Université Joseph Fourier - Grenoble 1 (UJF) was founded in its present form in 1971, but the history of Grenoble’s university dates back to 1339. A research-intensive university offering programmes in science, technology and health sciences including medicine, Université Joseph Fourier currently comprises over 15,400 students (except doctoral students) of which 20% are in graduate studies, 3000 academics, researchers, administrative and technical staff in over 50 research laboratories the majority of which are associated directly with national and international research organisations present in Grenoble. Foreign students represent 11% of the university’s total student population, but 40% in PhD programmes with some 100 nationalities represented on campus.

Main programmes of study
Physics and chemistry Mathematics and computer science Biology Medicine and pharmacy Engineering and technology Earth and space sciences, environment Geography and land sciences Physical education and athletics, Science and Commerce (Trade) : LabScienceTrading

Research
The university benefits from the exceptional local scientific and technological context including the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility, in an international and high-tech industrial environment. Grenoble has a long history of scientific discovery and innovative research, most recently in the field of micro- and nanosciences and technologies.

Location
Grenoble is located in the southeast of France, in the middle of the Rhône-Alpes region, which ranks second in France in economic terms after the Paris area. This comfortable-sized city has excellent connections to the rest of Europe. In the heart of the French Alps in a unique natural mountain setting, metropolitan Grenoble has a population of 420,000, one out of seven is a student. The university itself is located on a beautiful park-like campus directly linked to downtown via an efficient tramway (and it's only _ hour to the closest ski-slopes) !