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Partner University Exchange

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

FAST FACTS

- **Exchange levels:**
undergraduate,
graduate
- **Language of instruction:** French
- **Language Requirement:** 2 years college-level French prior to exchange
- **University website:**
www.uco.fr
- **Length of exchange:** semester or academic year

ANGERS AT A GLANCE

Population:
157,000

Climate:
Cold winters and hot summers.

Proximity to:
Paris: 190 miles
Lyon: 282 miles
Berlin: 710 miles
London: 280 miles

Universite Catholique de l'Ouest

The Universite Catholique de l'Ouest (UCO) is situated in the Loire Valley of Western France, just 90 minutes away from Paris by train. UCO has 12,000 students, including 1,500 international students & teachers. The campus is located in the city-center, just five minutes from shopping centers, restaurants, & the world-famous gardens of Angers. UCO, with its first founding over 130 years ago in 1373, is known for its immaculate blend of old & new architectural styles on its Angers campus.

Academics

The language of instruction at UCO is French. Students with French proficiency may take classes in literature, language, teaching French as a foreign

language, music, fine arts, history, sociology, psychology, communication, education, mathematics, computer science, biology, environmental studies, theology, and religion. Students may take French culture, society, & language courses with the International Center of French Studies (CIDEF), which also offers fieldtrips & immersions.

Housing & Meals

Students may stay in university halls of residence or with a French homestay family. Two university restaurants are on campus, as well as other snack options.

Cost Information

Students pay their regular tuition to UM and their room & board in Angers. Monthly rent is

approximately 300 EUR & meals cost around 15 EUR per day at students' restaurants. Montana residents must apply for their visa in person at the Consulate in San Francisco (costs US\$120). UM financial aid can be applied to tuition, living & travel expenses on this program.

Credit Transfer

Students will register for classes upon arrival at UCO. The minimum course load for students is 24 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System) per semester, which transfers to 12 UM credits.

Program Dates

Semester 1: late September to late January
Semester 2: early February to June

Angers, France

The City

Angers is located in the beautiful Loire Valley in northwestern France, & is the capital of the famous Anjou wine producing region. The city is laden with historical sites, including a 13th century castle & many museums. Angers hosts several film festivals each year, & has lively theater & concert scenes.

Angers is famous for its many gardens & parks, making it a

picnicking paradise.

The greater Loire Valley, with its rolling green hillsides has long been home to wealthy French families, & today provides an excellent area to explore by car or bicycle. The entire area has been named a UNESCO World Heritage site for its immaculately kept vegetable & flower gardens & picturesque old chateaus, castles, as well as for the quaint & more quietly beautiful

farmhouses. Angers is located just 90 minutes by high speed train (TGV) from Paris so urban-oriented students can make the short journey to the romantic capital city for shopping, outstanding cuisine, or to explore any number of world-class art museums like the Musée d'Orsay and the Louvre. Find out more at <http://www.angers.fr/foreign-versions/english-version/>