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KEY FIGURES

6000 faculty and researchers
31000 degrees awarded every year
5 international research bodies
15 doctoral schools
200 research laboratories
4300 PhD students
900 PhD degrees awarded every year

115 000 students
15 000 foreign students

The campuses of the University of Toulouse in Midi-Pyrénées
France provides comprehensive training opportunities on offer in universities, graduate and engineering institutes.

Holders of the French Baccalauréat (BAC)/ secondary school leaving certificate or equivalent can enrol in higher education institutions.

There is no systematic equivalence between foreign and French diplomas or degrees. When applying for admission in a French university, the holders of a foreign diploma must also apply for the equivalence. Only the host institution is entitled to assess foreign diplomas.

Please note: www.enic-naric.net

University Degrees

The BMD higher education scheme (Bologna process) has been in force since 1999 in all the European countries with three main qualifying levels: Bachelor’s, Master’s, and PhD degree levels.
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The University of Toulouse boasts a top-ranking academic offer covering all the fields of knowledge and including multidisciplinary courses. Over 31,000 degrees are awarded every year.

BACHELOR’S DEGREES

Two tracks:

> Bachelor’s Degrees provide the students with the necessary theoretical general knowledge on the discipline of their choice. After successfully completing the course, they can enrol for a Master’s degree.

> Professional Bachelor’s Degrees are available to the students who have successfully completed a two-year university course or equivalent. The course designed with the industry and professionals is meant to help students acquire the skills and competences necessary to enter the job market successfully. The syllabus/course includes 12 to 16 weeks internship.

Registration fees

- Most educational costs are supported by the French government (costs amount to approx 12 000 € per student and per year) so that annual registration fees are limited. Yet all the students must pay around 200 € a year for the Bachelor’s degree, 300 € a year for the Master’s Degree and 400 € a year for the PhD degree.
- Registrations fees amount to around 600 €/year in specialized schools and institutes
- The annual fees may reach up to 20 000 € in private institutions or for specific programs

To be added: approx 200 € for Health insurance (compulsory)

www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr

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MASTER’S DEGREES

Masters degrees last normally 2 years and are structured as follows:

First year (M1) is a pre-specialization year whose aim is to consolidate fundamental knowledge and core skills.

Second year (M2), the students will gain a high degree of specialization.

They can choose between two possible tracks:

- Track « research» designed for the students contemplating an academic career path and giving access to the PhD Degree;
- Track « professionalization » gives direct access to the job market.

M2 is accessible after completion of M1 and is always subject to selection - Students holding a Bachelor degree in 4 years may access directly to M2, subject to selection.

Master’s degree is issued after successful completion of M2

DOCTORATES

They are offered by Doctoral Schools in the areas of science, technology, human and social sciences. 4300 PhD students (among whom 40% international students) are granted financial support. The University of Toulouse awards 900 PhD degrees every year.

PhD degrees comprise of a scientific work completed in a research laboratory of international repute. Most of the time, the PhD students will sign a three-year contract with the University of Toulouse, a company, a research body or the like. The scientific work is supervised by a certified researcher-professor. The student must write and defend a thesis in French or English.

The PhD Degrees of the University of Toulouse are a real passport to top-ranking positions in France and abroad.

The University of Toulouse offers:

- A data bank gathering all the thesis subjects; they are available to all the international PhD students within the scope of framework programmes (China, Brazil, Vietnam...).
- A “non-disciplinary” training offer available to and suited for all the PhD students; courses are given either in French or in English.
- Guidance, information and support to international mobility for incoming and outgoing students.
- Career counselling whose aim is to help the junior graduates to enter the job market and to promote the PhD Degrees in the social, economic and cultural world.

At Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree levels, the curricula are structured as follows:

- Formal lectures (CM) given in an amphitheatre;
- Tutorials (TD) and practice (TP) in small groups;
- Compulsory internships or international mobility programs (they may be optional in some universities or graduate schools).
With a total of 200 research laboratories, 6000 researchers and 4300 PhD students, the higher education institutions (universities, engineering and graduate schools, doctoral schools) build up a highly dynamic research think-tank which also benefits from the close collaboration with the seven major national research bodies. First French and eighth European region for its investment in research and development (4.5% of its GDP), Midi-Pyrénées boasts a comprehensive research portfolio covering all disciplines and offering both French and foreign students, future PhD graduates, researchers and researchers-lecturers a scientific environment of great international repute with strong links with the industry.

National research bodies in Midi-Pyrénées: CNES - CNRM - CNRS - INRA - INSERM - IRD - ONERA

More on: www.univ-toulouse.fr/recherche section « Etablissements de tutelle »

The ever-developing academic and research landscape is structured by the University of Toulouse and the local economic stakeholders. The University of Toulouse has gained a far-reaching scientific scope fuelled by major clusters (aeronautics and space, economics, health, agri-food, mathematics, ICTs…); it can rely on multidisciplinary projects dealing with highly topical subjects and taking onboard the current socio-economic concerns (nanotechnologies, health-ageing-nutrition and environment-risk-organization).

