The University of Tours was founded in 1970: it stands as the most important higher education institution of the French region ‘Centre-Val de Loire’. More than 31,000 students are pursuing their graduate studies at the university of Tours: they are taught by 1,200 university lecturers and researchers, and supported by 1,300 administrative and technical staff. Open to the world, the university of Tours welcomes each year 3250 international students among which 450 exchange students: international students thus represent more than 10% of its global student population. Thanks to its 5 campuses located throughout the city, students can fully enjoy a lively academic life.

**MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY**

As a comprehensive institution, the university of Tours offers degrees in more than 50 fields organized into 7 faculties:

- Arts & Humanities (Psychology, Sociology, History...)
- Literature & Languages (Applied foreign languages, Language teaching, Literature...)
- Center for Renaissance Studies (Digital humanities, Cultures & heritage of Food, Cultures & heritage of Renaissance...)
- Law, Economics & Social Sciences (Political sciences, Management sciences, International economics...)
- Science & Technology (Life sciences, Agricultural sciences, Earth & water sciences...)
- Medicine
- Pharmacy

The university also houses a Graduate School of Engineering (Polytech Tours) as well as two University Institutes of Technology (IUTs).

**RESEARCH**

The university operates 36 research units, 16 of which are affiliated with major national research organizations (INSERM, CNRS, CEA, INRAE). There are 3 great research fields at the university of Tours: Human & Social Sciences, Life & Health sciences, Sciences & Technology.

800 researchers and 700 PhD students are committed to the excellence of research in Tours. Doctoral research activities are organized within 5 doctoral schools:

- Energy, Materials, Earth & Universe Sciences
- Mathematics, Computer Science, Theoretical Physics & Systems Engineering
- Health, Biology & Biochemistry
- Literature & Languages
- Social Sciences: Territories, Economics & Law

Nearly 120 dissertations are defended each year. The university of Tours hosts the lab center of excellence Labex MABimprove (research on antibodies) and manages two major projects on biomedicines, and data intelligence in culture and heritage.

**STRENGTHS**

The university of Tours has its own University Center for Teaching French to International Students. Known as CUEFEE, the center offers various programs in French language and culture which are designed for any level so as to enable a smoother academic integration.

In addition, the university offers 3 international Master's programs taught in English (Planning And Sustainability: Urban & Regional Planning, Electronics, Electrical Energy & Automatic, Fundamental Physics) and supervises an Erasmus Mundus Master’s in Infectiology (IDOH: Infectious Diseases and One Health).

**LOCATION**

Tours conurbation, with a population of more than 350,000 inhabitants, is the largest city of the French region ‘Centre-Val de Loire’. It is 1 hour from Paris by high-speed train. Thanks to its direct rail link to the Roissy-Charles-de-Gaulle international airport (2 hours away) and the growth of its own airport (with direct connections to London and Dublin), Tours is a dynamic and cosmopolitan city.

Located at the heart of the Loire Castles region, Tours enjoys an exceptional environment listed as UNESCO world heritage site. The Touraine region is considered as the cradle of French language and Renaissance in France. It has welcome renowned intellectuals: Rabelais, Ronsard, Balzac, Descartes and even Leonardo da Vinci.

**IDENTITY FORM**

- Precise name of the institution: Université de Tours
- Type of institution: Public
- City where the main campus is located: Tours
- Number of students: 31000
- Percentage or number of international students: 10%
- Type and level of qualifications awarded: LMD - Other national diplomas - institution-specific diplomas
- French language courses: Yes - Learn French at the CUEFEE (University Center for Teaching French to International Students): https://international.univ-tours.fr/francais/profils/apprendre-le-francais-a-luniversite-de-tours
- Programs for international students: Yes - Academic offer for exchange students on: http://cces.univ-tours.fr/ or https://polytech.univ-tours.fr/english-version
- Programs in English: Yes - https://international.univ-tours.fr/english/admissions-courses/programs-in-english
- Registration fees/year (for information only):
  - Licence: 170 euros (+ CVEC)
  - Master: 243 euros (+ CVEC)
  - PhD: 380 euros (+ CVEC)
  - DUEF: 1400€/semester
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