Belgium is a laic state which means it has no state religion. The constitution ensures a strict separation between state and religion, but also guarantees the freedom of religion. Belgium has 6 recognised religions: Roman-Catholic, Islam, Protestant, Orthodox, Judaism and Anglican. This does not imply other religions are not allowed but only these 6 are entitled to government subsidies.

Since its inception VUB fully embraces the principle of "free enquiry". This principle is based on a text by the French mathematician, physicist and philosopher Henri Poincaré (1854-1912) that says:

Thinking must never submit itself,  
neither to a dogma,  
nor to a party,  
nor to a passion,  
nor to an interest,  
nor to a preconceived idea,  
nor to anything whatsoever,  
extcept to the facts themselves,  
because for it to submit to anything else  
would be the end of its existence.

When facts are established scientifically they should not be ignored, altered or censored in order to comply with religious, political or philosophical beliefs. It is therefore not surprising that the VUB motto is ‘Scientia vincere tenebras’ (science will overcome the darkness). VUB also believes in pluralism and welcomes people from all religious backgrounds who accept and respect the principle of “free inquiry”. Out of principle, the VUB does not offer any specific facilities or infrastructure for religious practices (such as worship). Brussels however hosts various religious communities.
The list is made up in alphabetical order:

1. **BUDDHIST**

1.1. **Association des Bouddhistes de Linh Son**
   - Tradition: mahayana - Thich Huyen VI
   - Country of origin: Vietnam
   - Address: Overwinningsstraat 88, 1060 Brussel
   - Tel.: 02 539 59 07

1.2. **Association Zen de Belgique / Belgische Zen Vereniging**
   - Tradition: mahayana - Taisen Deshimaru
   - Country of origin: Japan
   - Address: Eugène Cattoirstraat 11, 1050 Brussel
   - Secretariat: Thierry Hoyois, Rue Valère Letot 99 - 7050 Herchies
   - Tel.: 02 485 71 77 36
   - E-mail: zen@azb.be
   - Website: www.zazen.be

1.3. **Dhammagroup**
   - Tradition: theravada-vipassana - Mahasi Sayadaw
   - Country of origin: Union du Myanmar (Birmarnie)
   - Address: Hertoginstraat 2, 1040 Brussel
   - Tel.: 0474 59 00 21
   - E-mail: info@dhammagroupbrussels.be
   - Website: www.dhammagroupbrussels.be

1.4. **Institut Nalanda / Nalanda Instituut**
   - Tradition: vajrayana - Karma Kagyu
   - Country of origin: Tibet
   - Address: Olmstraat 50, 1030 Brussel
   - Tel.: 02 675 38 05
   - Fax: 02 675 38 90
   - E-mail: nalanda@tibinst.org
   - Website: www.institut-tibetain.org

1.5. **Kwan Um School of Zen**
   - Tradition: mahayana - Zen Meester Seungh Sahn
   - Country of origin: Korea
   - Address: Nestelingstraat 16, 1080 Brussel
   - Tel.: 0497 59 66 59 (Koen Vermeulen)
   - E-mail: kwanumzenbe@gmail.com
   - Website: www.kwanumzen-meditatie.be

1.6. **Rigpa**
   - Tradition: vajrayana - Dzogchen
   - Country of origin: Tibet
   - Address: Fernand Bernierstraat 10, 1060 Brussel
   - Tel.: 0479 34 20 74
   - E-mail: info@rigpa-belgique.be
1.7. **Samye Dzong Bruxelles/Brussel**
Tradition: vajrayana - Orgyen Drodul Trinle Dordje
Country of origin: Tibet
Address: Capouilletstraat 33, 1060 Brussel
Tel.: 02 537 54 07
E-mail: centre@samye.be
Website: www.samye.be

1.8. **Soka Gakkai Internationale Belgium**
Tradition: mahayana
Country of origin: Japan
Address: Grisarstraat 46, 1070 Brussel
Tel.: 02 345 87 14
Email: contact@sgibelgium.org
Website: www.nichirenlibrary.org

## 2. CHRISTIAN

### 2.1. Anglican
**Holy Trinity Pro Cathedral:**
Address: Kapitein Crespelstraat 29, 1050 Brussel
Tel.: 02 511 71 83

### 2.2. Orthodox

#### 2.2.1. Baptist
**Lifepoint Church:** Colonel Bourgstraat 123, 1140 Brussel
**International Baptist Church:** Lange Eikstraat 76-78, Wezembeek-Oppem

