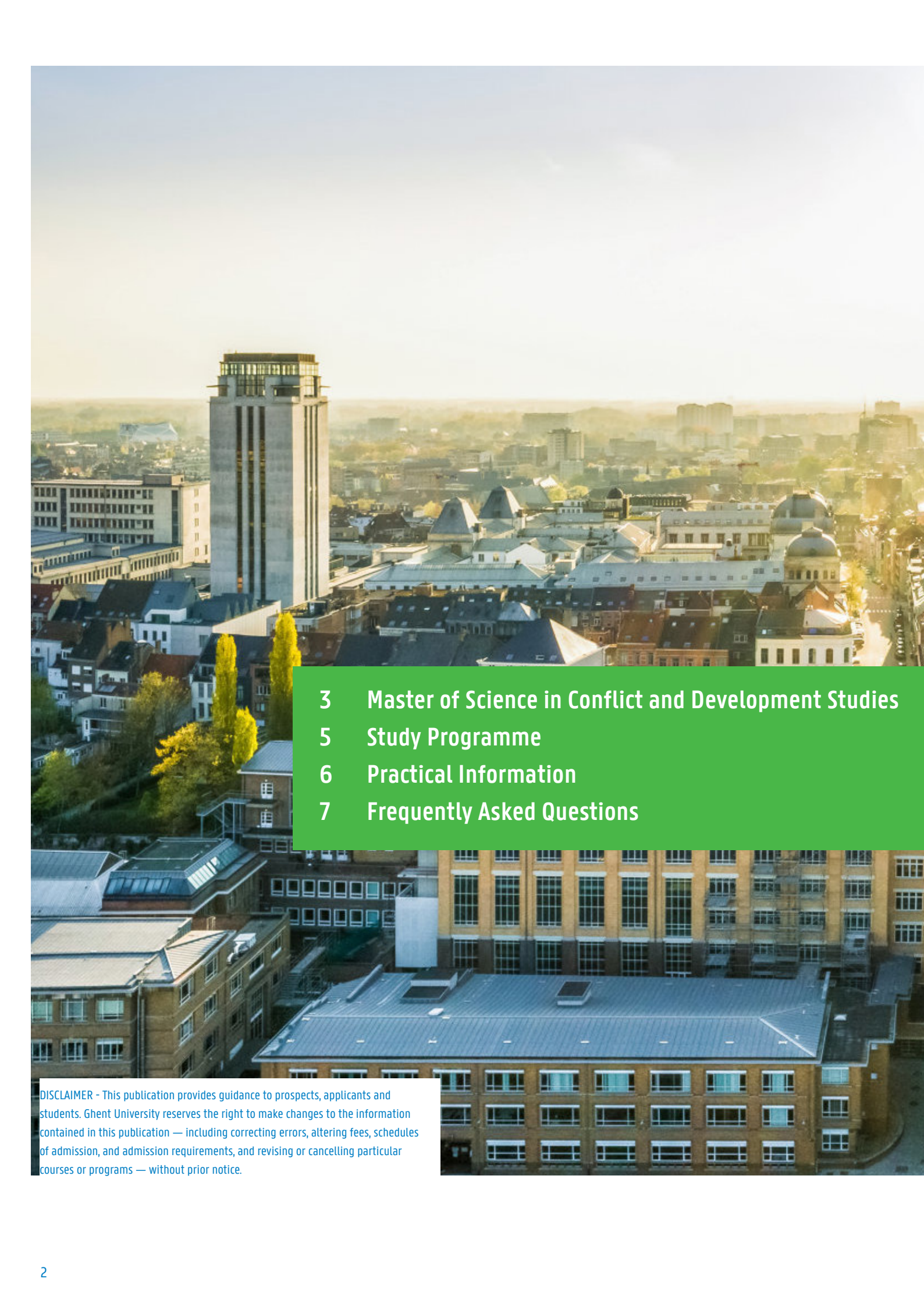




MASTER  
CONFLICT AND  
DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CONFLICT AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

The Master of Science in Conflict and Development Studies offers an academic continuation for bachelors in political science, or students with a different bachelors degree if they first subscribe to a preparatory year. This program offers an insight in the dynamics between conflict and development in the Global South.

