Principal higher education and research cluster of the Grand Ouest area of France Université de Nantes is one of France’s great comprehensive universities, operating in a region that has experienced strong and steady economic and demographic growth over the past two decades. With facilities in Nantes, Saint-Nazaire, and La Roche-sur-Yon, Université de Nantes has an enrollment of 37,000 students. Founded in 1460 by papal bull, the University of the Dukes of Brittany, as it was originally known, was shuttered in 1794 in the midst of the French revolution. Université de Nantes has existed in its modern form since December 29, 1961.

◆ MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY
A diverse and appealing array of programs The university offers degree programs in four broad fields of knowledge. Nearly all of the degrees and diplomas available in French higher education today can be pursued at the university. The four broad fields are:
· Arts, letters, and languages
· Law, economics, and management
· Humanities and social sciences
· Sciences, technology, and health

◆ RESEARCH
Research-based training in the 11 specialized doctoral departments of the doctoral college:
· Biology, medical research, and applications
· Doctoral School of biology and health (BS) - Doctoral School of Ecology, Geosciences, Agronomy, Food Sciences (EGAAL) - Marine & Coastal Doctoral School (SML)
· Science and technology: Matter, Molecules, Materials Doctoral School (2M) - Mathematics & ICST (Information and Communication Science and Technologies) Doctoral School (MathSTIC) - Engineering Sciences Doctoral School (SPI)
· Letters, languages, humanities, and social sciences: Law & Political Science Doctoral School (DSP)

◆ STRENGTHS
- The University has developed a large number of international programs (Double degrees programs, delocalized programs, international master degrees)
- An international cluster that includes MEIF (the center for international and francophone exchanges) and the Foreign Scholars House, with a ‘Guichet unique’ for the welcome of international students and researchers
- Institute for French as a foreign language
- Certification in languages

◆ LOCATION
The University of Nantes has campuses in three cities of western France: Nantes, Saint-Nazaire, and La Roche-sur-Yon. Nantes is France’s sixth-largest city, two hours from Paris by high-speed train. Nantes lies on the Loire River near its junction with the Atlantic Ocean.