#### 2.2.2. Bulgarian orthodox
**Bulgarian Orthodox Church:** Victor Hugostraat 8, 1030 Brussel.

#### 2.2.3. Charismatic and Pentecostal movement

#### 2.2.4 Episcopalian
All Saints: Chaussée de Charleroi 2, 1420 Braine l’alleud

#### 2.2.5. Greek orthodox
St Nicolas: Vooruitgangstraat 293, 1210 Brussel / Brabantstraat 75, 1030 Brussel
Saints Archangels Michael and Gabriel Orthodox Cathedral: Stalingradlaan 34 1000 Brussel
Parish of the Holy Silouan the Athonite and Martinus: Bosniestraat 75, 1060 Brussel

#### 2.2.6. Lutheran
Lutheran church of Brussels: Salomélaan 7, 1150 Brussel

#### 2.2.7. Presbytherian
Presbyterian Church of Ghana: Antwerpsesteenweg 24 (Harmony centre) 1000 Brussel

2.2.8. Russian orthodox
Russian Orthodox Church St Job: De Frélaan 19, 1180 Brussel
Russian Orthodox Chapel St-Anne (Park of the Royal Palace of Laken), Abelenlaan 1020 Brussel

2.3. Protestant
Destiny Christian Centre: Nieuwe Graanmarkt 8, 1000 Brussel
East Brussels Church of God/Korean Church: Museumlaan 2, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem
International Protestant Church of Brussels: Heldenlaan 32, 1160 Brussel
Praise Center United: Gheudestraat 54, 1070 Brussel
St Andrews Church of Scotland: Vleurgatsesteenweg 181, 1050 Brussel
The Well: Felix Hapstraat 11, 1040 Brussel
The Vineyard: Franz Guillaumelaan 80, 1140 Brussel
Christian Centre: Waterloosesteenweg 47, 1640 St Genesius Rode
The Cornerstone: Frans Vereekstraat 181D, 3090 Overijse

2.4. Roman Catholic
L'eglise du Sacre Coeur: Corregiostraat, 1000 Brussel
Our Lady of Mercy Parish: Heilig Verbondplein 10, 1180 Brussel
St Anthony’s Parish: Oudstrijderslaan 23-25, 1950 Kraainem
St Nicholas at the Bourse: Boterstraat 1, 1000 Brussel
St Josephs Community: Waversesteenweg 203, 1050 Brussel

3. CONFUSIASM – TAOISM
Belgian Taoist Association:
www.taoiststudies.org

4. HINDU

4.1. Mandir
Indian Cultural Centre asbl Brussels
Address: Colonel Bourgstraat 123-125, 1140 Evere
Email: iccbrussels@gmail.com
Tel.: 0484 03 11 42

4.2. Namaskar
Hindu Association of Brussels:
Address: 20 Joseph Genot Straat, 1082 Brussels
Tel.: 02 486 16 34

5. HUMANIST

5.1. Centre d’action laique (French)
Address: Campus de la Plaine ULB, CP-236
Accès 2, Avenue Arnaud Fraiteur, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgique
Tel.: 02 627 68 11
E-mail: cal@laicite.net
http://www.laicite.be/
5.2. **Unie van Vrijzinnige Verenigingen** (Dutch)
Address: Brand Whitlocklaan 87, 1200 Brussel
Tel.: 02 735 81 92
info@deMens.nu
http://www.demens.nu/nl/

6. **ISLAM**

6.1. **Main Mosk of Brussels** (Saoudi):
The Islamic and cultural centre of Belgium
Address : Parc du Cinquantenaire 14, 1000 Brussel
Tel.: 02 735 21 73

6.2. **Local Mosks**
A list of addresses of local Mosks can be found on this website:
http://www.centreislamique.be/node/244

7. **JEWISH - HEBREW**

7. **Synagogues in Belgium:**
The addresses and information in the links
- Communauté Israelite de Bruxelles:
- Progressive Jewish Community of Belgium

8. **SIKH**

8.1. **Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sahib**
Lange Molenstraat 14
1800 Vilvoorde
Tel.: 02 251 87 82
Email: info@gurdwarabrusse1.org
Website: http://www.gurdwarabrusse1.org

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