## COURSE CONTENT

In our current globalised world, conflict and development are closely intertwined. Disentangling these complexities of processes of conflict and development demands a critical stance and an interdisciplinary approach, with insights from various academic disciplines such as political science, anthropology, development studies and sociology. The Master in Conflict and Development Studies allows you to gain insight into the broader thinking about conflict and development related issues, and how to analyse these in a critical manner.

Grounded in fieldwork, the Master in Conflict and Development Studies wants to provide a timely and in-depth understanding of the interrelations between conflict and development. Fieldwork as a method is used to better understand processes of conflict and development and to formulate potential recommendations. This focus on fieldwork is especially valuable for those with an interest in a potential career in professional development aid, as well in the Global South as in the Global North (asylum centers, intercultural and interreligious questions...).

Located in the heart of Europe, the one-year master programme also allows an international body of students to connect to both research and policy-making in this growing field.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

The Master in Conflict and Development Studies is a full-year intensive programme.

A set of introductory courses will be offered to get acquainted with the politics of conflict and development. These courses do not merely offer an introduction to ongoing debates, but start from a critical reading of influential authors in the field. They provide the conceptual and theoretical groundwork necessary to engage in more specific debates in the second semester.

Optional courses are aimed at deepening your understanding on research related or policy-oriented questions, as well as be able to deepen your area-specific knowledge. These courses will take the form of research seminars or more direct policy applications. This will allow you to customise your own programme according to your academic and professional interests.

As fieldwork is a central starting point of teaching in the master programme, the course Methodology and Fieldwork Practice will allow for a confrontation between theory and practice, whether in the Global South or in Europe. There will be support for individual fieldwork and an emphasis on making students autonomous in both the practical-logistical organisation and the actual conducting of their fieldwork.

The final part of the programme is the master's dissertation, in which you will develop your own research project in collaboration with a supervisor. These projects are by nature interdisciplinary and aim towards a critical understanding of your given research question. Many of these dissertations will be fieldwork based, but students can also opt for a literature based dissertation.

If you want to combine your master's degree with a teacher's degree, then there is the option of following an 'Educatieve master' instead of the above described master. The 'Educatieve master' however is a Dutch taught programme. More information can be found on [www.ugent.be/educatievemaster](http://www.ugent.be/educatievemaster).



## CAREER PERSPECTIVES

Employability situates itself on various terrains. Primarily in the domain of international development aid, the national or international governmental field, on a European level, in UN-organisations such as UNDP, UNESCO, FAO and the nongovernmental field (national or international development NGO's, peace institutions, information and research centers, such as 11.11.11, Oxfam, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, International Peace Information Service...).

This education however does not limit itself to the classical terrain of international development aid, and also has a value for professions with a focus on the Global South in Europe (asylum centers, organisations that focus on intercultural/ interreligious matters, refugee organisations...). Your individual employment options depend on your (master) degree, your possible terrain or research experience and your language skills.

Want to know more about your career opportunities after this Master's degree? Take a look at our job guide on [www.ugent.be/ps/conflict-ontwikkeling/nl/onderwijs/jobwijzer](http://www.ugent.be/ps/conflict-ontwikkeling/nl/onderwijs/jobwijzer)



# STUDY PROGRAMME

## PREPARATORY COURSES

If direct enrolment in the Master of Conflict and Development Studies is not possible, you might be admitted to the Preparatory Courses.

### IF YOU HAVE A PROFESSIONAL BACHELOR'S DEGREE:

#### LINKING COURSE OF 62 CREDIT POINTS

*This linking course is only taught in Dutch.*

COURSE	CREDITS	SEM
Conflict in het Globale Zuiden [nl]	6	2
Ontwikkeling in het Globale Zuiden [nl]	6	1
Structuur en conflict in het Globale Zuiden [nl]	6	2
Humanitair beleid [nl]	6	2
Political Ethnography [en]	6	1
Methodologie van de sociale wetenschappen [nl]	6	2
Politiekwetenschappelijke methoden [nl]	6	J
Inleiding tot kwalitatieve onderzoekstechnieken [nl]	5	1
Statistiek [nl]	6	1
Onderzoekspaper	9	J

### IF YOU HAVE AN ACADEMIC BACHELOR'S DEGREE:

#### PREPARATORY COURSE OF 30 CREDIT POINTS

COURSE	CREDITS	SEM
Conflict in the Global South [en]	6	2
Development in the Global South [en]	6	1
Political Ethnography [en]	6	1
Politics and Society in a Global World [en]	6	2
Contemporary Politics in the Global South [en]	6	2

