Founded in 1875, the Facultés Libres de l’Ouest (UCO) is one of the oldest higher education institutions in western France. This multidisciplinary institution counts 8 campuses: Angers, Nantes, Niort, Guingamp, Vannes, Laval, Papeete, and Réunion. It offers to about 12500 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 1650 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.