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WELCOME TO RENNES

Rennes, capital city of western France, is a dynamic and vibrant human-scale city, only 1h30 from Paris by high-speed train.

Rennes is the 8th academic French city with 70,000 students (8,000 international).
WELCOME TO UNIVERSITÉ DE RENNES 1

Université de Rennes 1, which finds its roots in the XVth century, is among the 12 main universities in France. Located in the capital of Bretagne, and only 1h30 from Paris by train, you'll be able to enjoy a dynamic student life and discover the French way of life in a human-scale city.

A research-intensive university

Willing to fully take part in the major challenges of innovation and knowledges of our century. Its expertise in research and its links with the economic sector have made Université de Rennes 1 renowned on an international scale. Our university counts 20 IRP (International Research Project, former LIAs) and 4 IRN (International Research Network).
With a strong international orientation

Thanks to its close and long-lasting relations with numerous universities worldwide and its involvement in international networks, the Université de Rennes 1 contributes to internationalising higher education, as well as structuring the European Higher education and research area. Therefore, our university is a member of EDUC (European Digital UniverCity), one of the first European Alliance since 2019.

Université de Rennes 1 offers degrees taught entirely in English in various disciplines and counts about 10% international students among its 30,000 students enrolled each year. In 2019, the Université de Rennes 1 was awarded the "Bienvenue en France" Label of Excellence for the quality of its services provided to international students.
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35065 Rennes CEDEX

▶ www.univ-rennes1.fr/en

Administrative services

▶ International Relations Offices
▶ The Direction of International Relations and Affairs
▶ The registrar’s offices

CMI welcome desk

1 place Paul Ricoeur
35044 Rennes CEDEX

▶ https://cmi.univ-rennes.fr/en

Connecting to wifi

"Eduroam" or "Univ-rennes1" (if you have a sésame account)
GETTING AROUND RENNES

The Korrigo card

The Korrigo card is a multi-service transport card. It allows you to use all public transport (subways, buses, bikes) but also gives access to a multitude of services, such as access to the city's swimming pools or municipal libraries.

A multi-service card

From the start of the 2021 academic year, the Korrigo card will also be used as the university service card: for printing and copying, as well as for registering to the university Library (BU) and for sport (SIUAPS).

There are 4 branches in Rennes where it is possible to obtain and load the Korrigo card. Also think about the Star app to get around Rennes more easily (or Handimap if you are a student with a disability).
ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS
1. Validate your application
Register on Mobility Online with the password and login you've received.

2. Accommodation
On Mobility Online, choose your type of accommodation in the hall of residence: economic or comfort room.

3. Welcome programme
Indicate to the international relations office of your department/faculty if you wish to benefit from free French courses (1 semester), and if you want to get a buddy at the university.

4. International Relations Office
Finish your registration at the international relations office of your department/faculty. Administrative registration takes place at the registrar's office, where you can get your student card and register in the courses as part of your learning agreement.
**STEP 1.2 REGISTRATION**

**FREE-MOVER STUDENT**

1. Validate your application

Once you receive an acceptance e-mail, confirm your choice on the platform through which you applied (Etudes en France, Candidature, Parcoursup, Applying).

2. Accommodation

After confirming my application, I look for accommodation as soon as possible. It can be very complicated to find accommodation if you only look for it at the beginning of the academic year. More information on CMI Rennes website.

3. Welcome buddy

If you wish to benefit from a personalised welcome via the buddy system, you should register on the ESN Rennes website. Your buddy (sponsor) will accompany you throughout the year to help you with your administrative procedures and also to help you discover the city and French culture.

4. CVEC & Registration Office

Pay the CVEC (Student and Campus Life Contribution). It applies to French and foreign students enrolling for a degree programme, except specific cases. Finish your admission at the registration office (online payment is not available for international students who enroll for the 1st time). You will be asked to pay the tuition fees, then you will obtain your student card and finalise your courses registration.
STEP 2. HEALTHCARE

Health coverage
Check whether you need to register to the French health system (Sécurité Sociale), depending on your situation. If so, go to the dedicated webpage of the CPAM (Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie) to register, with the requested supporting documents.

University health service
The university offers a health service dedicated to students: the Service de Santé Etudiant (SSE). Consultations, health check-ups, psychologists, etc.

Campus Villejean: Ereve Building
Campus Beaulieu: Building 2
+33 2 23 23 55 05

Complementary health service
The French social security does not reimburse all health expenses, to have a more complete coverage of your expenses in general (especially in case of emergency), the university strongly recommends to students to subscribe to a complementary student health insurance.

There are several ones in France dedicated to students, e.g: MGEN, LMDE, SMERRA, SMENO...
STEP 3.1 HOUSING

Exchange students

On Mobility online, you can choose between two types of student accommodations: an economic or comfort room. You can check the types of accommodation on CROUS website.

Free-mover students

Individual students can apply for a room in a hall of residence (CROUS) on the dedicated website: trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr

The International Mobility Centre (CMI Rennes) can provide free support to international students in their search for accommodation. All information can be found on their website via Mobil’home.

With Studapart, the University de Rennes 1 provides students with an accommodation platform that centralises advertisements from private landlords, estate agencies and student residences around the campuses and in many towns.