## MASTER (60 CREDIT POINTS)

COURSE	CREDITS	SEM
<b>GENERAL COURSES</b>		
Politics of Conflict [en]	5	1
Politics of Conflict: Seminars [en]	5	1
Politics of Development [en]	5	2
Politics of Development: Seminars [en]	5	2
Methodology and Fieldwork Practice [en]	10	Y
<b>SEMINARS</b>		
<i>Choose 15 credit points in seminars (max 6 credit points with reference A)</i>		
Postcolonial Studies [en]	5	2
Gender and Globalisation [en]	5	2
Sustainable Development [en]	5	2
Contentious Politics in North Africa [en]	5	1
Capital and Class in the Middle East [en]	5	1
State and Society in Asia [en]	5	1
Rural Sociology [en]	5	2
Conflict and Society in Central and Eastern Africa [en]	5	1
Transnationalism and Migration [en]	5	1
Politics of Islam [en]	5	2
The European Union's International Development Policy [en]	5	2
Human Rights: Multidisciplinary Perspectives [en] [A]	5	2
Academic English [en] [A]	3	2
Advanced Academic English [en] [A]	3	1
Coaching en diversiteit [nl] [A]	3	Y
Duurzaamheidsdenken [nl] [A]	5	Y
Community Service Learning: Seminar Political Sciences [en]	7	Y
<b>MASTER'S DISSERTATION</b>	15	Y

More details on the content of these courses can be found at [studiekiezer.ugent.be](http://studiekiezer.ugent.be). Go to your study programme and click on the course you want to read about.

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You are eligible for this program if you hold a relevant Bachelor's degree. This includes Bachelors in Political Science.

Students holding a Flemish degree:

- All students who hold a Bachelor of Social Science (VUB-UGhent) are directly admitted.
- All students who hold a Bachelor's degree in Political Science are directly admitted.

International degree students:

- Students who hold a Bachelor of Social Science (or equivalent) or a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from a non-Belgian University, are admitted based on an evaluation of the content of their previous studies.

Students with a professional or a different academic degree than stated above can enter the Master's degree after finishing a preparatory year. This programme is only available in Dutch for students with a non-academic Bachelor's degree.

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Ghent University requires a good knowledge of English (CEF B2-level or higher) in order to communicate and function in an academic context. Therefore all incoming exchange students are required to submit a language certificate which shows that they have acquired a **B2-level in English**.

You can submit one of the following documents:

- A TOEFL certificate: minimum score 510-559 (paper-based) or 87-109 (internet-based)
- An IELTS certificate: minimum score 6.0
- A TOEIC certificate: minimum score 785-944
- A Cambridge certificate: FCE, CAE or CPE
- A certificate of a university language centre: minimum level B2
- A proof that you are a native speaker of English (this can be a copy of your identity card/passport)
- A proof that you successfully finished a study programme of at least one year which was completely taught in English

**Students with a degree from a Flemish secondary school are exempted.**

Ghent University provides preparatory courses in English. For more information visit [www.ugent.be/lw/uct/en](http://www.ugent.be/lw/uct/en)

## TUITION FEES

All information can be found on [www.ugent.be/tuitionfee](http://www.ugent.be/tuitionfee)

## DEADLINES

International degree students:

- Students who require a visa have to submit their application dossier (hard copies) before March 1, 2022
- Students who do not require a visa have to submit their application dossier (hard copies) before June 1, 2022.

Students holding a Flemish degree:

