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EUROPEAN
SUMMER
PROGRAM



21 May to 20 June
25 June to 24 July
2025

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Welcome!

Bonjour & bienvenue...

... to France's leading private (not for profit) university, the Université Catholique de Lille, and to LILLE!

Home to the *Université Catholique de Lille* since 1875, Lille is a vibrant and dynamic university city at the centre of Western Europe. With swift connections to Brussels (35 minutes), Paris (60 minutes), and London (80 minutes), Lille is perfect for students planning to visit and study Europe. And there is always much to see and do in Lille itself – a welcoming multicultural haven.

We are proud of our growing network of over 540 partner universities, and are happy to welcome students from all over the world, all year round, as part of our efforts to promote peace, education, cultural awareness, and sustainable development – taking care of one another and of the world we live in.

We want you to be part of those efforts. Seize the opportunity to join us here for an excellent, integrated, and convivial academic program offering a life-changing cultural experience – 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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Université Catholique de Lille

The strength of ideals

Founded in 1875, the *Université Catholique de Lille* is a multi-disciplinary institution that brings together 5 Faculties, 17 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

40,000 students including **8,000** international

345 degree programs

22 training institutions

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

15 research units

550+ partner universities on 5 continents

www.univ-catholille.fr



In 2025, join us in celebrating 150 years of the *Université Catholique de Lille!* Cultural, academic and festive events will honor our history and our future. Programme of festivities to be found from January 2025 on www.univ-catholille.fr

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The *Université Catholique de Lille* is **France's largest private, not-for-profit university**, with over 40,000 students and 7,000 staff members. "La Catho" is home to **22 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 ranging from 2 to 4 weeks
- 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

LILLE European Summer Program:

ESP1 – 21 May > 20 June 2025
ESP2 – 25 June > 24 July 2025

LILLE Winter (customizable):

January - February

LILLE Semester Immersion Programs & LILLE Faculty Led Programs

Flash to discover
the **LILLE** experience
in video!



Contact us for more information!



Think outside the box – study outside the classroom!

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





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 6 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, and history
- 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
87
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



100+

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

45 to 48 hours
6 ECTS credits

+

Afternoon class (3 hours)

Pick one elective
in English or in French

39 hours
6 ECTS credits

=

Up to **87**
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.

MORNING ELECTIVES*



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CLARIFE

French Language & Culture*

Contact Hours: 45 | 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*



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.



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.

**All ESP students will take mandatory modules of Intercultural Communication or Survival French Language dependent upon their selected morning course. These modules count towards the students' overall program attendance/participation.*



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.



Introduction to Art and Cinema

Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP2

An overview of French art and cinema and the study of visual cultures more generally, examining various ways of 'reading' a piece of art - whether a painting, a photograph, or a film - from different periods of French and regional history, both in class and through visits to various local and regional art museums.



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.



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.



The Contentious Relationship between Science and Religion

Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1

This course shall explore the relationship between science and religion in the West, including the mutual implications, the places where developments in one may benefit the other, and the possibility that the two can be harmonized. We will explore the relationship between scientific and theological methods and modes of knowledge, and consider some of the central topics of Christian theology in the light of modern scientific evidence and theories.



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.

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.



Corporate Culture, Human Resources & 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.



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.

POLITICAL SCIENCE & LAW



European Union 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. This course includes a visit to the interactive Parliamentarium in Brussels.



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. This course includes a visit to the interactive Parliamentarium in Brussels.



European Security Architecture and Conflicts in Europe

Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP2

The main objective of the course is to familiarize the students with the philosophical and diplomatic disagreements on European security and the main reasons of the conflicts in Europe, with a view of wider European security architecture. The course will also discuss the role of international organizations (OSCE, EU, UN) and actors (EU, USA, Russia) in tackling European security dilemmas and conflict resolution processes.

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.



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.

