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de Lille 1875

Learn
In
Lille
Live
Europe **lille**

European Summer Program

20 May to 19 June 2026
23 June to 22 July 2026

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Welcome!

Bonjour & bienvenue...

... to France's largest private (not-for-profit) university,
the *Université Catholique de Lille*!

We are delighted to welcome you to the *Université Catholique de Lille* for one of our short-term LILLE Programs, designed to offer an immersive academic and cultural experience that enriches your academic, professional and personal development journey.

At the *Université Catholique de Lille*, we are committed to placing humanistic values, openness to the world, and academic excellence in the service of the common good at the heart of all our initiatives. These values come to life across our campus through interdisciplinary teaching, social engagement, and innovative projects, as well as a strong commitment to sustainability and community well-being. Initiatives such as *Humanité* – a living campus dedicated to social innovation and inclusion – our service-learning programs, partnerships with more than 580 universities and multiple public and private partners, and other human-centered projects (such as our *Humanités* path) illustrate this long-term commitment. Through these efforts, we educate thoughtful, responsible, and engaged citizens, ready to meet new challenges and contribute to a more caring and sustainable world.

The city of Lille is a vibrant, welcoming, and multicultural city at the crossroads of Western Europe, and home to the *Université Catholique de Lille*, founded in 1875. During your stay, Lille will also become your home: a place to study, connect, and experience daily life in an authentic French environment. With high-speed rail connections to Brussels, Paris, and London, it also offers an ideal setting for further exploration of European culture.

Seize this opportunity to learn in a truly global environment. Come to LILLE: «Learn In Lille, Live Europe.»

À très bientôt ! See you soon!



Patrick SCAUFLAIRE
President Rector
Université Catholique de Lille



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Vice-President & Vice-Rector
for International Development



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Université Catholique de Lille

Lighting the way to the future!

Founded in 1875, the *Université Catholique de Lille* is a multi-disciplinary institution that brings together 5 Faculties, 18 Schools, *Grandes Écoles* in business and engineering, and health and social care establishments. As France's largest private not-for-profit university, it is founded on the human and Christian values that inspired its origins.

OUR VISION : The integral development of the individual through academic excellence in the service of the common good and the transformation of the world.

OUR MISSION : Training, Research, Service to society.

OUR PROMISE : To place the individual at the center of our concerns.

OUR VALUES : Humanism, Ethics, Optimism, Openness.

KEY FIGURES

43,000 students including **8,800+** international

350+ degree programs

23 training institutions

A hospital group and health and social care establishments
(nearly **2,000** beds and places in total)

15 research units

580+ partner universities on 5 continents

www.univ-catholille.fr



The *Université Catholique de Lille* is **France's largest private, not-for-profit university**, with over 43,000 students and 7,000 staff members. "La Catho" is home to **23 training institutions** (including two triple-crown awarded business schools and industry-leading engineering schools), multiple institutes, and a renowned hospital group, and offers **more than 350 distinct degree programs** in several centres of excellence, including:

- > Law, Economics, Business, & Management
- > Innovation and Design Thinking
- > Science and Technologies
- > Health and Social Care
- > Arts, Humanities, Theology, Ethics, & Education



The *Université Catholique de Lille* has undergone profound changes over the past decade in order to become an internationally renowned "Third Place" for the reinvention of society and of **a more sustainable, more ethical future**, combining innovative research and pedagogy across its faculties, *grandes écoles*, and healthcare sector, along with varied ecosystems, demonstrator buildings, and experimental urban neighbourhoods. Our efforts and innovations in these areas will continue and indeed intensify over the coming years. In the meantime we are also focused on:

- **offering students a true life experience:** A global vision of the person demands that we enable students to engage in **a full range of intellectual, physical, relational, and spiritual activities**, not merely scientific and intellectual training.
- **"taking care":** The University is heavily invested in the idea of taking care of others – of the sick and elderly and of the most disadvantaged in society, both locally and internationally – and of the earth itself, through greater efforts at sustainability. We believe that "taking care" should in its broadest sense extend across all disciplines and all three University missions: training, research, and service to society.

Working together, combining our efforts, desires, ideas, commitments, and achievements, we will be able to make a visible, understandable, and meaningful contribution to **a world in transition**.

LILLE Programs

LILLE – “Learn In Lille, Live Europe” – combines a variety of innovative, student-centred academic programs at the *Université Catholique de Lille*, tailored to suit different academic needs and schedules, and to provide a welcoming environment and an excellent study/life balance.

What does LILLE mean to you?

