



BESANÇON

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Established in 1423, the university of Franche-Comté is one of France's oldest universities. It enrolls nowadays +24 000 students, out of which 20% are international students from all over the world. The main campus is based in Besançon, the capital of Franche-Comté.

◆ MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

It is a multidisciplinary university composed by six UFR or academic faculties (social sciences, humanities, and linguistics; law, economics and political science, and management with the institute of business administration (IAE); science and technology; health; sports science; industrial sciences, technology, and management, two institutes of technology (IUTs), a school of engineering (ISIFC) and a renowned center for applied linguistics (CLA) which welcomes thousands of trainees each year, an Observatory of Space and a School of Education.

◆ RESEARCH

Its recognized research units maintain close relationships with universities in Europe and throughout the world. They fall into the areas of environmental and health sciences, humanities and social sciences, engineering, and basic sciences. Labs, internationally renowned, for example, in mechanics and microtechnics have produced important discoveries and technical advances. All of the research teams in the various Research areas rely on several COMUE UBFC*s doctoral schools.

* COMUE UBFC : Community of Burgundy-Franche-Comté Higher Education Institutions

◆ STRENGTHS

The university of Franche-Comté is one of the first French Higher Education institutions to have been awarded the label "Welcome to France" (July 2019). This new label recognizes uFC's high-quality commitment and action to welcome international students.

Moreover, about 100 bilateral agreements and 200 Erasmus+ interinstitutional agreements foster exchanges of both students and academic

and administrative staff with partner institutions on all five continents.

Each year, Besançon welcomes thousands of international students and trainees who come to learn French at the university's world-renowned Center for Applied Linguistics.

In addition, being a founding member of the COMUE UBFC, uFC offers several international masters of excellence taught in English, including in Engineering and environmental Sciences in the EIPHI Graduate School. Furthermore, its Olympic Research and Studies Center (CEROU) is the only one of its kind in France and is worldwide renowned.

◆ LOCATION

Besançon was founded two thousand years ago in a meander of the Doubs river. It remains a beautiful city of well-preserved limestone houses. Although it is the economic center of the Département du Doubs, which is the most industrialized one in France (home of Automobiles Peugeot, ALSTOM, and other companies), Besançon is France's greenest city, lying in the heart of a region of beautiful landscapes. Its citadel, part of the 'Réseaux Vauban' is a UNESCO's World Heritage Site.

Besançon is ideally located as it is only two hours away by train from Geneva, two hours and a half away by train from Zurich, Paris, Lyon and Strasbourg, and four hours away by train from Frankfurt. Its closeness to the Euroairport Basel - Mulhouse makes it easily accessible by plane. The city boasts a rich athletic and cultural calendar, every September Besançon hosts a world renowned a festival of classical music. The ski resorts of the Jura mountains are within easy reach of the city. The region is justly famous for its outdoor sports, for instance mountain biking, fishing and kayaking.



IDENTITY FORM

◆ Precise name of the institution

Université de Franche-Comté

◆ Type of institution

Public

◆ City where the main campus is located

Besançon

◆ Number of students

plus de 24 000

◆ Percentage or number of international students

plus de 20%

◆ Type and level of qualifications awarded

LMD - Other national diplomas - Institution-specific diplomas

◆ French language courses

Yes - uFC's Center of Applied Linguistics (CLA) offers several French courses and preparations for French Language Tests (DELFL/DALF, TCF ANF / TP) : <https://cla.univ-fcomte.fr/french-and-language-culture/> UFRs (academic faculties) offer credited French courses to students willing to include French courses in their study programmes.

◆ Programs for international students

Yes - The International Relations and Francophonie Office (DRIF) works for all international students and future students at the university of Franche-Comté. It welcomes and helps international students completing their administrative and academic procedures. DRIF fosters uFC's international cooperation with its partners all over the world and contributes to strengthen uFC's international outreach. Before studying at uFC, international students can take classes at CLA :

the DUEF-Semester-length Language Culture and Society program that aims at perfecting linguistic capabilities and the Preparation to Uni in which future students can learn university methodology : <https://cla.univ-fcomte.fr/formule/fle-lcs/>

◆ Programs in English

Yes - Several courses in English are available at uFC.

Masters in engineering, sciences and technology entirely taught in English at the graduate school EIPHI :

<http://gradschool.eiphi.univ-bfc.fr/>

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