

Structure of the university

The University of Angers is in the heart of the historic Loire Valley in western France. It has **three campuses in Angers** (Belle-Beille, St Serge, and Santé), and branches in the nearby towns of Cholet and Saumur. Of its **17,781 students**, 11%, or 1956, are international students.

8 Divisions

The University of Angers has 8 major divisions: the School of Law, the School of Economics and Management | the Faculty of Languages, Humanities and Social Sciences | the Faculty of Science | the School of Medicine | the School of Pharmacy | ESTHUA (School of Tourism and Hospitality Management) | ISTIA (School for Chartered Engineers in Sciences and Technology) | IUT (Institute of Technology: professionally-oriented courses and degrees)

Key figures (2007)

- ◆ **17,781** students
- ◆ **901** full-time faculty
- ◆ **478** administrative, technical staff

7 central university services

CUFCo (Continuing education and French as a Second Language) | SUAPS (sports) | SUIO (career orientation) | SUMPPS (university health service) SCD (2 university libraries) | STIC (innovative educational technologies) | SAIC (industry and business links)

Academic programmes

The University Angers offers a wide variety of programmes, in all major academic fields. In



addition to purely academic studies, there is a large number of pre-professional courses to choose from. Five main fields of study are offered:

- Law
- Economics and Management
- Languages and Literature
- Social sciences and Humanities
- Science, Technology and Health Sciences.

Working closely with our professional and business partners, the University of Angers constantly strives to

develop courses that meet the expectations of new students while responding to the needs of the market, thus facilitating our students' entry into a career track after their studies.

Key figures (2007)

- ◆ **333** programmes
- ◆ **18** Licencedegrees (EU Bologna Bachelor's degrees)
- ◆ **35** vocationally-oriented Bachelor's degrees
- ◆ **26** Master's degrees with
 - 56 major fields
 - 17 research degrees
- ◆ **3569** 1st year students

Keeping up to date

The University of Angers is committed to improving instructional methods using the latest technology. We offer a broad range of on-line services and we have recently created a personalised, on-line digital work environment for each member of the university community.

Key Figures (2007)

- ◆ **2500** computers available for students (1 for every 7 students)
- ◆ **6320** hits per day on our website
- ◆ **4** distance learning degree courses

Life-long learning

The University of Angers provides quality resources for anyone wishing to continue his or her education whether for professional or personal reasons. We thereby give great importance on programmes aimed at helping adults access university studies. We offer courses leading to a secondary studies equivalency certificate, and we offer transfer

credits recognising life and work experience for admission to academic studies. We also offer customised courses and training for companies, public agencies and associations.

An Active and Innovative Role in Fundamental Research



The University of Angers is internationally and nationally renowned in research in a broad range of fields, from pure science and technology to the social sciences and humanities.

The University structures its research around:

- **3** nationally accredited fields of excellence (health sciences, plant sciences and materials science).
- **4** priority fields of research (Sciences and Information Technology, Mathematics, Humanities and Social

Sciences, and Law, Economics and Management). The university has created a strong fundamental research programme responding to the demands of our region and yet open to innovation and international cooperation. The University plays an active role in the Loire Valley Region's officially-accredited fields of competitive excellence: *Pôle végétal* (plant sciences) | *Pôle Atlantic Biothérapie* (medicine and pharmacy) | *Pôle enfant* (child-oriented research). The *Cellule Europe* helps researchers to gain better access to European Union resources and funding for research.

Key figures (2007)

- ◆ **35** research labs
- ◆ **5** university technical support services to assist research groups
- ◆ **1** *Ecole doctorale* providing resources and support for Ph.D. students
- ◆ **4** companies created from research labs
- ◆ **23** different patent categories
- ◆ **438** doctoral students
- ◆ **68** doctorates awarded in 2007

Student Life

Key figures (2007)

- ◆ **12500** annual attendance at Espace Culturel performances
- ◆ **39** different sports activities offered to students and staff at **128** time slots during the week

The University of Angers seeks to develop the best experience of campus life for each of our students. The *Espace Culturel* has a 350-seat professional theatre available for student and professional performances and productions. The Loire Valley Regional Association for Jazz Music has made it one of their official concert sites. The *Espace Culturel* provides support for student cultural and associative activities and projects. The University Health Services (SUMPPS) promotes the physical and psychological well being of students by providing a full-range of health care services, some of which are offered cost-free.

An International and European Dimension

The University of Angers was among the pioneers in opening its exchanges to Eastern Europe, and is a very active participant in European Union programmes. Today the university has contacts world-wide and a large network of partner institutions that provide exchange opportunities to faculty and students alike.

Chiffres clés (2007)

- ◆ **1956** international students (11% of total enrolment)
- ◆ **105** nationalities
- ◆ **77** bilateral partnerships
- ◆ **136** SOCRATES/ERASMUS partners