- A wide array of intercultural and interactive course offerings
- Programs of various durations
- Courses taught in English or French
- Small international classes
- Cultural and curriculum-related fieldtrips
- Full package program (accommodation, academic & extra-curricular activities, 24/7 support)
- Experienced and dedicated international faculty and staff

*Flash to discover
the LILLE experience
in video!*



Think outside the box – study outside the classroom!

Most LILLE courses involve visits to emblematic and pertinent local and regional sites.

LILLE European Summer Program:

ESP1 – 20 May > 19 June 2026
ESP2 – 23 June > 22 July 2026

LILLE Winter

(customizable):

January - February

LILLE Semester Immersion Programs & LILLE Faculty Led Programs



Contact us for more information!



LILLE Winter



Modeled after our popular LILLE European Summer Program, the LILLE Winter Program is a 2 to 3 week program typically operated in January that offers 4 to 8 ECTS credits depending on course selection and overall number of education hours.

- Program may include possible courses in foreign language, intercultural communication, business, history and more.
- Cultural program complete with international events on campus and field-trips throughout Lille and the region.

Contact us for more information!



LILLE Semester Immersion Programs & LILLE Faculty Led Programs



The *Université Catholique de Lille* operates several **customized semester immersion opportunities**. These fee-based programs allow partners to send their students to *UCLille* without the traditional exchange agreement/balance in place. The immersion programs have a strong focus on French language and culture and can include French tutoring, service learning in the community, and guided cultural excursions.

The University is open to developing customized faculty-led programs on campus.

Please contact the International Relations Office for more information on developing a customized immersion program:

lilleprograms@univ-catholille.fr



LILLE European Summer Program

The LILLE European Summer Program (ESP) is composed of **two month-long program sessions** (June and July). Students are welcome to attend one or both sessions.

Students can choose from a large variety of electives. The programs offer academic courses **taught in English or in French**, utilizing the University's expertise in Humanities, Social Sciences, Management, and more.

Courses are taught by highly-qualified faculty from the *Université Catholique de Lille* or visiting professors, with an aim to **provide both theoretical background and practical learning through site visits and hands-on activities**.

The ESP offers a wide range of courses in the following areas:

Liberal Arts, Business & Communication, Health, European Studies, Sustainability & the Sciences, French Language

Up to
81
contact hours*
*1 contact hour
= 60 minutes



12
ECTS credits
=
6

North American Credits

All courses fulfill ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) standards and detailed transcripts are available for credit transfer to your own degree program.



3,300
students welcomed
since 2001



75+
supporting
universities



96%
recommend
the program



Course Catalogue

Students can customize their program by choosing from a large variety of courses representing the multidisciplinary of our University. For detailed information about the courses, **make sure to check the syllabi on our website.**

Create your own program!

Morning class (3 hours)

Pick one elective
in English or in French

39 to 42 hours
6 ECTS credits

+

Afternoon class (3 hours)

Pick one elective
in English or in French

39 hours
6 ECTS credits

=

Up to **81**
contact hours
12
ECTS credits*

** 6 North American credits*



LILLE Programs reserves the right to cancel or alter its offerings as circumstances demand (including enrolments and legal restrictions). Partner universities and students will be contacted as soon as possible with the latest relevant information as necessary. Please refer to ESP website for latest list of available courses.



We build our academic offering around the core values of the *Université Catholique de Lille*, ensuring every course contributes to our mission of preparing the thoughtful citizens of tomorrow. This commitment is reflected in a curriculum designed to challenge you to think critically about contemporary global issues. To demonstrate this connection, each elective is tagged with correlative themes that enhance our strengths and values, such as: **#Arts&Society**, **#FrenchLanguage&Culture**, **#Humanism&EuropeanUnion**, **#Innovation&Management**, and **#SustainableDevelopment**.

Morning electives*



CLARIFE

French Language & Culture*

Contact Hours: 42 | French | ESP1&2

This course covers reading and listening comprehension, written and oral expression, and vocabulary and grammar at varied levels, through practical written and oral work, discussions, presentations and debates, role-play, and writing short essays and summaries.

**An initial placement activity will sort students from beginner to advanced levels*

#FrenchLanguage&Culture

**All ESP students will take mandatory modules of Intercultural Communication. These modules count towards the students' overall program attendance/participation.*



Project Management for Everyone

Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1&2

This highly interactive course will provide students with methodological and practical tools to manage projects in fields ranging from engineering and science to management and communication.

