



Université d'Avignon et des pays de Vaucluse

PROFILE

A public institution of higher education covering all disciplines (with the exception of medicine and health).

The university (whose history goes back to 1303) is spread over nearly 50,000 square metres in the magnificent setting of Avignon's historic centre. A more recent second campus for technology is located in the Avignon science park.

The University of Avignon enrolls approximately 7,000 students, 10 percent of whom come from outside France. The personnel is composed of 330 research professors and 220 administrative and technical staff members. The university's human scale, dynamism and geographical location make for an exceptional quality of life as well as outstanding conditions of study and integration for new students.

Major fields of study

Université d'Avignon offers high-quality programs at the undergraduate, master, and doctoral levels in four broad fields: arts, letters, and languages; law, economics, and management; humanities and social sciences; and science and technology. The university's programs in culture, historic preservation, and the sciences (notably food science), are particularly renowned. Detailed program descriptions are available on the university's Web site under the tab "Formations."

Research

Research is carried out in 14 cutting-edge laboratories specializing in culture and communication; history; cultural identity (text and representation); geography and spatial dynamics; property law, practice, and contracts; nonlinear analysis and geometry; computer science; the Mediterranean environment and the nexus of agriculture and hydrology; plant product quality and safety; physiology of fruits and legumes; ecology and paleo-ecology; bees and their environments; chemistry; and sport science and physiology. The university's Center for Research administers all of these laboratories, as well as the university's doctoral departments. More than 30 percent of the university's doctoral candidates are from outside France. Students seeking to earn a joint doctoral degree (a degree conferred by Université d'Avignon and the student's home institution) are warmly welcomed.



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Strengths

International students have no trouble finding housing in the university's residence halls or in homes and apartments in Avignon. The university provides an orientation and ongoing guidance to smooth international students' transition to university life in France.

CUEFA, (which has earned the Qualité FLE seal from the French government, signifying excellence in the teaching of French as a foreign language.) the university's center for French language and culture, offers courses in French language and academic skills.

Many student clubs and associations enliven campus life, complementing the wide range of cultural and athletic events and activities available in Avignon.

Location

Located 65 kilometres from the Mediterranean, between the Alps and the Pyrenees, Avignon is a town with a rich history and, as a result, exceptional monuments and museums. The fourteenth-century Palace of the Popes and the twelfth-century Saint Bénézet Bridge are included in UNESCO's World Heritage List.

Avignon is accessible by airplane, car or high-speed train. The Paris airports are 2.30 hours away by train and the Marseilles airport, 45 minutes by car. Geneva, Brussels, London, and other European cities can be reached by train in a few hours. The Avignon airport offers direct flights to Paris, England, and Scotland.

IDENTITY FORM

www.univ-avignon.fr

Precise name of the institution →	Université d'Avignon et des pays de Vaucluse
Type of institution →	Public
City where the main campus is located →	Avignon
Number of students →	Approximately 7000
Percentage or number of international students →	10%
Type and level of qualifications awarded →	• Licence • Master • Doctorat • DUT, University Diploma in Technology • University Diploma
French language courses →	Yes
Programs for international students →	Yes
Programs in English →	No
Registration fees / year (for information only) →	• Licence: 165 euros • Master: 215 euros • Doctorat: 326 euros • Social security (health insurance) for individuals under 28 years of age: 192 euros/year • Intensive French-language program: 1,200 euros/semester • Extensive French-language program: 300 euros/semester • French language and French academic skills courses for degree-seeking students: free
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