6 major scientific fields

- Life Sciences
- Heritage, Apprenticeship, Creation, Societies
- Economics and Social Sciences
- Sciences of the Matter
- Planet, Environment, Space
- Mathematics, Information and Engineering Sciences and Technologies
RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Partnering with the industry is one of the priorities of the University of Toulouse and its research laboratories, with a view to creating added value. Numerous cooperation tools have been set-up (Instituts Carnot, IFR and thematic networks) in order to deploy far-reaching scientific projects, build new researchers networks, explore further fields of research and support innovation in a highly competitive economic environment. This pioneering ecosystem acts as a lever to enhance the research performances of the University.

By forging strong links with the major regional companies, the University of Toulouse has achieved a decisive dynamic, job-creating research policy.

More information on the cooperation tools derived from partnerships between public laboratories and private companies :

www.univ-toulouse.fr/recherche section : « Instruments coopératifs »

CLUSTERS OF COMPETITIVENESS

The clusters of competitiveness have been designed to boost the growth of companies with a strong potential for innovation. Thanks to the highly innovate hi-tech focused research projects deployed on booming markets, Toulouse Midi-Pyrenees has become increasingly attractive to foreign partners.

Toulouse Midi-Pyrenees is also involved in:

- DERBI on renewable energy
- ELOPSYS on optics, photonics, ICTs
- EUROPEEN DE LA CERAMIQUE, consumer goods and materials

TOULOUSE TECH TRANSFER

Subsidiary company dedicated to technology transfer (SATT)

Toulouse Tech transfer is dedicated to pooling all the valorization-centered public research activities of the Midi-Pyrenees region and enhancing the performances of technology transfer and the value of academic research results.

Resulting from the joint initiative of the University of Toulouse and of the CNRS, SATT has been entrusted with the task of protecting, developing and adding value to research results in the Midi-Pyrenees region. SATT invests in technologies derived from public research with a view to make them attractive and relevant for the economic players. Indeed, SATT Toulouse mainly targets the very small-sized and the small-sized regional enterprises by helping them to access to and develop new innovative solutions. It also supports the creation of start-ups, second best channels of distribution of breakthrough technologies.

www.toulouse-tech-transfer.com
DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE BACHELOR’S AND MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMS AND ON THE DOCTORAL SCHOOLS ARE APPENDED TO THIS BOOKLET.

CHOOSING YOUR DEGREE PROGRAM

To help you make your choice, please go to the University of Toulouse website which lists the training offer available.

Do not hesitate to browse the host institutions website for more detailed information.

www.univ-toulouse.fr/formations

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Many scholarships and financial aid schemes are available to fund your studies or research project.

A few examples:
- the French gov grants;
- the scholarships on offer in your home country;
- the Erasmus grants;

www.campusfrance.org/fria/bourse or on the site of the French Embassy of your home country

BEWARE!
Non EU foreign students who are not granted a scholarship in their home country or who are not part of an exchange program should have at least 615 euros monthly resources.
YOU PLAN TO COME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TOULOUSE BUT YOU DO NOT SPEAK FRENCH? YES YOU CAN!

The University of Toulouse offers:
- numerous English-taught Master's Degree courses (please refer to booklet);
- the opportunity to take your PhD degree in English (thesis and viva);
- French language courses thanks to the Toul'box.

To get further information about your stay in Toulouse and Midi-Pyrénées, download the Handbook Ariane of the University of Toulouse (practical guide) available in English, Spanish and Chinese.

REGISTRATION

Want to study in Toulouse? Exchange programs, individual applications, double diplomas, thesis co-supervision, French language courses are as many opportunities to meet your expectations...

Higher education registration in France requires early procedures, as early as October-November. If you are on an exchange program, you are invited to contact the International Relations Office of your home institution. If not, please ask for detailed information to: www.campusfrance.org/fr, sections « Préparer son séjour », then « les différentes procédures ».

Indeed, things may be quite different depending on the course and level (B, M, D) of study you have chosen, the degrees you hold, on your home country, and on the host institution.

VISA

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All non-European students must obtain a visa before leaving their country. Applications should be made to the French Embassy or Consulate of the country of origin. It is advisable to apply for the visa at least two months before the start of the university year.

There are several types of visas (long or short-term, etc.). We strongly recommend to apply for the visa corresponding to your project.

Upon arrival, the visa must be stamped by OFII (The French Immigration and Integration Bureau). For further help, please ask the host institution.

www.campusfrance.org/fr section « Préparer son séjour », then « les différentes procédures ».

Please note:

www.diplomatie.gouv.fr section « Venir en France » then « Étudier en France ».

www.univ-toulouse.fr/ariane


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Going to a foreign country is an enthralling experience that can also be stressful ... This is why the University of Toulouse has designed an innovative tool to help you anticipate. The Toul’Box is going to make your life easier from day one : opening a bank account, hunting for accommodation, choosing a language courses, gathering information on cultural and sports opportunities, etc. Everything will be settled before your arrival.