#Innovation&Management

JUNIA



Understanding Challenges of Climate Change

Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP2

The objective of this course is to better understand the causes and consequences of climate change, as well as to look into the adaptation and mitigation strategies focusing on French and European examples.

#SustainableDevelopment



Afternoon electives

LIBERAL ARTS



World Class Museums

Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1&2

An introduction to art and art history through an overview of the cultural heritage and museums of the Lille region in the heart of Europe. Many class sessions will take place within the museums themselves.

#Arts&Society



Film on the Western Front

Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1

Cinema both as an art form and as an industry was greatly impacted by the First World War, and proved a notable cinematic subject even before that conflict ended. This course will examine a selection of films set on the Western Front, close to Lille.

#Arts&Society



Introduction to French & Francophone Women Writers

Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1

An overview of the literary representation of gendered experiences in personal stories authored by a range of leading contemporary female French-speaking writers.

#Arts&Society



European Humanism: Light and Shadow of a Common History

Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1

This course offers an immersive experience around Europe. It leads students to question the idea of a European common history and highlights its light and shadow. It will give students keys to understanding current European issues through the interweaving of European political, social, and cultural history, from Antiquity to contemporary European construction.

#Humanism&EuropeanUnion



CLARIFE

Thinking-With the World: Making, Experience, and Contemporary French Thought

Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP2

This course invites students to engage deeply with a contemporary current of French and European thinkers who challenge traditional notions of objectivity, detachment, and the separation between humans and the world around them. We will also explore how artists engage with these questions through their work and consider how art can open up new understandings of what it means to think, feel, and be in relation.

#Arts&Society



Techniques of Illustration and Colour Studies

Contact Hours: 39 / English / ESP2

A practical and theoretical introduction to illustration for comics. This course will provide drawing lessons (anatomy, live model, charadesign), concept design, colours studies, narrative illustration and some basics in digital animation. A small comics or fanzine will be produced at the end.

#Arts&Society

BUSINESS & COMMUNICATION



From Idea to Cash: Generative AI for Entrepreneurial Innovation Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1&2

Embark on an entrepreneurial odyssey with a dynamic course designed to catalyze your journey from conceptualization to monetization through the power of generative artificial intelligence (AI). Blending the legacy of traditional industries, this program is tailor-made for aspiring entrepreneurs who aim to lead the marketplace with innovation and finesse.

#Innovation&Management



Building a Culture of Innovation Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1&2

An overview of the role of Human Resources as a strategic and innovative business partner, the influence of Corporate Culture on an organization's agility, and the promotion of innovation, diversity, and well-being.

#Innovation&Management



CLARIFE

International Teamwork & Communication Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1&2

A theoretical and practical introduction to a wide range of issues concerning teamwork and communication in an international and intercultural environment.

#Innovation&Management

POLITICAL SCIENCE & LAW



EU Law & Policy Making Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1&2

An overview of the European Union, its policies and interactions with Member States, and the varied economic, social, and environmental problems it is facing.
#Humanism&EuropeanUnion



Introduction to European Studies: History, Politics, and Society Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP2

A broad overview of current and classical themes of European integration in relation to current challenges faced by the EU and Member States and their interactions with the rest of the world.
#Humanism&EuropeanUnion



TAUGHT IN FRENCH



CLARIFE

Communication Française (minimum A2+)

Contact Hours: 39 | French | ESP1&2

This course aims to advance student skills and knowledge in relation to the French language of gesture, idioms, expressions of opinion, judgement, and agreement/disagreement, in a variety of cultural and social situations.

#FrenchLanguage&Culture



Le Cinéma Franco-Belge Contemporain (minimum B2+)

Contact Hours: 39 | French | ESP1

An overview of French and Belgian film cultures, film vocabulary, formal film analysis, and film theory, across period and genre, and through a variety of critical lenses.

