

Fact Sheet 2021 - 2022

GENERAL 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
Institutional's website	https://ices.fr/
Website for International Students	https://ices.fr/international/erasmus-and-exchange-students-at-ices/

CONTACT DETAILS	
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LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	
The main language of instruction is French.	English courses https://ices.fr/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/ICES-International-Catalog-English-Course.pdf
English courses offered in some departments.	
Free French language course offered to the international students (9 ECTS / semester)	French courses https://ices.fr/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/ICES-International-Catalog-French-Course.pdf

GRADING SYSTEM	
Grades in France are awarded on a scale from 0 to 20.	20 = highest mark 10 = pass mark 0 = lowest mark

ACADEMIC CALENDAR	
Fall semester nomination deadline	June 15th
Fall semester application deadline	June 30th
Fall semester orientation Week	Last week of August
Fall semester lectures	Early September to mid-December
Fall semester exams	end of December
Spring semester nomination deadline	October 15th
Spring semester application deadline	October 30th
Spring semester orientation week	First week of January
Spring semester lectures	Early January to the end of April
Spring semester exams	3 weeks in May
Resit (for both semesters)	2 weeks in the end of June
Holidays	Christmas (two weeks in December) Winter holidays (one week in March) Easter break (one week in April) Summer break (July & August)

APPLICATION PROCESS
Once nominated by their Home University Coordinator, the students will receive an email from ICES IRO with the link to the online application.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR THE INCOMING STUDENTS	
Accommodation	ICES does not provide on-campus residence. Students may opt for the below accommodations options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private flat : +/- 400€/month (utilities & meals excluded) - Host family (only a few ones - please contact the ICES IRO for more information & contact details) - Off-campus residences "Escale Ouest" : 360€/month (all inclusive except meals & administrative fees) https://escalesouest.com/ - Foyer La Louisiane (females' residence managed by a non-profit association) : +/- 520€/month (utilities, breakfast & dinner included) https://www.foyer-lalouisiane.fr/
Visa / Immigration	Students from outside the European Union may need a visa. Immigration regulations are subject to frequent change thus we encourage you to check with your local French Embassy what type of visa you may need. https://www.campusfrance.org/fr

Health Insurance	<p>European citizens must hold the EHIC (European Health Insurance Card).</p> <p>Non-European citizens must register at the French Social Security (free of charge) https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/</p> <p>Are exempted from this registration students holding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Health Insurance Card - SE401Q102 or SE401Q106 forms (R.A.M.Q / Québec) <p>The French Social Security does not cover 100% of the medical bills so we encourage the students to take personal/travel insurance that covers the rest of the medical expenses.</p>
Bank account & room insurance	<p>Students living in Escale Ouest Residence must have a French bank account while in France. ICES IRO will assist the student with the process. Compulsory bank fees : 80€/year (credit card & room insurance)</p>
Pick up service upon arrival	<p>ICES may provide a pick-up service if needed. Make sure to forward your travel details 72h before the day of your arrival.</p>
How to reach La Roche-sur-Yon?	<p>1) Take a flight to Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) or to Nantes Airport (NTE).</p> <p>2) Take a TGV (high-speed train) from Charles de Gaulle Airport (ROISSY TGV) to Nantes train-station. Then take a direct train from Nantes train-station to La Roche-sur-Yon train-station.</p>

FRENCH SUMMER ACADEMY	
Fee-paying programme in July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A 3-week intensive French Language Programme with native speakers specialized in French as a Second Language Teaching - Placement test before arrival - Courses from beginner to advanced level - 70 contact hours, - Small groups, - Worth 12 ECTS - Opportunity to get a Level Certificate <p>Contact : Ms. Gaëlle DELAVOIE gdelavoie@ices.fr</p>