

EU-CONEXUS INFORMATION PACKAGE

1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE COUNTRY

France, officially the French Republic, is a country primarily located in Western Europe, consisting of metropolitan France and several overseas regions and territories. The metropolitan area of France extends from the Rhine to the Atlantic Ocean and from the Mediterranean Sea to the English Channel and the North Sea. The overseas territories include French Guiana in South America and several islands in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans. The country's eighteen integral regions (five of which are situated overseas) span a combined area of 643,801 km² and a total population of 67.41 million (as of January 2021).

France is a unitary semi-presidential republic with its capital in Paris. Other major urban areas include Lyon, Marseille, Toulouse, Bordeaux, Lille and Nice. France, including its overseas territories, has the most time zones of any country, with a total of twelve.

The French metropolitan territory is relatively large, so the climate is not uniform, giving rise to several climate nuances.

2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY

La Rochelle is a city on the central west coast of France and a seaport on the Bay of Biscay, a part of the Atlantic Ocean. It is the capital of the Charente-Maritime department. With 75,735 inhabitants in 2017, La Rochelle is the most populated commune in the department and ranks fifth in the New Aquitaine region after Bordeaux, the regional capital, Limoges, Poitiers and Pau. Its inhabitants are called "les Rochelaises" and "les Rochelais".

Situated on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, the city is connected to the Île de Ré by a 2.9-kilometre (1.8-mile) bridge completed on 19 May 1988. Its harbour opens into a protected strait, the Pertuis d'Antioche since the Middle-Ages. It is in fact a "Door océane" by the presence of its three ports (of fishing, trade and yachting). A city of strong commercial tradition, its port was active from its origins. It underwent sustained development in the classic period, and maintained standing in the contemporary period because of its port La Pallice. This is the only deep water port of the French Atlantic coast; it is ranked as the sixth-most important port nationally.

To this day, the city still possesses a rich historical fabric, including its Saint-Nicholas tower, and urban heritage. The capital, Aunis, has become the most important coastal city between the Loire and Gironde estuaries. Its urban activities are multiple and strongly differentiated. A city with port and industrial functions that are still important, it has a predominantly administrative and tertiary sector that is reinforced by its university and a rapidly developing tourism industry. In the early 21st century, the city has consistently been ranked among France's most liveable cities.

3. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTNER UNIVERSITY

The University of La Rochelle, founded in 1993, was the fruit of a political strategy decided by Michel Crepeau, the former Mayor of the town, to provide further education facilities for the region.

Twenty-five years later, with the further education landscape undergoing radical change, it continues to forge a clear and singular identity founded on audacious projects and a strong sense of a community anchored in an exceptional town.

The “La Rochelle Université” brand is associated with high level research centred on the distinctive social challenge of a Smart & Sustainable Urban Coastal Environment, and teaching of the highest standard.

Based on a multi-disciplinary foundation, its dynamic high-level multidisciplinary research is carried out in six research units, together with three joint research units accredited by the CNRS, and the university has established a position of national and international excellence in environmental, energy and digital transitions. Thanks to a wealth of experience in multidisciplinary research we are actively helping to solving some of the major societal issues of the 21st century.

The teaching programmes are focussed on student success. Mobilized around a pedagogical transformation certified by the New University Curriculum component (NCU) of the Investment in the Future Program (Programme d’Investissement d’Avenir: PIA), we offer tailor-made courses, with counselling to help students choose the courses that will allow them to take the first step in their professional career. Our programmes also provide a solid academic training, and develop the professional skills and open-mindedness that will help our students become responsible citizens.

Finally, as part of its Smart Campus project, the university is looking toward 2050 and is working on the campus of tomorrow to address the major issues concerning climate, ecology and digital technology. Centred on a “living lab” campus, students and staff are all helping to invent a low carbon, digital, responsible, smart and connected campus integrated in a smart city.

4. IMPORTANT NUMBERS AND CONTACTS

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Faculty of Literature, Languages, Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities website: <https://flash.univ-larochelle.fr/>

Faculty of Sciences and Technologies website: <https://sciences.univ-larochelle.fr/>

Faculty of Law, Political Science and Management website: <https://droit-management.univ-larochelle.fr/>

University School of Management website: <https://iae.univ-larochelle.fr/>

Institute of Technology website: <https://www.iut-larochelle.fr/>

ESN La Rochelle: <https://la-rochelle.esnfrance.org/>

5. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Accommodation and practical information: <https://www.univ-larochelle.fr/international/venir-etudier-luniversite/conseils-pratiques-aides/>

International student guide: https://www.univ-larochelle.fr/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/guide_etudiant_etranger_univ-larochelle.pdf

La Rochelle Université Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Cf7Z00cbodH9qC8i7SHXA>

6. STUDY PROGRAMMES

La Rochelle Université offers many study programmes in its faculties and on 3 different levels: undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate. The course catalogue can be found on the following link: <https://formations.univ-larochelle.fr/>

7. INFORMATION FOR THE EU-CONEXUS STUDENTS

I. EU CONEXUS MINORS

a. LA ROCHELLE UNIVERSITY

List of available EU-Conexus minors can be found here :

<https://formations.univ-larochelle.fr/minor-blue-economy-and-growth>

and here <https://formations.univ-larochelle.fr/minor-coastal-development-sustainable-maritime-tourism>

II. BACHELOUR STUDY PROGRAMMES

a. LA ROCHELLE UNIVERSITY

III. MASTER STUDY PROGRAMMES

a. LA ROCHELLE UNIVERSITY

IV. DOCTORAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

a. LA ROCHELLE UNIVERSITY