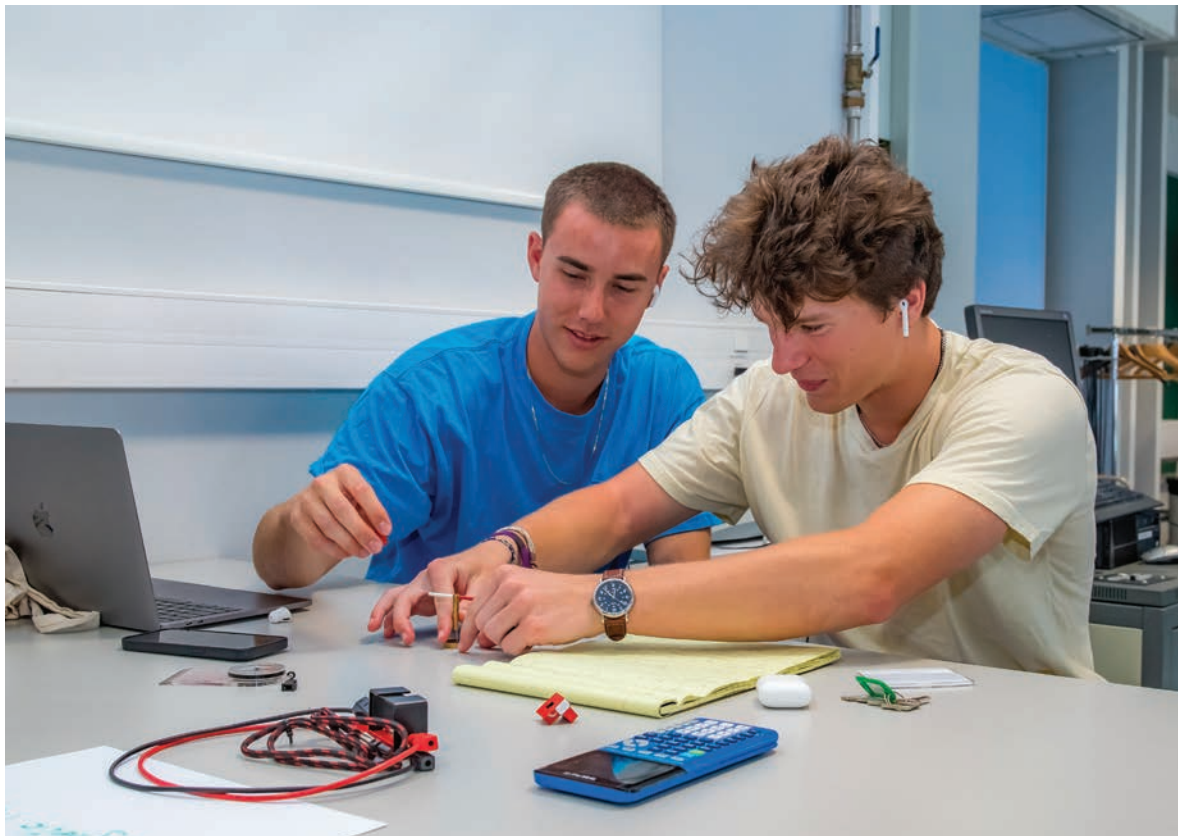
HEALTH STUDIES



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.



SUSTAINABILITY & THE SCIENCES



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.



Energy Transition and Renewable Energies

Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1&2

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.

A strong commitment to transition, preparing the world of tomorrow



In 2022, the University reaffirmed its commitment to the climate through the #ClimatEstTime (#ClimatEstTemps) 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 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...



Biljana Belamarić Wilsey, PhD
The University of Memphis
Macedonia - ESP 2001

“ Being an exchange student changes you so much in ways that you won't notice at first. Looking back on the European Summer Program, it broadened my horizons and made me realize the things I usually took for granted, like time. On a deeper level, I think going through the program strengthened me and allowed me to relate more to people with different cultures and backgrounds. ”



Sam Goodwin
Niagara University New York
United States of America - ESP 2010

“ Studying in France amplified my desire to understand the world better. When I finished college, I worked and lived overseas for seven years in investor relations for a tech startup business in Singapore and Dubai. The European Summer Program was an experience that helped me cultivate this interest in foreign affairs. It taught me how to let expectations take a back seat and replace stereotypes with real experiences. These are the types of things that we learn when we go abroad and look for a deeper understanding of the world. ”



Apurva Rao
Christ University Bangalore
India - ESP 2014

“ 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. ”

Maximiliano Azeves



Universidad Católica de Córdoba
Argentina – ESP 2022

“ The European Summer Program helped me to become more mature and to be able to think globally. It made me realize the importance of managing myself well independently and being more open and understanding of the culture and perspectives of people with varying backgrounds around me. ESP made us feel connected to friends from all over the world. ”

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).
- 5 group dinners throughout the program
- Transportation pass for all public transit systems in the Lille Metropolitan area
- Access to university facilities

Orientation



- Pick-up at train station on arrival day, 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 dinners

* 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 (21 May – 20 June 2025)

