Université d’Avignon is a public institution offering degree programs in all fields except medicine. Founded in 1303, the university operates two beautiful campuses—one in the central city and other in nearby Agroparc—that occupy more than 17 acres. The total enrollment of 7,700 includes 13% international students, from 90 different nationalities. Thanks to its small size, its dynamism, and its geographic location, the university is a truly exceptional environment for study, research, social life, and preparation for a career.

◆ MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

Université d’Avignon offers excellent postsecondary degree programs to the doctoral level in four broad fields of study:
(i) arts, letters, and languages:
(ii) law, economics, and management:
(iii) humanities and social sciences:
(iv) science, technology, and health.
Its training are mainly focused on culture and heritage, and sciences and agrosciences.

◆ RESEARCH

Research efforts fall into two categories, both hallmarks of the university: (i) Agro&Sciences: and (ii) Culture, heritage, digital societies. The university’s 18 research laboratories collaborate with the major French research bodies as they conduct international research from local facilities. Doctoral candidates are welcomed into doctoral departments of Agroscience and Science (doctoral department 536) and Culture and Heritage (537). More than 35% of doctoral candidates are from outside France. Joint supervision of dissertations (resulting in the award of two doctoral degrees) is strongly encouraged.

◆ STRENGTHS

Université d’Avignon offers special services and support to international students in order to help them adjust smoothly to university life. SDL, the university’s center for French language and culture, offers courses in French language. International students have no trouble finding housing in university residences or private rental buildings. A large number of student associations enliven the campus, where students have their choice of a wide variety of social, cultural, and athletic activities.

◆ LOCATION

Located between the Alps and the Pyrenees and 80 km from the Mediterranean Sea, Avignon is a city rich in history, which is expressed in its magnificent museums and living heritage. The palace of the fourteenth century popes and the twelfth-century Saint Bénezet bridge are UNESCO world heritage sites. In July, the Avignon festival of contemporary theater transforms the city into one of the world’s largest stages. For all these reasons, Avignon has been a European Capital of Culture since 2000.

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