in general and acquire the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to deal with diversity in an educational context. Besides a theoretical introduction on diversity in/and education, you will get the opportunity to experience and investigate diversity in a practical way. In the workshops you develop insights and skills in different implementations of diversity in education. You acquire some in-school experience, while observing classes in pre-primary, primary and/or secondary schools in Belgium.

### **More multilingual education | 3 ECTS**

In this module focusses on the importance of language in education.

- ✓ What are the advantages of early foreign language learning?
- ✓ How is immersion education in Belgium organised?
- ✓ What exactly is content and language integrated learning CLIL?

You will study on the impact of language in education and how to make it one of your strengths as a professional.

### **Approaches to innovative teaching - Global perspectives | 3 ECTS**

In this course you will reflect on a range of approaches in current education, explore innovative approaches in education and develop new approaches that enable young people to shape an incorporated future of humanity and planet. The course consists in six thematically oriented days organized on different campuses of teacher training in Flanders: Antwerp, Bruges, Leuven, Ghent, Brussels, Mechelen and Vorselaar. The subjects are transformative education, the classroom expanded, virtual reality, global citizenship and art education.

You will also participate in the International Day and be able to share your view on diversity and internationalization with Flemish students teacher training.

### Survival Dutch | 3 ECTS

How to survive in Flanders? You can use your English language skills but might need some basic Dutch understanding. In this course you learn to survive, in daily or in school life, with some basic vocabulary and grammar using communicative strategies. The didactic methods being used will help you as a future teacher.

### Digital learning design | 3 ECTS

In this module we focus on digitalization and technology in education. You will find out how blended learning can enhance the students' motivation. You will learn more about digital learning apps and how technology connects this globalized world.

### More practice | 7 ECTS

You will do an internship in a Flemish or international school, or in an educational organization. You will observe, participate and - when possible - teach in a class and school, or work in the organization. The age of the children will be according to the study-level in the home institution. Co-teaching and job-shadowing are likely.

### Teach Future Proof | 3 ECTS

During this challenge you will develop, together with your international learning group, a future-proof workshop for pupils of local primary or secondary schools. In this workshop, you integrate computational thinking and gamification and make sure you challenge the pupils through an inspiring and innovative approach. You can demonstrate that you have worked internationally-inspired and evidence-based to devise your workshop. You present your workshop in English to your fellow students and provide a literature review and script.

### Where?

Most of the courses will be held at campus Vorselaar, founded in 1902 and one of the oldest teacher training institutes in Belgium.



Vorselaar is a small town with a great history situated in the province of Antwerp in Belgium. You can easily visit our famous Belgian cities such as Ghent, Bruges, Antwerp and Brussels. It only takes you a couple of hours to visit Paris, Köln, London or Amsterdam during the weekends. We will help you with finding accommodation. The average price for a room is about € 290/month.

## When?

Our 20 ECTS-programme is from Monday 10 February to Friday 2 May 2025.  
Our 30 ECTS-programme is from Monday 10 February to Friday 13 June 2025.

## Linguistic requirements

Our programme 'More to explore' is in English and offers a programme on education for future teachers. We require an A2 level for participating students and a B1 level in English for students interested in practice.

## Why choose Thomas More?

Thomas More is the largest university college in Flanders, offering over 50 bachelor and master degree programmes in the province of Antwerp, in the Dutch speaking part of Belgium.

The Academic Bachelors and Masters are part of the association of KU Leuven as of July 2013. This means that their courses are KU Leuven courses, organized on the campuses of Thomas More University of Applied Sciences. They work together closely with related professional bachelors. As a result, Thomas More is a fully fledged knowledge centre and engine for regional innovation.

With Thomas More (1478-1535) the university college follows in the footsteps of the English humanist, scientist and author. In addition, the name 'More' also refers to *more* course programmes, *more* regional spread, *more* cooperation agreements, *more* horizons.

- More** than 17,000 students and 1,800 staff members
- More** regional spread with campuses in Antwerp, Geel, Lier, Mechelen, Sint-Katelijne-Waver, Turnhout and Vorselaar.
- More** than 30 Professional Bachelors in 7 study areas.
- More** than 20 Academic Bachelors and Masters in 4 study areas (see the website for all the options)

The educational faculty of Thomas More offers state of the art education and training to about 2,600 students in Mechelen, Turnhout and Vorselaar.

Students can choose between Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, Bachelor of Primary Education and Bachelor of Secondary Education. It takes 3 years to graduate. The age-range for the pupils is 2.5 to 6 (pre-school), 7 to 12 (primary school) and 12 to 16 years (lower secondary school). Our faculty also provides in-service-training for teachers and heads of schools.

## Admission and Registration Procedures

We'd like to welcome you as one of our incoming Erasmus students!

Your application must be approved by your home institution and can only be accepted if there is an existing bilateral agreement for mobility between the faculties.

If you want to apply for studying at our teacher training faculty, meet with your international office and let them send a nomination by mail to Vanessa Dockx, [vanessa.dockx@thomasmore.be](mailto:vanessa.dockx@thomasmore.be), International Office, Lepelstraat 2, B 2290 Vorselaar, Belgium. After acceptance the student can do the online application on the website of Thomas More <http://www.thomasmore.be/welcome>.

The deadline is 15 October 2024 for the **spring semester 2025**.

If you have any further questions, please contact Vanessa Dockx [vanessa.dockx@thomasmore.be](mailto:vanessa.dockx@thomasmore.be).