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).
Your contact at University of Rennes 1

Université de Rennes 1
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35065 Rennes CEDEX

► www.univ-rennes1.fr

Administrative services
► International Relations Offices
► Direction of International Relations and Affairs
► Admission offices

CMI Helpdesk
1 place Paul Ricoeur
35044 Rennes CEDEX
► cmi@univ-rennes2.fr

Connect to wifi network
"Eduroam" or "Univ-rennes1" (if you have a Sésame account)
Welcome to University of Rennes 1

University of Rennes 1, which finds its roots in the XVth century, is among the 12 main universities in France. Located in the capital of Brittany, 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 University of 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 University of 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.

University of Rennes 1 offers **degrees taught entirely in English** in various disciplines (Chemistry, Environment, Mathematics, Computer Science and Management) and counts about 10% international students among its 30 000 students enrolled each year. In 2019, the University of Rennes 1 was awarded the **"Bienvenue en France" Label of Excellence** for the quality of its services provided to international students.
OUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE

LANNION
University Institute of Technology
ENSAT Engineering school

SAINT-BRIEUC
University Institute of Technology

SAINT-MALO
University Institute of Technology

RENNES

VILLEJEAN
Health sciences
Faculty of Medicine,
Faculty of Pharmacy,
Faculty of Dentistry

CENTRE
Humanities
Faculty of Law & Political Science,
Faculty of Economics
IPAG (Public Administration School),
IGR-IAE Rennes (Graduate School of Management)

BEAULIEU
Faculty of sciences
Mathematics, Philosophy,
Computer Sciences & Electronics,
Life Sciences & Environment,
Sciences & Properties of Matter,
Scientific Observatory (OSUR),
University Institute of Technology,
Rennes School of Engineering (ESIR)
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**. 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).
CAMPUS MAPS
ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS
Individual & exchange students
STEP 1
Administrative registration
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.

1. Validate your application
   Register on Mobility Online with the password and login you've received

2. Choose your housing
   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 admission office, where you can get your student card and register in the courses as part as your learning agreement.
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 am looking for accommodation as soon as possible. It can be very complicated to find accommodation if I 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..

Villejean campus: Ereve building

Beaulieu campus: 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, EOVI-MCD, SMENO...
STEP 3
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.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS

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

FINANCIAL HELP

Depending on your financial resources, you can apply for a rent subsidy at the CAF (Family assistance fund). For international students (out of EU), you must have a VLS-TS (Visa Long séjour valant Titre de séjour) in order to apply (more information on service-public.fr - in French only)

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 wish to rent a flat are almost always asked for a guarantor. The VISALE rental deposit allows people who do not have a guarantor in France or in Europe to provide an equivalent guarantee for the landlord if you are renting an apartment or a room in a hall of residence (see Campus France check-list).
STEP 4
Opening a bank account
OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

If you stay longer than 3 months in France, it is much more practical 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
VISA
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.

Information and contact in Rennes to validate your visa:

Centre de Mobilité Internationale (CMI Rennes)
+332 22 51 44 20

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

If you live in one of the countries subject to the «Études en France» procedure and you need a visa to come study in France, you must first apply to enrol in a higher education institution through the platform «Études en France».
WELCOME EVENTS
UNIVERSITY’S WELCOME EVENT

To welcome you and help you discover your campus, the University services, students associations and University partners will gather on the 7th, 9th and 14th of September during the Planète Rennes 1 yearly event.

On the program: informations shows, geocoaching and a lot of activities.

Don’t miss it:
- **Campus Santé**: Tuesday the 7th, from 2pm to 5pm, in front of the cafeteria
- **Campus Centre**: Thursday the 9th, from 2pm to 5pm, Faculté de sciences éco
- **Campus Beaulieu**: Tuesday the 14th, from 2pm to 10 pm, in front of the Diapason

CMI WELCOME EVENT

On the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th of September, the CMI will welcome you on their open doors day: you’ll be able to get help for your administrative procedures and meet some of their partners.

On Thursday and Tuesday, join the **DARI team** to receive your welcome package and ask all of your questions about the University of Rennes 1.

[CMI website](#)
CAFETERIAS

You can find university restaurants or cafeterias on each campus.

**Villejean campus**
L’Erève restaurant, Cafèt Santé

**Central campus**
Cafèt Droit, Cafèt Le Fougère, Cafèt IGR

**Beaulieu campus**
L’Astrolabe, l’Etoile, le Diapason

Opening hours and location on the CROUS map

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SPORT

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

The 1st activity is free, the 2nd costs €30 per semester

**Sport equipments**

**Sport associations**

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STUDENT LIFE OFFICE

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.
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 THE CITY OF RENNES

MUSEUM

The Fine Arts Museum

The Champs Libres

The FRAC Bretagne (contemporary museum)

The Museum of Bretagne

The Criée

More information on Office of tourism website

CINEMA AND THEATRE

L’Arvor (cinema)

TNB (cinema and theatre)

Gaumont (cinema)

La Paillette (theatre)

Vieux St Etienne (theatre)

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

LIBRARIES

The Champs libres (also a cultural centre and a museum)

Bibliothèques Universitaires (the University libraries of University of Rennes 1)
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