The University of Reunion Island is a French public higher education and research institution, located in the heart of the Indian Ocean. By virtue of its unique geostrategic position it is the only European university in the region. 19 000 students are admitted every year at six sites in the Island.

Through its research, international influence, range of courses on offer and student living conditions, the University of Reunion Island has many advantages that enable it to play a key role as an interface between Europe and the Indian Ocean.

◆ MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY
The University of Reunion Island is composed of 5 Faculties, 3 Institutes, 1 Engineering School, 1 Teacher Training School, 1 Observatory of the Sciences of the Universe, 1 Training Centre and 1 Language Centre. It offers courses in 4 main fields:
- Languages
- Humanities and social sciences (geography, history, communication, physical education)
- Sciences, technology and health (ecology, biology, engineering, building and environment, food science, chemistry, informatics, medicine)
- Law, economics and business

◆ RESEARCH
3 research federations (21 laboratories):
- the first federation focuses on the field of Arts, Social Sciences and the Humanities:
- the second federation concentrates on the observation, dynamics and development of natural environments:
- the third is devoted to the study and enhancement of biodiversity in the south-west Indian Ocean in terms of human, animal and plant health.
All of these research activities are carried out in partnership with leading French institutions, in particular through joint research units. The Institute of Research for Development (IRD), the Centre for International Cooperation in Agricultural Research for Development (CIRAD), the National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM) and the Institute of Earth Physics of Paris (IPGP).

With its partners the University of Reunion Island offers state-of-the-art research platforms, with a plant protection division, a cyclotron, a satellite-assisted environmental monitoring station and an atmospheric observation station.

◆ STRENGTHS
Concerned by its students’ fulfilment, the university offers them libraries with large collections, effective computer equipment, digital resources. The students’ integration and wellness is promoted by a whole range of sport, cultural and artistic activities.

◆ LOCATION
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