

## Université Catholique de Lille *Lille Catholic University*

Lille enjoys an exceptional geographic location, less than one hour by train from Paris and Brussels, 80 minutes from London and Amsterdam, and is at the heart of a metropolis of 1,2 million inhabitants. It is an important trading centre and the city welcomes the offices of many international companies.

Lille Catholic University was founded in 1875 to unite the five existing faculties - Medicine, Science, Law, Arts and Theology-. Since that time, a large number of specialised schools and institutions have been established to address the additional training needs of managers, teachers and engineers in a variety of sectors of the economy as well as in social services. This makes Lille Catholic University the largest private campus in France, offering the greatest number of study programmes to its students.

Such programme diversity finds its origins in the university's underlying structure, where two higher education systems –traditional university Faculties and “Grandes Ecoles”– uniquely complement each other. This multidisciplinary approach has earned Lille Catholic University an excellent reputation in education and research within the Nord-Pas de Calais region.

With teaching methods and tools professionally oriented towards the needs of the future, Lille Catholic University offers 140 distinct degrees in four major fields of study:

- **Law, Economics & Management**
- **Humanities**
- **Health Sciences & Social Work**
- **Science and Engineering.**

The university hosts a population of 24,500 full-time students who have the opportunity to study in the six different faculties (Arts and Humanities, Law, Economics, Science, Medicine, and Theology), or in one of the 20 “Grandes Ecoles” and institutes on campus, 4 of them specialized in Engineering and 3 others in Business and Management.

Quite apart from its commitment to teaching, the Lille Catholic University seeks to offer its expertise and knowledge off-campus by partaking on numerous international missions and community services.

In addition, the university is an active member of the regional network of universities which aim is to work together, in France and abroad, to position themselves as an academic Euro-region.

Lille Catholic University prides itself on its European dimension and is very active in fostering study abroad programmes. Partnerships exist with over 350 foreign universities, 300 of which are in Europe. The university is very active in IFCU, AIU and ERASMUS, which enables over 500 students each year to spend between 3 and 12 months studying at one of the partner European institutions and a similar number of Europeans to come and study in Lille. A further 800 students study abroad worldwide, and another 1600 undertake study-related work placements abroad.

### **Facts and figures**

- A campus situated 15 minutes walk from the town centre
- 6 Faculties
- 20 Colleges and Institutes including 4 Engineering schools, and 3 Business and Management schools, plus a full range of health sciences, social and business studies
- 24,500 full-time students
- 1, 900 international students from 88 countries
- 350 international partner universities
- 1,300 students abroad every year participating in a student exchange programme
- 1,600 students abroad every year for internships or placements
- A Hospital Complex (700 beds)
- 33 research teams (7 linked to the CNRS, French National Research Network)
- a central library – 12 departmental libraries
- 300 student associations (students' union, humanitarian groups, cultural and sport organisations)
- 7 junior businesses (13 within the region)
- 2,000 rooms in halls of residence
- A student chaplaincy with representatives in the various establishments
- A sports complex
- An arts centre : conferences, concerts, workshops

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