Bordeaux Montaigne University
A Humanist Tradition
Why study at Bordeaux Montaigne University?

Bordeaux Montaigne University encounters approximately 16000 students and 1300 teachers and staff working in teaching and research in art, languages, literature, human and social science. It delivers 138 national diplomas within 3 Teaching and Research Units (UFR) and 2 Institutes: Institute of Technology (IUT) and Institute of Journalism (IJBA). The University also works in close collaboration with the teacher training college of the Aquitaine Region (ESPE) to provide professional training for future schoolteachers.

A wide range of courses, from the Time-Honoured to the Cutting-Edge

- Applied Modern Languages - LEA
- Archeology
- Arts
- Art History
- Earth and Space Sciences
- Foreign Languages, Literature and Civilization
- French as a Foreign Language
- French Modern Literature and Classics
- Gender Studies
- Geography
- History
- Humanistic and Scientific Culture
- Information and Communication
- Land and Town Planning and Development
- Language Science and Linguistics
- Multimedia industry and Internet technology
- Philosophy
- Social Careers
- Journalism
Innovation & digital humanities

The University is convinced that technological and educational innovation plays a key role in student success. As part of its prospective digital strategy, it offers a wide range of tools for accessing information and sharing knowledge, including a number of platforms for teaching, e-learning and peer production, a 3D printer, web sites, digital language labs, web TV and on-line documentation resources.
Embracing the international dimension of education and research has long been an important feature of the University’s activities. Each year, some 450 students come to study at Bordeaux Montaigne as part of international co-operation and exchange agreements, arriving from across Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas, and some 350 home students go off to study abroad. The University has firmly identified the benefits of improving this evolving international network. Its development and promotion are considered as strategic challenges to be addressed over the coming years. Along this line, specific place is given to our visiting professor program, to developing international curricula, to dispensing teaching in a foreign language and to playing an active role in international networks.
Academic Cooperation

- Student or Faculty Exchange
- **2000 foreign students** with over 120 different nationalities
- 500 students enrolled in Exchange Programs
- About **300 Cooperation Agreements** across the globe
- Strong European cooperation within the **Erasmus+ Program**

Research-Oriented Cooperation

- **100 research programs**, **200 academic events** per year
- **10 research groups**, **5 mixed research units**, **1 mixed service research unit**
- **1 cluster of excellence for research** in Archeological sciences
- The Bordeaux University Press

A Doctoral School in an international dimension

- **700 post-graduate students**
- **90 thesis** defences per year
- A research training and a professional skills development system

A University where Modern Languages and French Language and Culture Take Pride of Place

Resources devoted to the teaching of **23 modern and regional languages**, some more commonly spoken than others, is a strategic choice, as part of the University’s outward-looking international vision.

The **DEFLE** is a department of Bordeaux Montaigne University specialized in teaching **French as a foreign language**. Teaching methods used are inspired by communicative and task-based methods, in parallel with research carried out in the field of language learning.
Cultural Events and Physical Activities All Year Round

Throughout the year, the University offers rich and varied programs of cultural events, with music, theatre, literature and cinema. It supports and advises students and lecturers who run cultural projects and promotes artistic expression through workshops, artists in residence, performances and encounters with intellectuals.

The University Department of Physical Activities and Sport, DAPS proposes to students and staff to practice among a choice of about 55 physical, sportive and artistic activities.

A Network of 16 Libraries, Resource Centers and Map Collections

Each Bordeaux library content can be accessed on-line via a single catalogue, awarded the 2011 prize for digital innovation in libraries: 11 000 m² of library floor-space, contains about 1000 seated places in reading rooms, collections totaling more than 700 000 printed documents related to literature, languages, art, human and social science, and around 47 000 journals and specialist on-line digital resources.
Bordeaux, a good place to study

Thanks to the tram which provides an easy and fast link to Bordeaux downtown center, Bordeaux Montaigne University campus is ideally located within a nice and green area. Since June 2007, Bordeaux has been registered as a UNESCO world heritage site. In 2014, Bordeaux was ranked one of the 5 best places to study in France.

Bordeaux Montaigne University was founded in 1441. Its fields of study were at that time theology, law, medicine and art. Reorganized by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1793, the Faculty of Art was replaced by Humanities. In 1968, as the University got divided into 4 parts, it became Bordeaux 3 University of Literature, Human and Social Science. In 1990 it was renamed Michel de Montaigne Bordeaux 3 University to finally become Bordeaux Montaigne University in 2014.
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