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INFORMATION	
Name of the Institution	ICES - The Catholic University of Vendée
Address	17 Boulevard des Belges 85000 La Roche-sur-Yon FRANCE
Erasmus+ Code	FLAROCHE 01
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LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

The main language of instruction is French: https://ices.fr/nos-formations/

English courses are offered in the departments of English Language & Literature, Political Science (BA & MA Degrees) & Law (BA & MA Degrees).

A free French language course is offered to the international students (9 ECTS/semester).

A one-to-one conversation course (Tuition in French) is also offered for free and is worth 3 ECTS.

GRADING SYSTEM

French grading system is awarded on a scale from 0 to 20:

20 = highest mark
10 = pass mark
0 = lowest mark

ECTS credit system: 30 ECTS/semester. More information here.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester: end of August (welcome seminar included) / end of December (exams session included)

Spring Semester: early January (welcome seminar included) / mid May (exams session included)

Resit (for both semesters) mid-June

Holidays

Christmas break (two weeks in December & January)
Winter break (one week in February or March)
Easter break (one week in April)
Summer break (July & August)

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HOUSING INFORMATION

ICES does not provide on-campus residence.

Students may choose from one of the following options:

- Private flat: +/- 500€/month (utilities & meals excluded)
- Host family (only a few ones - please contact the ICES IRO for more information & contact details)
- Residence "Escale Ouest": 396€/month all-inclusive except meals & administrative fees
- Foyer La Louisiane (females'residence managed by a non-profit association) : 550€/month utilities, breakfast & dinner included
- Residence La Simbrandière (CROUS)
  324€ to 335€/month all-inclusive except meals

We encourage students to book their accommodation as soon as possible after receiving the admission letter.

HEALTH INSURANCE

European citizens must hold the EHIC (European Health Insurance Card).

Non-European citizens must register at the French Social Security (free of charge): https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/

Students holding one of the following card/form are exempted from this registration:

- European Health Insurance Card
- SE401Q102 or SE401Q106 forms (R.A.M.Q / Québec)

The French Social Security does not cover 100% of the medical bills so we encourage students to take a personal/travel insurance that covers the rest of the medical expenses.

BANK MATTER

Students living in Escale Ouest Residence must have a French bank account while in France.
ICES IRO will assist students with the process.

Compulsory bank fees: +/- 100€/year (credit card & room insurance fees).

Whatever the accommodation option, students are highly encouraged to secure a room insurance in case of any damages that might occur during their stay in France. For more information please contact the IRO.

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HOW TO REACH LA ROCHE-SUR-YON

Most of the students land in Paris Charles-de-Gaulle Airport (CDG).
From CDG you may reach La Roche-sur-Yon either by train https://www.ouigo.com/ with a connection in Nantes train-station or you may take another flight to Nantes Airport (NTE) https://www.nantes.aeroport.fr/fr, then reach Nantes train-station and take a train to La Roche-sur-Yon.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The ICES Student Card may give access to some discounts in town (shops, transportation, etc).

Accommodation financial support: European students living in the Residences Escale Ouest or Simbrandière may benefit from financial support from the French Government. More information at CAF.

For less than 4€, students may have lunch at the *Restaurant Universitaire* (City Students' Canteen).

Globo is a student association in charge of attributing buddies to international students in order to support their integration in the city and on campus. They organize events during the semester to promote international cultures and create connections between local and international students.

NOMINATION & APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Nomination deadlines
Fall term: June 15th
Spring term: October 15th

Application deadlines
Fall term: June 30th
Spring term: October 30th

👉 ***Click here to nominate your students***

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FRENCH SUMMER ACADEMY
Fee-paying programme in July A 3-week intensive French Language Programme with native speakers specialized in French as a Second Language Teaching: - Placement test upon arrival, - Courses from beginner to advanced level, - 70 contact hours, - Small groups, - Worth 12 ECTS. Contact person: Ms. Gaëlle DELAVOIE gdelavoie@ices.fr

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