Founded in 1875, the Facultés Libres de l’Ouest (UCO) is one of the oldest higher education institutions in western France. This multisciplinary institution counts 8 campuses: Angers, Nantes, Niort, Guingamp, Vannes, Laval, Papeete and Réunion. It offers to about 12,500 students more than 100 university courses [from graduation to doctorate] in 6 faculties: Law, economy, management/Humanities/ Education/Sciences/Social sciences and human sciences/ Theology and religious sciences. The diplomas prepared in the Facultés Libres de l’Ouest are national diplomas (bachelor, master, doctorate) eligible to state scholarships, university diplomas, specific diplomas. The student achievement is at the heart of the project of the Facultés Libres de l’Ouest, focusing on personal support and individual follow-up of their students: 86% success rate in the first bachelor year and 80% of students with a master degree find a job in less than 6 months. Open to the world, the Facultés Libres de l’Ouest offers the possibility to each of its students to spend time abroad (as an exchange student or through an internship) and welcomes no fewer than 1,650 foreign students of 80 nationalities. Humanity, proximity, dialogue, and freedom are values that accompany the students throughout their studies in the Facultés Libres de l’Ouest.

◆ RESEARCH
Research is being carried out under the auspices of the Centre for Research. This research cluster consists of 4 departments:
- Letters, languages, history, and arts
- Humanities and social sciences
- Science and technology
- Theology and religious studies

◆ STRENGTHS
The Facultés Libres de l’Ouest offers to each student an ideal environment to blossom and succeed in their studies, whatever courses they follow, their culture or projects. The personalized guidance and monitoring are two main characteristics of the Facultés Libres de l’Ouest and allow each student to mobilize the resources needed to develop the right skills.

◆ LOCATION
Facultés libres de l’Ouest is located in the center of Angers, a city of 156,000 residents, of whom 40,000 are students. Accessible in size and rich in history, Angers has a youthful, university-town atmosphere. Angers is an hour and a half by train from Paris. The Angers airport provides direct service to Charles de Gaulle Airport at Roissy.

◆ MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY
Biology and environmental studies, mathematics, computer science, languages, French as a foreign language, literature, history, fine arts, psychology, sociology, business management, business administration, environmental management, ecology sustainable development, communications, education and teaching methods, physical education and athletics, theology and religious studies, music.

◆ IDENTITY FORM
- Precise name of the institution: Facultés libres de l’Ouest – Angers
- Type of institution: Private
- City where the main campus is located: Angers
- Number of students: 12,500
- Percentage or number of international students: 20%
- Type and level of qualifications awarded: LMD - Diploma of establishment - Other diplomas (canonical diplomas)
- French language courses: Yes - Foreign students wishing to learn French language can choose between two programmes: courses during the academic year from October to May or summer courses from July to September.
- Programs for international students: Yes - The CIDEF (French as a Foreign Language Center) offers intensive courses to foreign students of various durations: monthly, trimester, semester, or year-long programs. Several programs of the Facultés Libres de l’Ouest are fully taught in English.
- Programs in English: Yes - UCO offers 3 programs taught in English: BBA in International Business and MBA in International Business (taught entirely in Angers), and International Master in Environmental Management (IMEM) taught between France and Texas, USA
- Registration fees/year (for information only):
  - Bachelor: 6580 euros per year
  - Master: 7580 euros per year
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