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CAMPUS

Faculty of Economics

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Rennes

Rennes is a cultural and regional capital and a popular tourist destination in Brittany. It is widely known as a student city but not only: it has a very rich cultural history and stunning architecture.

Culture-wise, the Opera, the TNB (National Theatre of Brittany) and the many music festivals offer great opportunities for entertainment.

As a student town, the nightlife is flourishing and socializing opportunities are numerous. The town center, around the Place Sainte-Anne and the Place des Lices, comes alive at night.

All in all, Rennes is a nice town to live in and a great place to study.

Rennes region

Brittany is the furthest region in the West of France.

Brittany is made of 4 departments:
- Morbihan
- Côtes d'Armor
- Finistère
- Ille-et-Vilaine
The Faculty of Economics

The Faculty of Economics is situated in the town center, close to the Place Sainte-Anne and the Place des Lices. The current Dean is Eric Avenel. The Faculty offers a wide selection of courses in Economics and Management, Statistics, etc. It is also part of research labs such as the CREM (Research Center in Economics and Management) or the CEREQ (Center for Research and Studies on Qualifications).

Courses and programs:
Some classes are taught in English and others in French. For more details, go to the Faculty’s website.

University of Rennes 1

The University of Rennes 1 is a multidisciplinary university that concentrates mainly on science and particularly on three main scientific fields:

- Science, Technology, Engineering and Health (STS)
- Law, Politics, Economics, Management and Administration Sciences (SJPEG)
- Social and Human Sciences (SHS)
PRACTICAL INFORMATION
Arrival

Calendar

1st semester: From the beginning of September to the end of December (Christmas)
2nd semester: From the beginning of January to the end of April.

Cost

If you are in an exchange program, you do not need to pay anything as you are attached to your home University.

Student reception

You can request a French buddy who will greet you on arrival and will help you with all the necessary administrative formalities (registration, bank account, etc.).

The International Relations Office will organize a welcome week so you can register at the Faculty of Economics and understand how your year (or semester) will unfold.
Courses

Transcript of records

You will receive a transcript of records at the end of each semester. It will be sent directly to your address and you must keep it precisely as it is complicated to ask for another one if you lose the original copy.

A copy will also be sent to the International referent of your home University.

French classes

A French language course can also be taken on a volunteer basis: 4 hours per week, 6 ECTS credits. This course is free for one semester (fall or spring).

French classes take place at the University of Rennes II, in the CIRFE (Rennes International Center of French Studies for Foreigners).
ADMINISTRATIVE FORMALITIES
Before departure

Documents

The most important document is, of course, your passport or your ID. You will need it to travel but also to register at the Faculty, open a bank account and many other things.

**European students** need the European Health Insurance card which you can obtain by contacting your country’s social security authorities.

**Non-European students** join the general French Social Security system once in Rennes.

Visa

Students who do not live in the EU must contact the French embassy of their country before departure to obtain a long-term visa. This cannot be done once in France.

Organizing your travel

There are several ways you can get to Rennes.

By plane: Rennes is only one hour from Paris, where Charles de Gaulle international airport receives daily flights from all over the world.

By high-speed train: one hour and a half from Paris-Montparnasse station.

Accommodation

In order to have a room in halls of residence, you must apply online via the link sent by the International Relations Office.

The rent is affordable: between €165 and €244 a month for a room. You can choose the kind of room you prefer, **ordinary room or room with individual bathroom**.

Please notice that we advise you to choose the rooms with own bathroom: they are more comfortable and most of the time have been renovated recently, that's why they are also more expensive.

It is also possible to rent your own flat or share flats with other students (private accommodation).
On arrival

Resident’s Permit

The Resident’s permit only concerns students who do not live in the EU or Switzerland. For more information: Rennes International Mobility Center

Social security

European students need the European Health Insurance card.

Non-European students must join the general French Social Security system on https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/

Affiliation is FREE.

Your medical expenses will be reimbursed by the French health insurance. New rules for health insurance

Bank account

You will probably need a bank account in order to manage your money.

To open a bank account you will need:

- Something to prove your identity (passport or ID Card)
- Proof of address (phone bill, receipt of rent payment, gas bill...)
- A student card or proof of enrollment
When you arrive, you need to register at the Faculty of Economics. For that, you will need all the documents you prepared before departure. Once this is done, you will receive a French student card.
LIFE IN RENNES
Daily life

Food

University canteens are located near University facilities in Rennes and serve food at lunchtime and dinner. For the Faculty of Economics, the closest one is located onsite, right next to the Cloister building. A meal costs about €3.15 and consists in two items, plus the dish itself. University cafeterias are another option.

Transport

Rennes has a subway line and many buses. The main hub for buses is situated Place de la République, where you can also find a subway station.

Buses also connect Rennes and towns outside of Rennes.

Phone

You can purchase a pay-as-you go phone or a contract phone in various stores in Rennes. It is recommended to do so as roaming charges can be quite high.
Internet

There is free WiFi on the Faculty’s grounds and in the halls of residence. The login and password for the University’s WiFi will be given to you when you register.

For private accommodation, you must see with the owner of the flat if WiFi is provided. If not, you need to contact a service provider to set up internet access.

Cost of life

Life is Rennes is relatively cheap. A bus/subway ticket costs €1.50. It is possible to apply for the Korrigo card, that you can load with a book of tickets, daily, weekly or monthly subscriptions (1 month or more). If you are between 20 and 26 years old, for example, a month’s worth of unlimited travelling will cost you €31.00.

A meal at one of the university restaurants costs €3.20.

University restaurants are located near where you will be studying.

Student accommodation is available in one of the 16 CROUS residences in Rennes. The rent is affordable: around €200 for a room. It is also possible to rent your own flat or share flats with other students.
Safety

Rennes is a safe city and a great student town, overall, a great place to live.

Sport

There are a lot of sporting facilities in Rennes: swimming pools, stadiums, gyms... Universities in Rennes have a central service called the SIUAPS and for a small fee, you have access to a variety of physical activities (climbing, athletics, football, etc.).

Nature

Rennes has several parks, but the better known ones are the Parc du Thabor and the Parc des Gayeulles. So if you feel like escaping the city for a little while, you might want to head there.
CONTACTS

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WARNING: the International office is closed from mid-July to the end of August

Bon voyage!