Created in 2015 through the merger of Universities Montpellier 1 and 2, the University of Montpellier (UM) draws from the excellence and synergy of these two institutions. Consequently, it rekindles the multidisciplinary ambition of the first university established in Montpellier in 1289. For eight centuries, renowned scholars and scientists, from Rabelais and Curie, to Renaudot, Chaptal and Grothendieck, have shaped this open university, closely tied to the life of the city and committed to the key challenges of its time.

UM is the first university in the world in the 2019 Shanghai ranking for Ecology and at the 141st place worldwide in the latest CWUR World University Rankings. UM is second French university in 2019 Reuter's ranking for most innovative universities, 5th in France in 2018 Leiden's ranking which assesses the quality of scientific publications and 3rd French university in the 2019 "University Impact ranking" of Times Higher Education.

◆ MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY
As a multidisciplinary university, University of Montpellier is made up of 16 schools organised into two main complementary fields of study. It offers students an opportunity to train in multiple areas in order to meet the needs of tomorrow’s demanding careers. UM’s strategy revolves around inter-disciplinary and multi-skill training programs.

15 SCHOOLS and 1 OBSERVATORY:
- FACULTY OF LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
- FACULTY OF ECONOMICS
- FACULTY OF EDUCATION
- FACULTY OF MEDICINE
- FACULTY OF DENTISTRY
- FACULTY OF SCIENCE
- FACULTY OF PHARMACEUTICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
- FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNIQUES FOR PHYSICAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES (STAPS)

- INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (IAE)
- INSTITUTE OF PREPARATION FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (IPAG)
- INSTITUTE MONTPELLIER MANAGEMENT (MOMA)
- UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY OF BEZIERS
- UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY OF MONTPELLIER-SETE
- UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY OF NIMES
- POLYTECH MONTPELLIER (ENGINEERING SCHOOL)
- MEDITERRANEAN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH OBSERVATORY

◆ RESEARCH
It includes 76 research structures in 9 scientific departments and hosts 1762 PhD students. Montpellier University has obtained the I-SITE label for the “Montpellier University of Excellence” (MUSE). The “Montpellier University of Excellence” project gathers the forces of 19 institutions towards a common ambition: create in Montpellier a thematic research-intensive university that will be internationally recognized for its impact in the fields of agriculture, environment and health. For all its consortium members, this university strives to act as the academic partner they can establish strong ties with, and on which they can fully rely.

◆ STRENGTHS
A STRONG POSITION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL
Ranked 6th top national university in France according to size and budget, UM is ideally located in the South of France. It benefits from great exposure and strives to increase its attractiveness by promoting specific funding mechanisms such as programs designed for post-doctoral students.

◆ LOCATION
Located right at the heart of Montpellier, UM advocates a university life that is fully integrated in the urban fabric. All sites are located near tramway lines. Ranking as the 3rd French city where it is pleasant to study, Montpellier enjoys exceptional advantages: 300 days of sun per year, easy access to the sea (15 minutes’ drive).