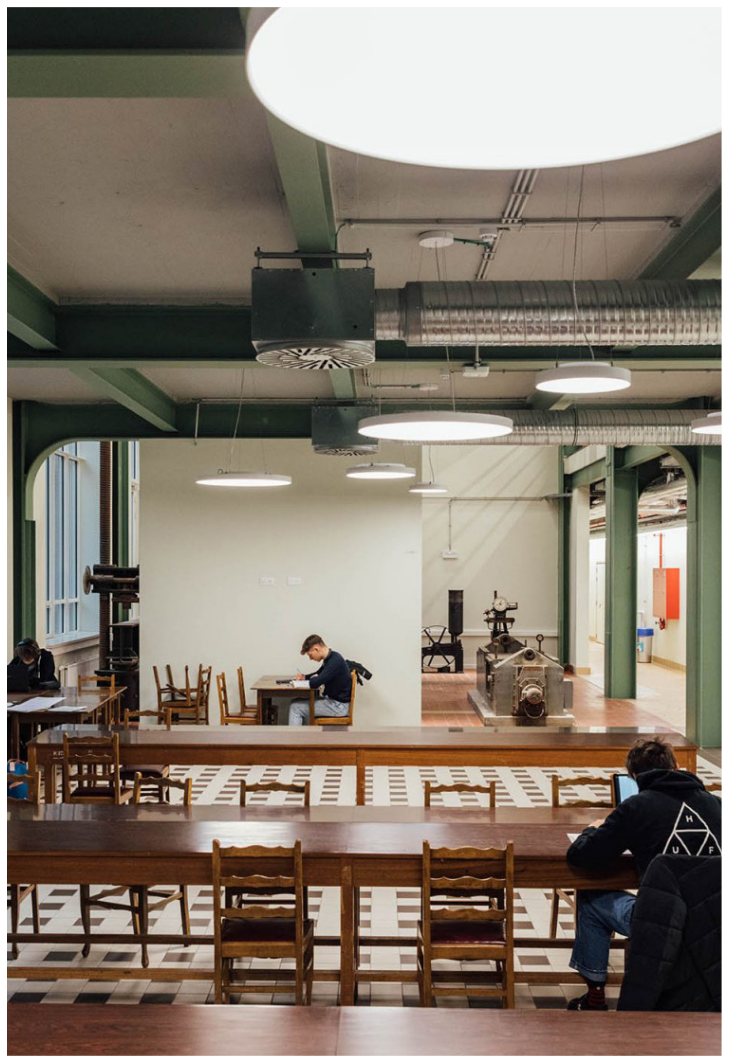
- No fixed deadlines apply. After November 15 (of the year in which the master program is started) you can no longer take up first semester courses.
- Late applications should be solicited with the Faculty from October 1 onward. After March 1 you can no longer enrol for the ongoing academic year.

## NEXT STEPS: APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students can apply through [oasis.ugent.be](http://oasis.ugent.be).

You can read what to do after receiving a letter of acceptance on [www.ugent.be/enrolment](http://www.ugent.be/enrolment).

More information and opening hours of the Registrar's Office on [www.ugent.be/enrolment](http://www.ugent.be/enrolment).





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **CAN I COMBINE COURSES OF THE PREPARATORY PROGRAMME WITH COURSES OF THE MASTER PROGRAMME?**

This depends on the number of courses in your programme. Usually, students take up 60 credits per academic year, or 30 credits per semester. If your programme consists of less credits, you can ask for permission to combine the Preparatory programme with courses of the Master programme.

## **DO I HAVE TO SUBMIT A DOCUMENT AS A PROOF THAT I MEET THE INITIAL REQUESTED COMPETENCES?**

No. It is your own responsibility to check the initial requested competences in the course specifications and to make sure you meet these requirements at the start of the academic year. You can find the course specifications in the Study Guide.

## **AM I ELIGIBLE FOR ONE OF THE MASTER PROGRAMMES?**

The Curriculum Committee decides whether your educational background is sufficient to be admitted or not. They cannot make any decisions without a complete application package. If you want to know if you are eligible, you will have to follow the application procedure.

## **CAN I ASK FOR EXEMPTIONS?**

Yes. If you think you have already earned most of the final competences of one (or

more) courses, you can apply for an exemption. To request an exemption, you need to fill in the online application form on [www.vrijstellingen.ugent.be/ps](http://www.vrijstellingen.ugent.be/ps).

