



### **Degree Programmes**

This study placement is available for Languages and Social Sciences Students.

Courses are in French.

Number of Places: 2

This document provides basic information about the university. **Please do your own research before applying.**

### **Application Process**

To apply for this opportunity you must submit an online application.

Link to the online application can be found in the **How to Apply** section in each university ad. Online application form requires registration, please register with your Aston University e-mail.

Please note that you can submit one application only. As a part of the application, you must provide three universities in order of preference, which should also be specified in your motivation letter.

You are required to submit one motivational letter, which must be focused on your first priority.

**Please do not contact the partner university directly as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Projects Team.**

## The University

Université François Rabelais de Tours  
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FRANCE



[Website](#) (in French)

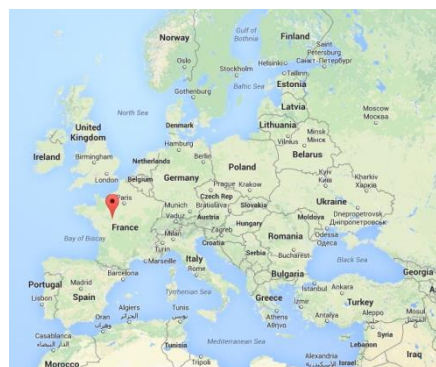
The Université François-Rabelais was created in 1970 and represents a public, state-funded institution certified by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research. It is a multidisciplinary university with over 20,000 students in 2009 and 2,700 international students. The University has 7 Teaching and Research Units (UFR) including Arts and Human Sciences (3,400 students), Humanities and Languages (2,300 students), Centre for Renaissance Studies (110 students), Law, Economics and Social Sciences (3,900 students), Science and Technology (2,300 students), School of Medicine (3,600 students) and Pharmaceutical Sciences (1,100 students). There is also a university centre of French studies for foreign students (CUEFEE) (385 students)

## What it is like to study at Université François Rabelais de Tours

Click for information about [student's life](#) or see [video](#).

## Location

Tours is a modern enterprising city with a prestigious past (The Loire Valley and its Châteaux). It is the Capital of the Touraine area, where the river Loire flows (listed as UNESCO World Heritage) and was also home to Rabelais, Leonardo da Vinci, Descartes, Ronsard and Balzac...Tours is a city with more than 150 historical landmarks and is renowned worldwide for its cuisine, its wines and art de vivre. Tours has a population of approx. 140,000 inhabitants and is located less than an hour from Paris by TGV. The city is served by a regional airport with European connections and the region has a network of 36,000 companies – mainly small and medium-sized businesses. There is a great variety of sports and outdoor facilities to be enjoyed in the region!



## **Semester/key dates**

The calendar operates on a two semester basis:

First semester: September - the end of January  
(with 2 weeks' vacation at Christmas)

Second semester: January - the end of May  
(with 1 weeks' vacation in February and 2 weeks in April)

Exam sessions take place at the end of each semester.

[Academic calendar \(scroll to the bottom\)](#)

## **Courses Available**

Exchange students generally choose courses from **two main schools**:

UFR d'arts et sciences humaines School of Arts and Human Sciences which includes the following departments: Music and Musicology, Art History, History and Archaeology, Philosophy, Psychology and Sociology.

UFR de lettres et langues (School of Humanities – including Languages -) which includes the following departments: German, Performing Arts, French, Italian, Applied Languages, Sociolinguistics, English, Law and Languages, Classics, Spanish and Portuguese and Speech and Language Sciences.

Students also take courses from CUEFEE– specialist French classes for foreign students – for about 6 hours per week. Ms. Carine Berbéri, Exchange Student Tutor, runs a weekly translation course specifically designed for exchange students during semesters 1 & 2 (4 ECTS).

Students can only take **one** translation module into English.

Students may take **only one** module in their second language or a new foreign language. These will count towards the 30 ECTS credits but will **not** count towards the overall Year Abroad mark.

**Workload:** 30 ECTS credits per semester

## Living in France

- **Accommodation:**  
Accommodation is usually available in halls of residence if you apply on time.

## Next steps if you are successful

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. You must complete and send us the Erasmus application form
4. Following the nomination you must in most cases, complete a registration online. The International Placements Team will contact you about this.
5. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
6. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

## Visa

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to Université François-Rabelais and also that you fulfil any visa requirements for entering and studying in France. For further information, please see the website of the [French Embassy](#) in London.

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