#FrenchLanguage&Culture

HEALTH STUDIES

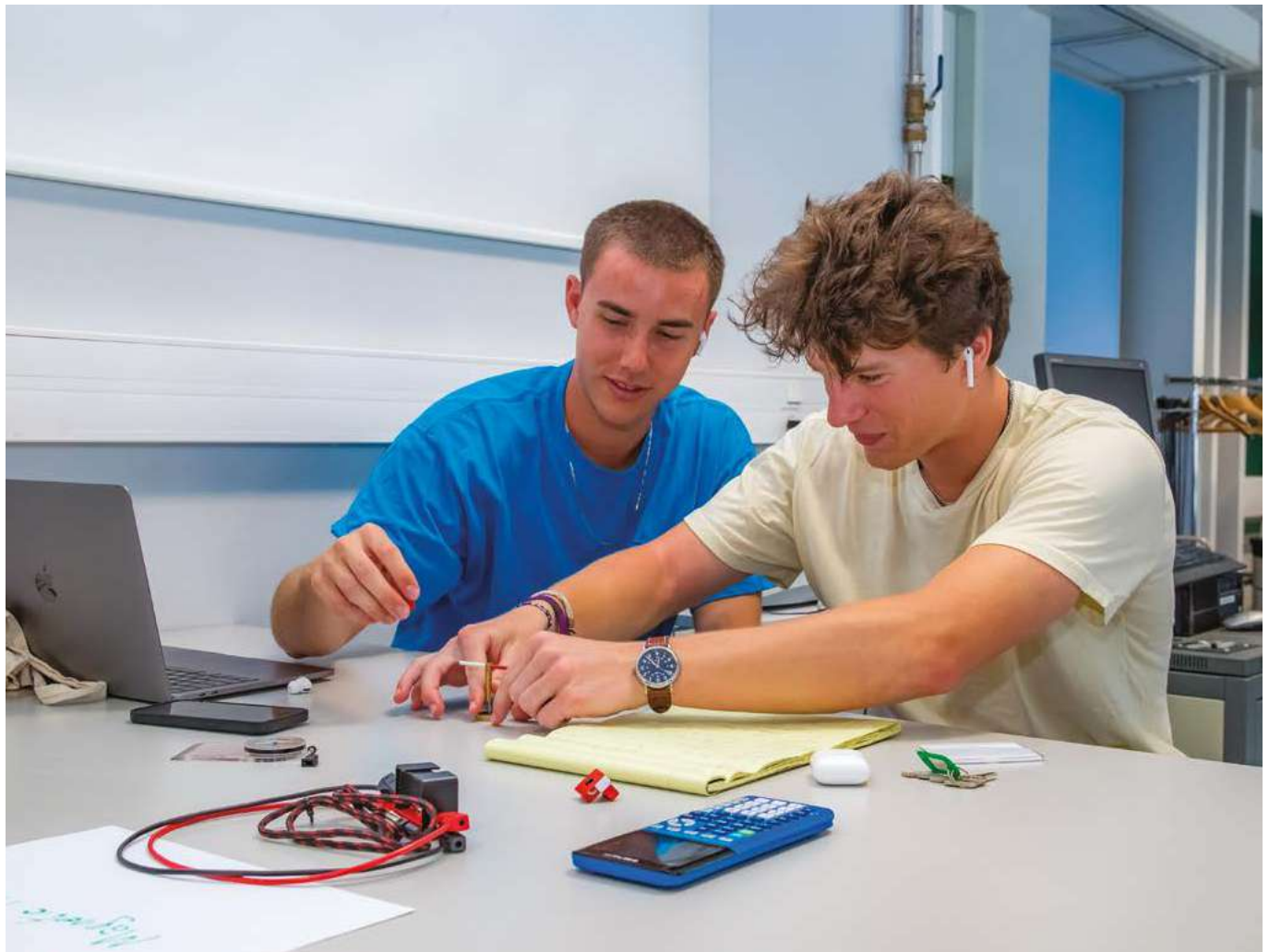


Health: a Common Good

Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP2

This course examines how health needs are understood and addressed in our societies in relation to various disciplines, including sociology, anthropology, economics, and more, in order to help nourish critical thinking regarding the place of health in our home societies.

#Humanism&EuropeanUnion



SUSTAINABILITY & THE SCIENCES



Case Studies in Environmental Science

Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1

This course will introduce students to the dynamics of natural environments from geological, biological, and chemical perspectives. Students will examine environmental issues through case studies, laboratory assignments, directed research, and discussion. This course also offers a specialized module entitled Lille: Quarries, Coal, and Coastlines. The module is focused on the many unique environmental activities in the area of Lille; including historical Roman mines, current identification of biodiversity on waste piles, and future considerations of preserving GeoHeritage sites on France's northern coast.

#SustainableDevelopment

JWia



Energy Transition and Renewable Energies

Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP2

This course will provide students with fundamentals of energy and an overview of renewable energies and their applications, including fundamentals of Energy, Energy transition and Renewable Energy Sources, Photovoltaic installation, Solar Thermal Energy Systems, Wind Energy Systems, Biomass and other sources, LCC and LCA of renewable energy sources.