**HOW TO GET ACCESS TO THE TOUL’BOX ?**

Wherever you may be, just go to http://toulbox.univ-toulouse.fr and a mouse click will display the packages of services on offer that will be tailored to your needs.

Our multilingual team will be available to you throughout your stay for more information and counseling.
Sample monthly budget (for more details, please refer to the TOUL’BOX)

Average monthly budget

from 700 up to 1100 €

Room/studio in a university student hall (CROUS)
- from 150 to 350 €
Private room or studio rental
- from 400 to 600 €
Flat-sharing
- from 250 to 450 €
Room in a host family
- from 250 to 350 €
Gas/Electricity
- from 30 to 50 €
Bus/tube/tramway (transport pass)
- Under 26
  - 10 €
- Over 26
  - 34 €
Food
- 300 €
Miscellaneous
- 100 €

Registration fees (in public universities/schools)
- from 200 € to 600 €
Health insurance
- 220 €
Additional health insurance
- from 60 € to 600 €
  (LMDE, VITTAVI, mutuelles, banks)
  (can be paid by 3 instalments)
Accommodation
When signing the lease agreement *:
- deposit
Yearly rental tax **
- rental insurance + civil liability insurance
- from 250 € to 550 €

You may also have to pay:
- real estate agency fees
- “application fee” for student halls of residence
- approx. one-month rent
- between 180 € and one-month rent

* Two pre-requisites: choose a guarantor or “garant” (i.e. someone who will pay the rent if you cannot) and pay a deposit.

** Caution Locative Etudiante (CLÉ) is a state insurance that allows students without personal guarantor to have easier access to housing. It is managed by CROUS in partnership with the Midi-Pyrenees region.

NB : university restaurant ticket : 3,15 €

Your first monthly budget

from 800 up to 1500 €

French currency: Euro (€)
- 1 € = 1.3 USD
- 1 USD = 0.8 €

For all types of accommodation except university student halls and host families **
FINDING AN ACCOMODATION

May well be a real challenge and should be undertaken as early as possible. Hereunder some of the many solutions available:

- CROUS Student Halls of Residence (in limited number);
- student social or private housing;
- others: private ads, real estate agents, flat-sharing, host families.

Both French and international students can be granted financial aid (housing benefits) by the CAF (Housing Grant Office).


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LANGUAGE COURSES

The University of Toulouse provides French and foreign language courses to:

- bachelor’s Degree mobility students (ERASMUS, international agreement or other) who undertake at least a two-semester course in France;
- master’s Degree students (1st and 2nd year);
- PhD students and junior doctors;
- faculty and researchers.

Toulouse Midi-Pyrénées boasts a rich heritage and a vibrant art of living; it has also a lot to offer to those who appreciate a thriving cultural life (museums, theatres, concerts, festivals, conferences, international events, etc.). This offer is built up and co-ordinated by numerous local cultural institutions and associations which stage a great variety of art events all year long.

The University of Toulouse works in close collaboration with these local players and with the students’ associations to develop a unique cultural agenda:

- the Student Week, an opportunity for freshmen to discover all aspects of student life and the hot spots of the city; feel free to join this cultural festival and to attend concerts, performances, etc.;
- the concerts of the National Orchestra of Toulouse Capitole: Courtesy of the City of Toulouse to the students for two free concerts a year;
- Entre en scène! Inter-university theatre festival staging more than ten student’s theatre bands

Each campus also plans events meant to entertain students and to help newcomers to join in (inter-university arts workshops, performing arts organized together with young regional professionals, etc.).

MORE ON:

- www.univ-toulouse.fr/culture;
- l’Exploreur, guidebook of all the cultural hotspots;
- U’zoom, magazine for eager students;
- la newsletter des “Bons plans culturels de l’Université de Toulouse”;
- l’Agenda Culture des Sciences et des Techniques, the newsletter listing all the conferences, exhibitions and scientific events organized for the general public.
Higher education and research institutions members of the University of Toulouse

Université Toulouse 1 Capitole
Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès
Université Toulouse III - Paul Sabatier
Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse
- École Nationale Supérieure Agronomique de Toulouse
- École Nationale Supérieure d'Électrotechnique, d'Électronique, d'Informatique, d'Hydraulique et des Télécommunications
- École Nationale Supérieure des Ingénieurs en Arts Chimiques et Technologiques
- École Nationale d'Ingénieurs de Tarbes
- École Nationale de Météorologie
- École d'Ingénieurs de Purpan
- École Nationale Vétérinaire de Toulouse
Institut National des Sciences Appliquées de Toulouse
Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace - SUPAERO
Centre Universitaire Jean-François Champollion
École Nationale Supérieure des Mines d'Albi-Carmaux
École Nationale de l'Aviation Civile
École Nationale de Formation Agronomique
École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Toulouse
Toulouse Business School
Institut Catholique d'Arts et Métiers de Toulouse Sciences Po Toulouse

National Research Bodies in Midi-Pyrénées :
- Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
- Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique
- Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale
- Institut de Recherche pour le Développement
- Office National d'Études et de Recherches Aérospatiales