Founded in 1898, ESA is a multidisciplinary Higher education and research institution whose areas of expertise range from agricultural production to land-use planning. Located in western France, in France’s principal agricultural and agri-food region, ESA focuses on the realities of Europe and the world. Our mission is to teach students the scientific, technical and professional skills needed to address the economic, social, intercultural and geopolitical realities of our century. 3400 learners enrolled, among them 10% from abroad.

◆ MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY
ESA offers programs in all the fields of agriculture: plant production and animal production, food sciences, land-use planning, rural development, business/trade, distribution, environment, management, horticulture, and viticulture. Financial aid is available. - Doctorate (PhD): 5 research units - Master’s degrees in agriculture, food sciences, and the environment. These international programs are conducted in partnership with other universities in Europe, opening up opportunities for joint degrees with our partners in Spain, Chile, Brazil, Mexico, and the Netherlands, among others. - International Vintage master in wine, wine and terroir management, the first European master in this field (Erasmus Mundus label from 2005 to 2014) - Food Identity master in the international development of local products (Erasmus Mundus label from 2010 to 2015) - Master’s degree / diplôme d’ingénieur by sandwich course, company sponsored. Since its creation in 2001, the program has trained more than 200 of 33 nationalities on behalf of some 30 companies, financing the whole duration of the course. - Bachelor: Agricadre, 4-year degree in agricultural and agri-food business and management - 4-year bachelor’s degree in engineering (joint with CAH Dronten in the Netherlands, an international program with 3 possible specializations: animal products, plant products, and international trade - Bachelors in management, plant products, land-use planning, animal products, and viticulture-enology - BTS (2 year technical training) programs in plant products, land development, horticultural products, technical-commercial support, analysis and management of agricultural operations, management and conservation.

◆ RESEARCH
5 research units at ESA focusing on sustainability in agriculture, food and regional development: LEVA (legumes, Plant Ecophysiology, Agroecology), GRAPPE (research group on agri-food products and processes), LARESS (social sciences and the development of regional agriculture), URSE: research unit on livestock systems, and the landscape design unit & Ecology of Agrocampus Ouest/ESA.

◆ STRENGTHS
- 140 university partners all over the world - Fellow French students, who serve as mentors, help foreign students adapt to their new environment. A faculty counsellor is assigned to each foreign student enrolled in a degree program.

◆ LOCATION
Situated in the heart of the Loire Valley, a UNESCO world heritage site and Europe’s largest agricultural and agri-food region, the city of Angers and its environs offer both economic dynamism and an exceptional historical and cultural environment. The city’s 42,000 students enjoy a location that is just 90 minutes from by train Paris and 60 minutes from the Atlantic Ocean.