UNIVERSITE DE CAEN NORMANDIE (UNICAEN)
FACT SHEET 2026/2027

Founded in 1432 by the King of England Henri VI, the University of Caen Normandie is one of the oldest universities in Europe. With nearly 600 years of experience in academic training and research, Unicaen educates today more than **33,000 students**, including nearly **3,500 international** students, in **12 faculties and schools**.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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University Website:
https://www.unicaen.fr/

Exchange program website:
https://welcome.unicaen.fr/



NOMINATION & APPLICATION INFORMATION

Nomination deadlines
- Full year and Fall: May 15
- Spring: September 15

Application deadlines
- Full year and Fall: June 15
- Spring: October 15

Nomination procedure
By email to the incoming coordinator with: student's name and surname, email address, field of study, period of stay, language proficiency
Application link is sent directly to the student (coordinator in copy)

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Teaching language:

Courses are mainly taught in French

A few courses offered in English, mostly at Master level (nuclear physics, economics)

100% taught in English:

- French law track, undergraduate level, Fall semester only (30 ECTS package track) (Faculty of Law)
- Business and management track, graduate level (School of Management)

Educational mobilities and tourism, graduate level (Faculty of Education)

Language requirements

- Regular academic programmes: certified B1 French proficiency (B2 recommended)
  Accepted language tests: DELF, DALF, TCF or partner's home certification
- University Diploma of French studies (DUEF): no language requirement
- Courses taught in English: certified B1 English proficiency (B2 recommended). Accepted language tests: any, including partner's home certification

Fields of study open to exchange students:

- Humanities & Social Sciences (Literature, Language Sciences, History, Sociology, Performing Arts, Philosophy)
- Economics
- Geography
- Health (Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy)
- Languages
- Law
- Management
- Psychology
- Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics,)
- Science and technology of physical and sports activities



Courses catalog

Courses open to exchange students: *Pick Your Courses*

Some departments are not listed in the catalog but accept exchange students (Diploma in French studies, Education, Engineering school, Health)

Credit load per semester

1 full-time semester (Undergraduate/Bachelor & Graduate/Master) = 30 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System)

Transcripts of records

Issued around 6 weeks after the exams period and sent by mail directly to students (unless otherwise requested by the home university)

Semester calendar

(resit examination session included)

• Fall semester: September - December

• Spring semester: January - May

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Housing:

- University residences: Unicaen has a partnership with the "Crous" (3 residences in the urban area, all served by the tram) 9m² single room, equipped with bed, desk, closet, toilets, shower, fridge (common kitchen on each floor); bedding are provided. Rooms are booked upon application for the pre-set duration of the program; dates cannot be modified

  Payment for the semester is due upon booking

  Room benefits run during holidays and breaks. *See a room*
- Stay with a host family: upon request during application

Orientation week:

Early September and early January

Welcome meeting and fair with all student services on campus and in town

Wide range of cultural activities (guided campus and city-tour) and icebreaking activities at the beginning of each semester

Online webinar before arrival



Budget:

The average monthly expenses for a student amount to approximately €800, including meals

Housing insurance with third-party liability coverage: mandatory, to be subscribed before arrival - about €70 for 2 semesters

Visas

Visa required for non-EU citizens. All information is available on the official France-Visas website.

Health insurance: An international health insurance plan to be subscribed before arrival, covering all the duration of the stay and including repatriation

French language support

Registration upon application

Courses from A1 to C1 (online placement test before arrival)

2 hrs/week during each semester (20 hours in total)



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Student services

- Sport: numerous sports facilities (stadium, swimming-pool, weight room, climbing wall…) offering more than 80 activities
- Health: student health services with free medical, psychological and social care provided by doctors, nurses, psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers
- Disability: specific support provided to facilitate physical and digital accessibility

Buddy system

Offered to all international students by the student association "Erasmus Student Network" (ESN) (@esncaen)



OTHER INFORMATION

Choose Unicaen

Unicaen has been awarded the 3rd star for the prestigious "Bienvenue en France" label, the highest possible distinction, for its high quality of support and services dedicated to international students.
More information on the label
Promotional video for Unicaen

Choose Caen

A human-sized city (107,000+ inhabitants), ranked 5th French city (out of 50) for the quality of its student life in 2025. Hosts the largest student carnival in Europe (around 30,000 students in recent years)
An ideal and strategic location: 10 km from the nearest beach, 2 hrs from Paris

Choose Normandy

Our region bears the traces of a unique and incredible history, from the creation of the Duchy by the Viking Rollo in 911, to the coronation of William the Conqueror who became King of England, then to the D-Day and the Battle of Normandy
Videos about Normandy: *Normandie pour la vie* & *Caen Normandie Et si vous étiez libres*