#SustainableDevelopment

A strong commitment to transition, preparing the world of tomorrow



In 2022, the University reaffirmed its commitment to the climate through the #ClimatEtIsTime (#ClimatILestTemps) campaign and through numerous conferences, workshops, and other activities. The end of the year was marked by the very first "University Climate Convention," which brought together the entire University community – students, faculty, staff, and local residents.

The commitment of the *Université Catholique de Lille* is shared across its faculties and schools, many of which offer specialized programs emphasizing sustainable development. Recent years have seen the emergence of additional spaces for education, research, and experimentation. New buildings have been designed and built in order to limit their carbon impact and demonstrate good practices. The campus now benefits from more than 2,000 m² of solar panels and 15 energy transition experimentation sites, as well as from strong student participation, including 40 student associations dedicated to the environment.

Alumni Corner

For over 25 years, the European Summer Program has been the catalyst of many students' international journeys. It has helped them become more empowered and active as today's global citizens. Here are just a few of those stories...

“The European Summer Program helped me grow more independent and connect with both international and French students. The courses were impactful, broadening my knowledge and solidifying my desire to work in international business. Gaining a better understanding of French culture and its historical context set me up for success, giving me the confidence to continue taking courses in French and fundamentally shaping how I see myself as a global citizen.



Jennifer Jackson

University of Alberta
Canada - ESP 2007

“The European Summer Program has influenced me a lot, especially in exploring a new and different country, particularly the education system. In a way, the courses during the program helped me become a better student during that time because I learned how to go beyond the lectures. I also understand how to accept and appreciate the diversity of people and defy the stereotypes we usually see online. These experiences made me go back to France for my graduate studies.



Apurva Rao

Christ University Bangalore
India - ESP 2014

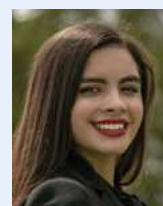
“That summer was very formative for me – it was the summer before my senior year, and I was still figuring out my academic and career path. Participation in the European Summer Program fundamentally shaped my choices: I ended up studying International Studies, pursuing a career in international development, signing up for another study abroad program, and eventually doing my graduate program in Europe. The program helped me to keep an open mind and make deep connections with the very interesting people I met, both inside and outside of the program.



Benjamin Stephan

Saint Louis University
United States of America -
ESP 2010

“The opportunity to meet international students and explore France and Europe was a once-in-a-lifetime experience I couldn't miss. The ESP made me dream higher and think outside the box, pushing the limits of what I thought I could achieve. It was like an open box of opportunities! I gained much more self-confidence and realized I am capable of doing so much more outside of my comfort zone, inspiring me to consider studying or working abroad in the future.



Eileen Galvan Carvajal

Tecnológico
de Monterrey
Mexico - ESP 2022

Program Package

Hospitality



- Accommodation in individual rooms in secure and private student residences, which are easily accessible to campus by walking or public transit
- Meal pass for use at the university restaurant during opening hours (50€ on card, can be recharged online at the student's expense)
- Several group meals throughout the program
- Transportation pass for all public transit systems in the Lille Metropolitan area
- Access to university facilities

Orientation



- Arrival assistance and support, campus tour, welcome brunch, ice-breaking activity, detailed program information session
- Student support available 24/7

Culture & Fieldtrips*



- Guided visit of Lille
- Day trips to historic and important French & Belgian cities with guided visits
- Cultural activities
- Movie nights
- Group meals

* subject to change

Academic



- Tuition fees & materials
- Official transcript for credit transfer

Program Fees

3,450€



10% discount for partner universities and for students attending both sessions

Application deadlines



ESP1 (20 May – 19 June 2026)

Registration deadline: 1 April 2026

ESP2 (23 June – 22 July 2026)

Registration deadline: 1 May 2026



See website for further details



Campus Services

The University's urban campus provides students with everything they will need for a comfortable and successful stay:



Specific services are available for students with health conditions or impairments. Please contact the LILLE Programs team for more information.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT DORMS



GYM FACILITIES (monthly surcharge)



UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER



UNIVERSITY RESTAURANTS



CREATIVE SPACES



LIBRARY ACCESS



Fieldtrips

Included fieldtrips*

Various fieldtrips are included in the cost of the European Summer Program, in order to give students an opportunity to visit places in the Euro-region with historical or cultural significance and relevance to courses offered.



**Fieldtrips are subject to change*





Optional fieldtrips*

We want students to make the most of their time in Lille, and have designed a series of additional fieldtrips and extra-curricular activities that will take them to some of the most emblematic cultural and historic sites within a few hours transit from Lille. Planned dates (subject to change) are available on the ESP website.

