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 THE UNIVERSITY OF RENNES

The University of Rennes, 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 21 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-rennes.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

Since the start of the 2021 academic year, the Korrigo card is also 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).
CAMPUSES MAPS
**STEP 1.1**

**REGISTRATION**

**EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

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**1. Validate your application**
Register on Mobility Online with the password and login you've received from the international relations office of your department/faculty.

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

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**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.

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**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 as 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 of Rennes 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
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.

**Useful information: student housing**

On the [messervicesetudiant](https://www.messervicesetudiant.fr) 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.
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)

+33 2 22 51 44 20

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».
International student day
Thursday 7 September – 1pm – 6.30pm

On Thursday 7 September, the CMI and the University of Rennes are hosting an open day for international students: join us at the Cité Internationale Paul Ricoeur for a snack and a presentation of the University of Rennes and its services. On the programme for the day: information points and welcome packs for newcomers, entertainment, gifts, guided tours of the historic centre of Rennes, information stands run by CMI partners, presentation and booking of the CMI's 2023/2024 cultural diary to visit Brittany and take advantage of the cultural wealth of the city of Rennes at very low prices!

Learn more on CMI website
Festival Univ R
Thursday 21 September – 4pm – 12am

To welcome you, the university invites you to its back-to-school festival. See you on Thursday 21 September, Beaulieu campus, from 4pm to midnight.

University life services, student associations and the university’s partners are preparing a festive and convivial event to welcome you back and get the year off to a good start.

A host of events, concerts, an open-air cinema and food-trucks await you at this back-to-school festival. The event is free and open to all Rennes students.

Discover the programme
WELCOME EVENTS

Waiting for the festival...

Information forums will be held on campus in the first half of September:

- **Campus santé** – **Tuesday 5 September**, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM – Hall des amphis
- **Campus Beaulieu** – **Thursday 7 September**, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM – Hall des assos and Place de l'Astrolabe
- **Campus Centre** – **Tuesday 12 September**, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM – Cloître Faculté des sciences économiques

On this occasion, you can take advantage of the BU bibliodon, a geocaching walk offered by the Siuaps and collect your welcome pack.

Stands will be set up to provide information about university life, student associations and the university's partners.
STUDENT SERVICES

Cafeterias
You can find university restaurants or cafeterias on each campus

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

**Campus Centre**
Cafèt Droit, Cafèt Le Fougère, Cafèt IGR

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

Opening hours and location on the CROUS map

Welcome buddies
Exchange students at University of Rennes 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 80 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
AT 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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