The Université de Tours was established in 1970. Its forty-four years of commitment to excellence have contributed significantly to making it a leading educational institution in France’s Centre region. Université François-Rabelais is host to 30,000 students (3,000 are international) and 2,300 faculty, researchers, and technical and administrative staff. The city of Tours is home to 140,000 people and is the largest city in the Loire Valley. The Loire Valley with its beautiful countryside’s and historical and gastronomical treasures is listed as a world heritage site by UNESCO. Students can visit magnificent castles, stroll through picturesque towns and villages, learn more about the rich cultural heritage of the region, and study French Language. Further, Tours is located one hour from Paris by high-speed train. To learn more visit http://international.univ-tours.fr/a-european-university/.

Program Dates: Fall semester (Autumn): September 3 – December 14, 2018
Spring semester: January 7, 2019 – May 24, 2019

Eligibility: Undergraduate students with a 2.50 overall GPA or higher and graduate students with a 3.0 GPA. Those students wanting to take French Language classes need to have a language level of A2 or higher and less than a C1.

Academic Program: Courses are offered mostly in French, but there are some more than 100 courses in English. At the undergraduate level there are English programs in urban planning, French language, computer science, history, politics and international relations, economics, and literature and languages. At the master’s level there are science and technology programs in English. Course in English are in the following areas: Urban/regional planning, English translation, literature and languages, economics, international relations, French language and culture, physics, engineering, computer science, history and culture, and political science. US credits are worth half of the ECTS credits, for example, 6 ECTS credits = 3 US credits.

Courses: For a list of the most popular courses taken by exchange students go to http://cces.univ-tours.fr/recherche.php
Additional English course offerings can be found at http://international.univ-tours.fr/admissions-courses/politics-and-international-relations-program-255751.kjsp?RH=1324238980772. If fluent in French additional courses are available.

Estimated Costs: Airfare, FAU tuition (in state/out of state rates apply), FAU administrative fee ($200 semester/$250 year), CISI insurance ($44 per month), local transportation (240€), and spending money. French courses for exchange students at CUEFEE (50€/semester). The estimated cost of living in tours for 1 month is 700-800 € (accommodation, food, and leisure). Students may find the monthly estimates to be high or low depending on their personal choices.


Application Deadline: May 18 (fall), November 9 (spring).

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