

Become a partner
of the **Catholic University of Vendée** - France



ICES

Institut Catholique d'Études Supérieures



1. What is ICES?

→ *A selective and mid-sized catholic institution*

ICES is a private catholic university created in 1990. It is a mid-sized institution in which students can prepare official university degrees. It was conceived as a private, selective institution in which class groups are small, professor-student relationships are personalized and assiduity is required. With about 1000 students from all over France, as well as international students, the university offers an intimate environment

→ *Nine areas of studies, Bachelor and Master degrees*

- Biology (BA)
- Law (BA & MA)
- History (BA & MA)
- Languages (BA)
- Literature (BA)
- Mathematics (BA)
- Physics/Chemistry (BA)
- Political Sciences (BA & MA)
- Catholic Studies (MA)

Each faculty consists in a small team of permanent teachers and a number of professors coming from all over France and from all around the world. This allows to modulate the respective syllabus through invitations to top experts and internationally renowned professors, for specific conferences and lectures in French and English.

> *See the classes for next academic year at:*

<http://ices.fr/l-international/come-and-study-in-france-welcome/>

→ *Excellence & research*

ICES research department organises a number of conferences during the academic year. Research results are published through ICES own publishing house and through various partnerships with famous publishing houses. Research and publishing contribute to ICES' reputation of excellence.

→ *International network*

ICES develops from several years a large network of partners all around the world. Erasmus + 2014-2021 charter and specific agreements with worldwide universities enables ICES to send each year a large number of students abroad and to welcome international students.

ICES is a member of ICUSTA network (International Council of Universities of Saint Thomas Aquina) and works with more than 60 institutions from all over the world.



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South Africa

RHODES UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

Germany

AUGSBURG UNIVERSITAT

England

BANGOR UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF DERBY
CANTERBURY CHRIST CHURCH UNIVERSITY

Argentina

UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA ARGENTINA
UNIVERSIDAD FASTA

Australia

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
CAMPION COLLEGE

Brazil

PONTIFICA UNIVERSIDADE CATOLICA

Bulgaria

SANT KLIMENT ORISHDKI

Canada

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BISHOP'S University

Chile

UNIVERSIDAD MAYOR
UNIVERSIDAD DIEGO PORTALES
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China

SUN YAT SEN

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INSTITUT CHRETIEN D'ETUDES JUIVES

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Lithuania

KAZIMIERO SIMONAVICIUS UNIVERSITY

Malta

UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

Philippines

ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY

Portugal

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LISBON

Poland

J.PAUL II CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF
LUBLIN
TISHNER UNIVERSITY

Czech Republic

OLOMOUC UNIVERSITY

Romania

UNIVERSITE DE BUCAREST

Russia

THE P.G DEMIDOV YAROSLAVL STATE
UNIVERSITY

Slovakia

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN RUZOMBEROK

Taiwan

FU JEN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
WENZAO URSULINE COLLEGE OF
LANGUAGES

Thailand

ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY

Turkey

IZMIR UNIVERSITY
BEYKENT UNIVERSITY

United States of America

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY
LORAS COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF SAINT THOMAS
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
COLORADO SPRINGS
JOHN CAROLL UNIVERSITY
BENEDICTINE COLLEGE

2. Where is ICES ?

→ *La Roche sur Yon, a pretty historical city*

The City of La Roche sur Yon is located close to the Atlantic coast, in a region called "la Vendée". The city of la Roche sur Yon was created by Napoleon after the French Revolution and is rich with history. It is a city of 50 000 people which makes it easy to navigate and easy to get around. Public transportation is well established, frequent, clean and inexpensive.

***La Roche sur Yon is: 3 hours from Paris, 3 hours from Bordeaux, 1h from Nantes
2h30 from the Loire Castles***

→ *The place for cultural and sportive events*

- The Vendée is a cultural region with very nice historical places to discover :

- the « Puy du Fou », historical theme park www.puydufou.com

- the « Venise Verte » <http://www.la-venise-verte.com/>

- La Chabotterie <http://chabotterie.vendee.fr/>

- Historial/Memorial de la Vendée <http://historial.vendee.fr/>

- Les Sables d'Olonne, city of the famous "Vendée Globe" round-the world single-handed yacht race. The Vendée Globe race departure takes place each 3 years. It is a famous world race that represents over 24,000 miles.



3. Why becoming an ICES partner?

→ *Your institution will offer to students the opportunity:*

- to study in a good level French university
- to experience life in a typically French city

- **to deal with ideal immersive conditions** to learn French. Before the beginning of classes, a special immersive week is organized for international students, with french intensive classes in the morning and excursions in the afternoon. During the whole semester, special classes of « French as a second language » are offered to international students.

→ *ICES commits itself in supporting your students,* helping them to chose their classes, trying to set up customized programs if needed.

Incoming students can choose from a number of classes in English and in French, and of course study French language. Whether they come to ICES to study Political Science, Law, History, or any other discipline, French language will be a part of their studies.



→ *ICES offers nice campus facilities:*

the campus consists in a university library with 90.000 works, a multimedia center, wireless internet access on campus, the latest generation of computer, lab equipment, amphitheatres and nomad language laboratory.

→ *your students will experience campus life and special events:*

All along the semester, the Board of Students organises events: « ICES show », ICES annual celebration, Gala reception at the end of the academic year, skiing week excursion... Several associations enables students to do sports, cultural activities, parties....

→ *As a catholic university,*

ICES is the perfect place to discover or deepen one's spiritual life: a chaplaincy and a dedicated staff organise weekly mass, conferences, pilgrimage and various activities. A chapel is located close to ICES building.

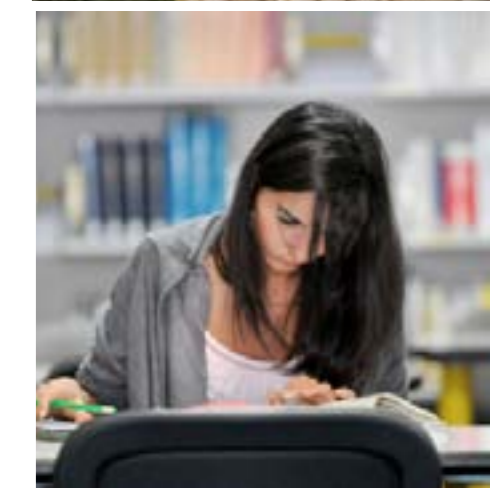
→ *Academic calendar*

The academic year consists of two semesters:

- 1st semester: from beginning of September to beginning of January + last week of August : immersive week and intensive French classes
- 2nd semester: from mid-January to beginning of June + first week of January : immersive week and intensive French classes

Two exam sessions :

- 1st semester exam session: from end of December to beginning of January.
 - 2nd semester exam session: from mid-May to beginning of June.
- holidays breaks: Christmas break in December, Winter break in February, Spring break in April/May.



4. What we suggest:

ICES generally sets a Memorandum of Understanding with its partners. Both institutions agree on a number of exchange students for each academic year and on the faculties and fields concerned by the exchange. Generally, the first agreement is set for a number of 3 students. As ICES wants to welcome more foreign students, this number can be discussed and amended from a year to another.

ICES sets exchange partnerships : that is to say that each student pays fees to the sending institution. Students sit for exams in the hosting university. Then, a transcript of record is sent to the sending university. ICES works with the European ECTS framework. Each student is responsible for accommodation, travel, meals, health insurance and every day life costs. Of course, ICES helps students to find accommodation, to open a bank account etc

Exchange students can stay for one year or one semester. Staff and teachers can also be part of the agreement if partners are interested in.

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