



UNIVERSITÉ DE NANTES

Université de Nantes

PROFILE

The University of Nantes is the leading center for higher education and research in western France. It is also France's largest comprehensive university, and second in terms of enrollment. Some 32,000 students are pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees at the university, while 11,000 more are enrolled in continuing education programs. Established in 1460, Nantes was closed after the Revolution along with the rest of France's universities. It did not reappear again until 1962.

The University of Nantes offers degree programs on the European model-bachelor (licence), master, doctorate)-in all disciplines:

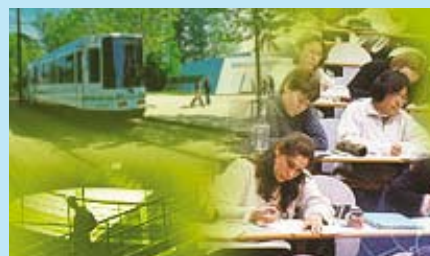
- Literature, Languages, and Communication
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Law, Political Science, Economics, and Management
- Science, Health, Technology

The university is committed to its growing international exposure and involvement, but it also recognizes the importance of its role in society. As a comprehensive public institution of higher learning, the University of Nantes is open to all on a European scale. The university's agreements with more than 330 partner institutions in Europe and around the world facilitate student mobility. The internationalization of the university's programs makes it easy to welcome foreign students: more than 3,500, from 130 nations, enroll each year.

The university's 80 research groups are recognized by France's national research bodies and by the government. Many are internationally renowned. Cooperation and exchanges among the groups have led to the creation of several interdisciplinary research centers. The university's labs also participate in the research and development programs of the European Union, as well as numerous international projects. Five doctoral programs provide a home for 1,500 Ph.D. candidates, who defended 270 dissertations in 2006.

Major fields of study

- Faculty of Literature and Language
- Faculty of Languages
- Faculty of History, History of Art, and Archaeology
- Faculty of Psychology
- Faculty of Sociology
- Institute for Research and Training in French as a Foreign Language (IRFFLE)
- Institute of Geography and Regional Development (IGARUN)
- Faculty of Law and Political Science
- Institute d' Saving and in Management of Nantes (IEMN-IAE)
- Faculty of Science and Technology, which includes three IUPs (university-based institutes offering professional degrees):
 - Saint-Nazaire Institute of Civil Engineering and Infrastructure
 - Institute of Chemistry and Biology
 - Institute of Management Information Systems
- Faculty of the Science and Techniques of Physical Activity and Athletics (STAPS)
- Polytechnic of the University of Nantes (EPUN)
- Three university-based institutes of technology (IUTs):
 - IUT de Nantes
 - IUT de Saint-Nazaire
 - IUT de la Roche-sur-Yon
- Faculty of Medicine and Medical Technology
- Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Faculty of Dentistry
- Institute for Training in Administration (IPAG)
- IUFM of the country of the Loire



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Research

80 research units recognized by national research bodies (ministry, CNRS, INSERM, INRA)

9 research centers:

- Mathematics
- Chemical sciences
- Space sciences
- Health and life sciences
- Nuclear physics and nuclear medicine
- Humanities and social sciences
- Engineering sciences
- Information and communication sciences and technology
- Ocean and coastal studies
- Ange Guépin Center for the Humanities

5 doctoral programs

- Knowledge, language, and culture
- Law and social sciences
- Chemistry and biology
- Sciences and technologies of information and materials
- Mechanics, heat dynamics, and civil engineering (Ecole Centrale)

Strengths

Courses in French as a foreign language at the Institute for Research and Training in French as a Foreign Language

Center for International Exchange and the French Language

Location

The University of Nantes has campuses in three cities of western France: Nantes, Saint-Nazaire, and La Roche-sur-Yon. Nantes is France's sixth-largest city, two hours from Paris by high-speed train.

Nantes lies on the Loire River near its junction with the Atlantic Ocean.

IDENTITY FORM

Precise name of the institution →	Université de Nantes
Type of institution →	Public
City where the main campus is located →	Nantes
Number of students →	32,000
Percentage or number of international students →	10%
Type and level of qualifications awarded →	• LMD • University Diploma DU
French language courses →	Yes
Programs for international students →	Yes
Programs in English →	Yes
Registration fees / year (for information only) →	• Licence: 195 euros • Master: 244 euros • Doctorat: 353 euros
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