



Université François-Rabelais

Tours

PROFILE

The Université François-Rabelais was founded officially in 1970, but a very ancient university tradition exists in Tours, especially in medicine.

24 000 students pursued their studies here, under the guidance of a faculty of 1,262 teachers and researchers. The growth of educational and research activities has led to branches in Blois and Chinon, and to several campus sites in Tours, the principal location of the university.

The Université François-Rabelais is a comprehensive university with a very large offering of educational and research programs.

Major field of study

More than 50 units, ranging from the traditional disciplines to cutting-edge professional and technological training, are grouped into 7 teaching and research faculties (arts and humanities; Renaissance studies; law, social sciences, and economics; literature and languages; medicine; pharmacy; science and technology), 1 Engineering school (automated production processes, computer science, land-use planning), and 2 university institutes of technology.

Research

The Université François-Rabelais has **43 research teams**, including 16 affiliated with large organizations (CNRS, INSERM, INRA, CEA). The research activities of PhD students of the university are grouped into 2 large doctoral programs corresponding to two main research sectors: health, science and technology (natural, material, and engineering science; life sciences) and social sciences and humanities (man, city, and land; Renaissance civilization; law, Europe, political science, and management; arts, letters, language, and civilization).

More than 110 theses are defended each year.



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Strengths

The university's center for French as a foreign language (CUEFEE) offers a full-time program in French language and culture for one or two semesters and an intensive program is offered in July .

A mentoring system binds foreign and French students.

Housing is available to exchange students under interuniversity agreements.

Location

The major city of France's Centre region, Tours is a major transportation center and one of the nation's economic centers. Just 55 minutes from Paris by train (TGV) and under two hours to Roissy Charles-de-Gaulle airport by a direct connection expansion of the region's airport (direct flights to London and Dublin), the city has a truly international calling.

Students enjoy its exceptional location among the chateaux of the Loire valley, rich in history and classified among the world's cultural treasures by UNESCO. The Touraine region is the cradle of famous writers, including Rabelais, Ronsard, and Balzac.

IDENTITY FORM

Precise name of the institution →	Université François-Rabelais
Type of institution →	Public
City where the main campus is located →	Tours
Number of students →	24 000
Percentage or number of international students →	• More than 2000 foreign students • 119 nationalities represented
Type and level of qualifications awarded →	• LMD • Other national diplomas • Own degree
French language courses →	Yes
Programs for international students →	Yes
Programs in English →	Yes
Registration fees / year (for information only) →	• Licence : 374 euros (insurance included) • Master : 446 euros (insurance included)
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