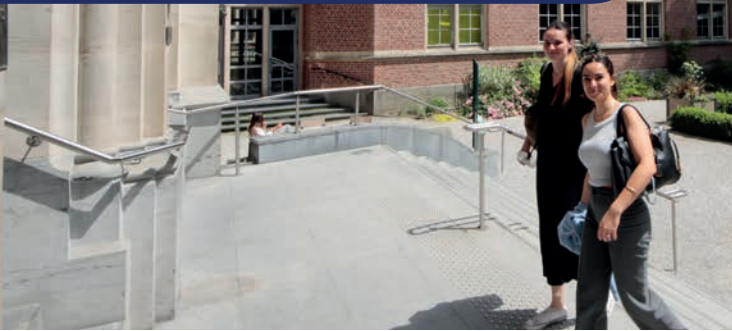
Registration deadline: 1 April 2025

ESP2 (25 June -24 July 2025)

Registration deadline: 1 May 2025

 See website for further details

Campus Services



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

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

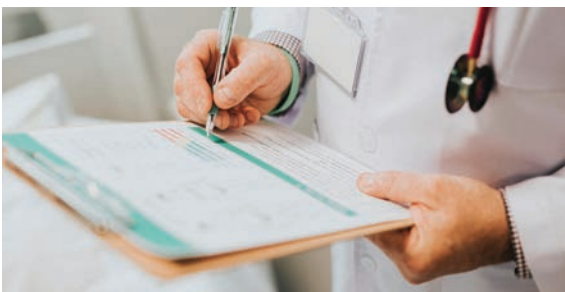
INDIVIDUAL STUDENT DORMS



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.



LILLE

Discover this "City of Art and History," France's 4th largest metropolitan centre.



BRUGES

Stroll the streets and enjoy a cruise on a canal boat!



BRUSSELS

Spend a day in the capital of Belgium and of the European Union.



YPRES

Explore World War I battlefields and monuments on the Western Front (ESP1)

**Fieldtrips are subject to change*

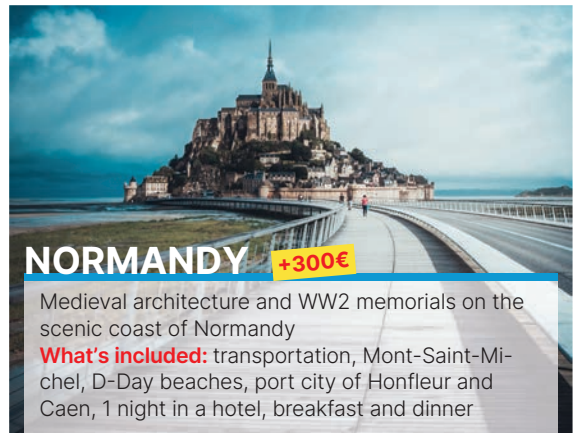


OPTIONAL FIELDTRIPS*

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!

WEEKENDS

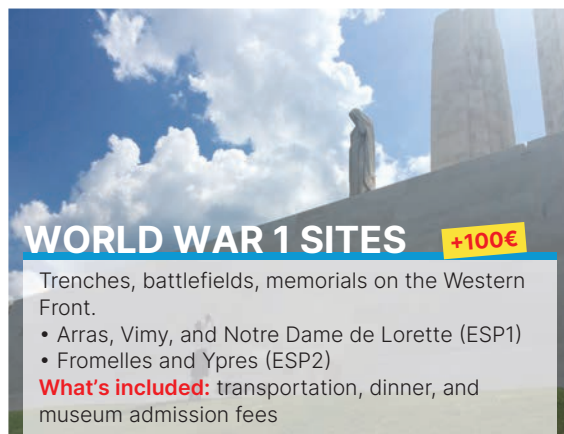


NORMANDY +300€

Medieval architecture and WW2 memorials on the scenic coast of Normandy

What's included: transportation, Mont-Saint-Michel, D-Day beaches, port city of Honfleur and Caen, 1 night in a hotel, breakfast and dinner

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



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

*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 (21 May – 20 June 2025)

Registration deadline: 1 April 2025

ESP2 (25 June – 24 July 2025)

Registration deadline: 1 May 2025

 Applications open: February 2025

Learn
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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, fieldtrips to Bruges and Brussels, 5 group dinners, cultural and social activities, and more!

350€

Administration fees:

normally non-refundable after registration

10% discount

for partner universities
and for students attending
both sessions



Health and Travel insurance coverage is mandatory to study in France. Students 25 years and under can subscribe to ESP coverage through the *Université Catholique de Lille* for 100€ per session. Students 26 years or older for 150€ per session.

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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