## **CAN I APPLY BEFORE GRADUATING AT MY HOME UNIVERSITY?**

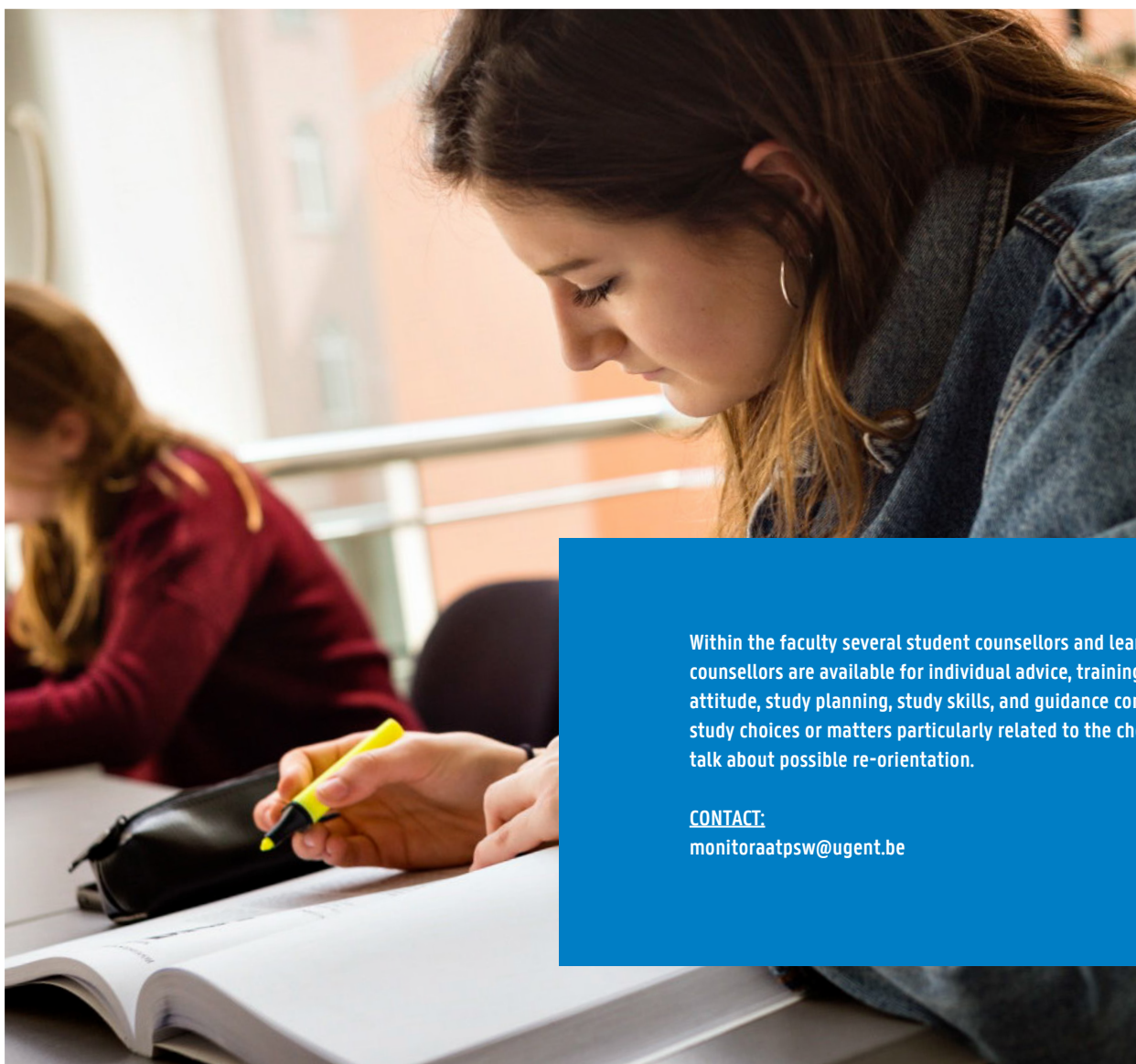
Yes. You need to start the application procedure and submit your application package before the deadline. You do not have to wait until you have graduated. In this case, you need to hand in 1) an official declaration from your school/university confirming the expected graduation date and the exact name of the diploma that will be awarded and 2) your most recent transcript.

## **WHERE CAN I STAY DURING MY STUDIES?**

For more information on renting a room and on the University Halls of Residence you can contact the Housing Office via [www.ugent.be/en/facilities/housing](http://www.ugent.be/en/facilities/housing).

## **WHEN DOES THE ACADEMIC YEAR START?**

The academic year consists of two semesters. The first semester will start in September 2022 and end in February 2023. The second semester will start in February 2023 and end in August 2023.



Within the faculty several student counsellors and learning path counsellors are available for individual advice, training in study attitude, study planning, study skills, and guidance concerning specific study choices or matters particularly related to the chosen study or to talk about possible re-orientation.

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