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Exchange Program Application

<p>NOMINATION PROCESS (for home universities)</p>	<p>Partner universities must nominate students via e-mail to: international.accueil@univ-nantes.fr with the following informations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full name - Date of Birth - E-mail - Chosen field of study at Nantes Université - Mobility dates <p>Once the nomination has been received and approved, students will receive an e-mail to begin their application via the Mobility Online platform.</p> <p>Nomination deadlines for home universities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st semester / full academic year: April 30 • 2nd semester: October 31
<p>APPLICATION PROCESS (for students)</p>	<p>After nomination, students will receive instructions to fill out their online application via the Mobility Online platform. The following documents will be required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ID photo - Résumé / CV AND Cover / motivation letter in French - Transcript of records for the two semesters preceding the mobility - French language certificate from home university or TCF-DELF-DALF (except for students applying at i-FLE or Polytech and depending on the department) - Recommendation letter (applicable to non-European exchanges only) <p>For more information about the application process, we invite you to read the Incoming Exchange Students: Application Procedure section on our website.</p> <p>Application deadlines for students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st semester: September-January Academic year: September-May Online application available from March 5 to May 15 • 2nd semester: January-May Online application available from October 1 to November 15
<p><u>Guichet Unique</u> International Students Welcome Center</p>	<p>1st semester: End of August to beginning October 2025 2nd semester: Beginning January to beginning February 2026</p>
<p>Suggested Arrival Date</p>	<p>1st semester: September 1 2nd semester: January 2 - 14</p>
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Academic Information

General information about our university	We invite you to take a look at our website Nantes Université
Duration of programs and Academic Calendar* <i>*Dates will vary depending on the faculty / department</i>	<p>Exchange programs can take place for one semester OR a full academic year</p> <p>1st semester: September 2025 – January 2026 Exam period: mid-December 2025 - January 2026</p> <p>2nd semester: January 2026– May 2026 Exam period: May 2026 (retake exams usually take place in June)</p>
Levels	Undergraduate and Graduate
ECTS credits required for undergraduate students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 ECTS credits for one semester • 60 ECTS credits for full academic year
ECTS credits required for completion of an undergraduate honors degree	180 credits
Language of Instruction	French is the main language of instruction. Some faculties have courses fully taught in English.
Language Requirements	<p>In order to ensure that students complete their coursework successfully, a minimum of B1 proficiency level in French as defined by the Council of Europe is required in most faculties to study at Nantes Université. Some departments require a B2 level (<i>Letters, History, Geography, Sociology and Philosophy</i>).</p> <p>Only the Institute of French as a Foreign Language (i-FLE) accepts beginners in their program. Students planning to enroll in other faculties must provide proof of proficiency in French: either a certificate by the French department at their home university or an official French language test/certificate (DELF, DALF, TCF or OLS).</p> <p>Since French embassies and consulates are now increasingly demanding proof of proficiency in French, students will need to verify the requirements when applying for their visa.</p> <p>Important! For students taking all their courses in English, especially in the <i>Science and Technology, Law and Political Science faculties</i> and at <i>Polytech</i>, a minimum level of B1 in English is required. Proof of French language proficiency is not compulsory, but it is strongly recommended that students have a A2 level in French in order to live well in France on a daily basis.</p>
Academic Offer	<p>Students' faculty of choice will depend on the agreements between their home university and Nantes Université.</p> <p>Students are required to take at least 70% of the classes in a Faculty that has signed an agreement with their home university.</p> <p>Students will be able to choose classes directly from our Incoming Exchange Students online class catalog.</p>

French Support Classes for Exchange Students	<p>Support classes are offered free of charge for exchange students and take place twice a week during the evening, usually from 6pm to 8pm. However, these classes aren't available for students enrolled in French semester courses at i-FLE.</p> <p>French Support classes allow students to receive up to 4 ECTS credits (2 for the oral and 2 for the written proficiency class).</p> <p>Students interested in taking French support classes must request them via the Mobility Online application.</p>
Services Available to Exchange Students	University Libraries, Sport Centers, Computer Labs, University Health Services, Student Life Center, etc.

Accommodation

Is on-campus housing available for exchange students?	<p>Yes. University housing is available for exchange students only.</p> <p>Students who apply for on-campus housing will benefit from a single furnished room with private bathroom and shared kitchen.</p> <p>The number of rooms being limited, we cannot guarantee to meet all accommodation requests.</p>
How do students request on-campus housing?	<p>Students from partner institutions can request on-campus housing via their Mobility Online application. We encourage students to apply early in order to increase their chances of being placed in a residence hall.</p> <p>For more information about housing in university residences, we invite you to download the Housing information available on our website.</p>
On-campus housing fees	<p>Single furnished 9m²room: 263,72 €/month*</p> <p>Refundable security deposit: 270 €* Housing insurance: approx. between 40-60 €/year</p> <p>For more information about housing in university residences, please download the Housing information available on our website.</p> <p>* 2024-2025 Rates</p>
Are residences halls open during semester breaks?	<p>Yes. University residences are open for the entire academic year (September through May) including school breaks. There are no additional housing fees during the breaks.</p> <p>Students must contact the European and International Affairs office if they need to extend their stay (for academic reasons only) for the summer (June, July, and August).</p>
If university housing is not available, is there any assistance to find private housing?	<p>Yes. For further information students should refer to our website under Accommodation and Housing aid. They can also contact us to receive our International Students guide to find housing.</p> <p>Additional help will be provided upon arrival in Nantes at the <i>Guichet Unique</i> International students welcome center.</p>