Spots are limited!

DAYTRIPS



WORLD WAR 1 SITES +100€

Trenches, battlefields, memorials on the Western Front.

- Arras, Vimy, and Notre Dame de Lorette (ESP1)
- Fromelles and Ypres (ESP2)

What's included: transportation, dinner, and museum admission fees.

WEEKENDS



NORMANDY +300€

WWII memorials and stunning seaside cliffs on the coast of Normandy.

What's included: transportation, Étretat, D-Day beaches, port city of Honfleur and Caen, 1 night in a hotel, breakfast and dinner. Available during ESP1 & ESP2.



REIMS +100€

Visit Reims, a historic Gallo-Roman city and the famous home of Champagne.

What's included: transportation, guided tour of the cathedral, admission and tour of a champagne cave. Available during ESP2.

**Fieldtrips are subject to change*

LILLE

a city of art, culture, and history

A rich history at the crossroads of Europe



Founded in 1066 by the Count of Flanders, Lille – *Rijsel* in Flemish – became an important trading and stock market point on the route between the rich Flemish towns and the Champagne fairs. As evident from some of its architecture, Lille was successively Flemish, Burgundian, and Spanish before finally becoming French in 1667 under Louis XIV, whose military engineer, Vauban, built Lille's impressive Citadel.

Yet the city has never stopped reinventing itself through successive economic, social, and power shifts. Lille's strategic location and the area's rich resources have made it one of the most fought over regions in Europe, a history visible today particularly through the numerous memorials from the last two World Wars in the region, toured by national and international visitors each year.



Big city advantages with small city atmosphere



Lille enjoys all of the conveniences of being at the centre of a cross-border urban zone with a population of over 2 million, yet remains a “human-sized” university city with under 250,000 inhabitants, nearly half of whom are under age 30! Visitors can get around easily on foot or by bicycle. Public transport also offers the metro, the tramway, and many bus lines running frequently and late into the night, not to mention convenient train connections to the rest of the region and indeed Europe as a whole.



City of art & culture



Since its designation as a European Capital of Culture in 2004, Lille Métropole has sponsored themed arts festivals with specific international connections every few years. The city was also designated a World Design Capital in 2020. But the arts are on display all year, every year. Lille boasts a significant number of theatres, concert venues, movie theatres, an opera house, and a national orchestra. Annual cultural events include, among many others, the Lille Piano(s) Festival, International Independent Movie Week, the international "Series Mania" festival, the Wazemmes accordion festival, and the "Fête de la

Musique" (country-wide) on 21 June with free concerts all over town.

And then there are all the world-renowned museums in the region, which include the centrally-located *Palais des Beaux-Arts* (boasting the largest art collection in France outside of Paris), the *Louvre-Lens* (a nearby outpost of the Louvre itself), *La Piscine* in Roubaix (built in a former art deco swimming pool), and a modern art museum with a unique collection. Most museums are free or have reduced rates for students.



More dynamic than ever



Join us in Lille!

The *Université Catholique de Lille* looks forward to welcoming you to France, to Lille, and to our university campus.

Important registration information



ESP1 (20 May – 19 June 2026)

Registration deadline: 1 April 2026

ESP2 (23 June – 22 July 2026)

Registration deadline: 1 May 2026

 **Applications open:
February 2026**

Cost of the program



3,450€ including:

1,500€

Tuition fees:

tuition fees, course materials, and ECTS credit transfer

1,600€

Hospitality package:

accommodation in student dorms, meal pass for use in the cafeteria with a 50€ credit, an orientation program, monthly pass for use on Lille transportation system, access to university facilities, cultural fieldtrips, several group meals, social activities, and more!

350€

Administration fees:

normally non-refundable after registration

10% discount

- for partner universities
- on ESP2 for students staying for both sessions



International health insurance coverage is mandatory to study in France. The program does not provide insurance, so students must ensure they are covered for the duration of the program.



Keep in touch

Newsletter «Greetings from LILLE!»

Contact us in order to subscribe to our monthly newsletter! It includes all the latest information about our LILLE Programs, international life on campus, cultural activities in Lille, and much more.

Virtual Study Abroad Fairs

The *Université Catholique de Lille* regularly participates in virtual study abroad fairs with our international partners.

If your university is planning to offer a virtual study abroad fair to your students, please contact us, as we would be happy to participate by sending a prerecorded video or joining a live video webinar whenever possible!

We can also send any necessary program documentation electronically or via international mail.

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