Financial help

Subject to means testing, any person residing in France can claim housing assistance, paid by the CAF (Caisse d'Allocations Familiales). Only international students (outside Europe) in possession of a VLS-TS (Visa Long séjour valant Titre de séjour) are eligible.

More information on the website: service-public.fr
STEP 3.2 HOUSING

Useful information: student housing

On the messervicesetudiant website, you can find all the services available regarding student housing: application for a room in a CROUS residence, information on housing benefits, classified ads, etc.

Finding a guarantor

A guarantor is a person who undertakes to pay your rent if you can no longer afford to do so. In France, French or foreign people who want to rent a flat are almost always asked for a guarantor. The VISALE rental deposit allows people under 30 who do not have a guarantor in France or in Europe to provide an equivalent guarantee for the landlord.

Studapart can also act as your guarantor for the duration of your rental. To be eligible, all you need to do is submit your identity card and proof of admission to the university on the platform.
STEP 4. OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

If you stay longer than 3 months in France, it is much more convenient to have a French bank account, even if you already own a bank account in your country. All students, whatever their nationality, have the right to open a bank account in France. Opening a French bank account allows you to:

- **Make bank transfers** to pay your rent, your registration fees, your mobile phone, etc.

- **Benefit from the CAF and the CPAM**, which will not be able to transfer money on a foreign bank account.

- **Subscribe to a housing insurance and a liability insurance** if you do not have one (compulsory in order to finalize enrolment in a French university).

[More information](#)
USEFUL INFOS
FOR NON-EU STUDENTS

Useful infos

There are different types of student/researcher visas (long stay visa = more than 3 months):

**VLS-TS:**
Visa Long Séjour valant titre de séjour (long stay visa)

**VLS-T:**
Visa Long Séjour temporaire (temporary long term visa)

**Research-talent passport:**
long-stay visa

Important

You must validate your visa within the 3 months after your arrival in France (you can check here whether you need a visa prior to coming to France). Validation can be done online.

Informations and contact in Rennes to validate your visa:
Centre de Mobilité Internationale (CMI Rennes)

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STUDENT LIFE
WELCOME EVENTS

Start of the academic year – Planète Rennes 1

To welcome you and help you discover the campuses, the university's services, student associations and partners of Rennes 1 will meet on 6, 8 and 15 September during Planète Rennes 1.

On the programme: information forums, geocaching walk and numerous activities (open-air cinema, concert, DJ set, games, etc).

The meetings

• Campus Santé:
  Tuesday 6 September 2022, from 11am to 2pm, at the Agora cafet’ Santé

• Campus Centre:
  Thursday 8 September 2022, from 11.30am to 4pm, at the Faculty of Economics

• Campus Beaulieu:
  Tuesday 15 September 2022, from 5pm to 11pm, in front of the Diapason
WELCOME EVENTS

DARI’s international welcome event
On 15 September at 5pm, join us at the PNRB for a snack followed by a presentation of the Université de Rennes 1 and its services. You will also receive your welcome pack.

The CMI’s welcome event
On 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 September, the CMI welcomed international students for its open house. The programme included help with administrative procedures, meetings with CMI partners and a guided tour of the city.

CMI’s website

[Logo: CENTRE DE MOBILITÉ INTERNATIONALE DE RENNES]
STUDENT SERVICES

Cafeterias

You can find university restaurants or cafeterias on each campus

Villejean campus
L’Erève restaurant, Cafét Santé

Campus Centre
Cafét Droit, Cafét Le Fougère, Cafét IGR

Campus Beaulieu
L’Astrolabe, l’Etoile, le Diapason

Opening hours and location on the CROUS map

Welcome buddies

Exchange students at Université de Rennes 1 can benefit from a buddy welcome service. The ESN (Erasmus Student Network) Rennes also proposes a buddy system, and organizes a lot of social events throughout the year

Sport

More than 40 sport activities are available with the SIUAPS, (Service interuniversitaire des activités physiques et sportives).

As a student, you can apply to most activities for free.

Sport equipments

Sport associations

Student life office

Student information points

Student organisations

Assistance for students with disabilities

Assistance for student projects
CULTURE
IN THE UNIVERSITY

Scientific collection

The university hosts a rich cultural heritage: zoological museum, botany, naturalized specimen of numerous species, scientific instruments (among which the French Minitel, the ancestor of the internet!) ancient books and manuscripts...

More information on the cultural service website

Diapason theater

Located on Beaulieu campus, and run by the Cultural center of the University, the Diapason is a theatre, hosting exhibitions, concerts, sport activities... As well as a cafeteria, a cinema-club, and various art activities and workshops (dance, music, drawing, photography...)

Cultural programme

Cinema programme
IN RENNES

Museums

The Fine Arts Museum

Les Champs Libres

The FRAC Bretagne (contemporary museum)

The Museum of Bretagne

La Criée

More information on Office of tourism website

Libraries

Bibliothèques Universitaires (the university libraries of Université de Rennes 1)

Les Champs Libres (also a cultural center and a museum)

Cinema and theatre

L'Arvor (cinéma)

Le TNB (cinéma et théâtre)

Gaumont (cinéma)

La Paillette (théâtre)

Le Vieux St Etienne (théâtre)

The two first ones are art cinemas, and offer reduced prices with the carte Sortir
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