Visa and Entry Requirements

<p>Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa?</p>	<p>Citizens from the European Union, the European Economic Area, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland, and the Vatican are not required to obtain a visa to study in France.</p> <p>Foreigners residing in any of the previously mentioned territories are allowed to stay a maximum of 90 days in France. However, they must obtain a visa before coming to study in France.</p> <p>Students who are part of the ERASMUS+ program but are not citizens of one of the above-mentioned entities must obtain a visa.</p> <p>Citizens from countries that require a VISA to enter France must contact the French consulate or Campus France services in their country of residence at least 3 months before their departure to confirm visa requirements prior to their arrival.</p> <p>Usually, if a student's mobility period in France lasts more than three months, she/he must obtain a long-term student visa before arrival in France.</p> <p>We invite you to visit the official French Government for visa application to France: https://france-visas.gouv.fr/fr_FR/web/france-visas</p>
<p>Are exchange students allowed to work?</p>	<p>The type of visa that students obtain before their arrival in France determines whether or not they are allowed to work. Students who are allowed to work in France must validate their visa or get their student residence permit before starting to work.</p> <p>Foreign students are only allowed to work 964 hours per year (approximately 20 - 21 hours per week). During academic holidays, they are allowed to work full time.</p>

Insurances and Health coverage

<p>French Health Coverage / Social Security <i>Sécurité Sociale -CPAM</i></p>	<p>European Union students must have their European Health Insurance Card upon arrival.</p> <p>Non-European students must, upon arrival, register for the Social Security and National Health Service Coverage via the following website: etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr</p> <p>For further information about health coverage and health services, please visit our website.</p>
<p>Do exchange students need to take out any insurance plans?</p>	<p>Yes, students must purchase a French housing insurance before their arrival, in order to move into their residence hall. Civil liability insurance is also mandatory for all exchange students.</p> <p>Housing and civil liability insurances can be purchased online. Further information will be provided once the mobility period is confirmed.</p>
<p>Are there any medical services on campus?</p>	<p>Yes. Every student enrolled at Nantes Université has free access to the University's health and social services - SUMPPS. Students must make an appointment in order to see a practitioner.</p> <p>For more information, visit the University Student Health Services website.</p>

Estimated Expenses in Euros

<p>Academic Expenses (e.g. books and supplies)</p>	<p>For an estimated budget, please refer to the International Students: Financing your studies and provisional budget section on our website.</p>
<p>Visa processing fees</p>	<p>Long stay visa (VLS-TS) holders will have to validate their visa online and pay an immigration tax fee within the first three months of their arrival in France.</p> <p>https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Immigration tax fee for visa validation (for non-EU students): 50 €* - Student resident permit renewal: 75€ annual OR multi-annual. <p>*2024-2025 Rates</p>

<p>CVEC Student and Campus Life Fee</p>	<p>Exchange students are exempted of this fee. However, some exceptions may apply specially for <i>double-diplôme</i> programs.</p> <p>Degree-seeking students must pay the 103 €* fee online before registering for classes: https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/</p> <p>*2024-2025 Rates</p>
<p>Housing</p>	<p>University / On-campus housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 593,72 € for the 1st month (deposit, insurance and 1st month rent) - 263,72 €/month* <p>Private housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. between 450-600 €/month - Housing insurance: approx. between 60-85 €/year <p>We invite to visit Service Lokaviz for more information about private housing. You can also contact us to receive our International Students guide to find housing.</p> <p>* 2024-2025 Rates</p>
<p>University Restaurants and Cafeterias</p>	<p>The best value for your money: 3.30 €/meal* [starter + main course + dessert] Students can pay with their student “Pass’sup” card.</p> <p>For more information about University restaurants, please visit our website.</p> <p>*2024-2025 Rates</p>
<p>Local Transportation</p>	<p>The local transportation office NAOLIB offers monthly and annual transportation passes “NAOLIB pass” with special fares for those under 26 years of age:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under 26: 37 €/month* or 245 €/year* - 26 and older: 62 €/ month* or 539 €/year* <p>Public transportation (Tramway and buses) is free on week-ends.</p> <p>* 2024-2025 Rates</p> <p>For more information: www.naolib.fr</p> <p>Students can also ride a bike:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bicloo for the public bicycle-sharing system - Student bike rentals – Vélo Campus

