



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 sciences**. It delivers 138 national diplomas within **three Teaching and Research Units (UFR) and two Institutes**: the Institute of Technology (IUT) and the Institute of Journalism Bordeaux Aquitaine (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. Bordeaux Montaigne University is a founding member of IDEX Bordeaux - Initiative d'Excellence -, recognized as a world class university centre.

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

Journalism

Land and Town Planning and Development

Language Science and Linguistics

Multimedia industry and Internet technology

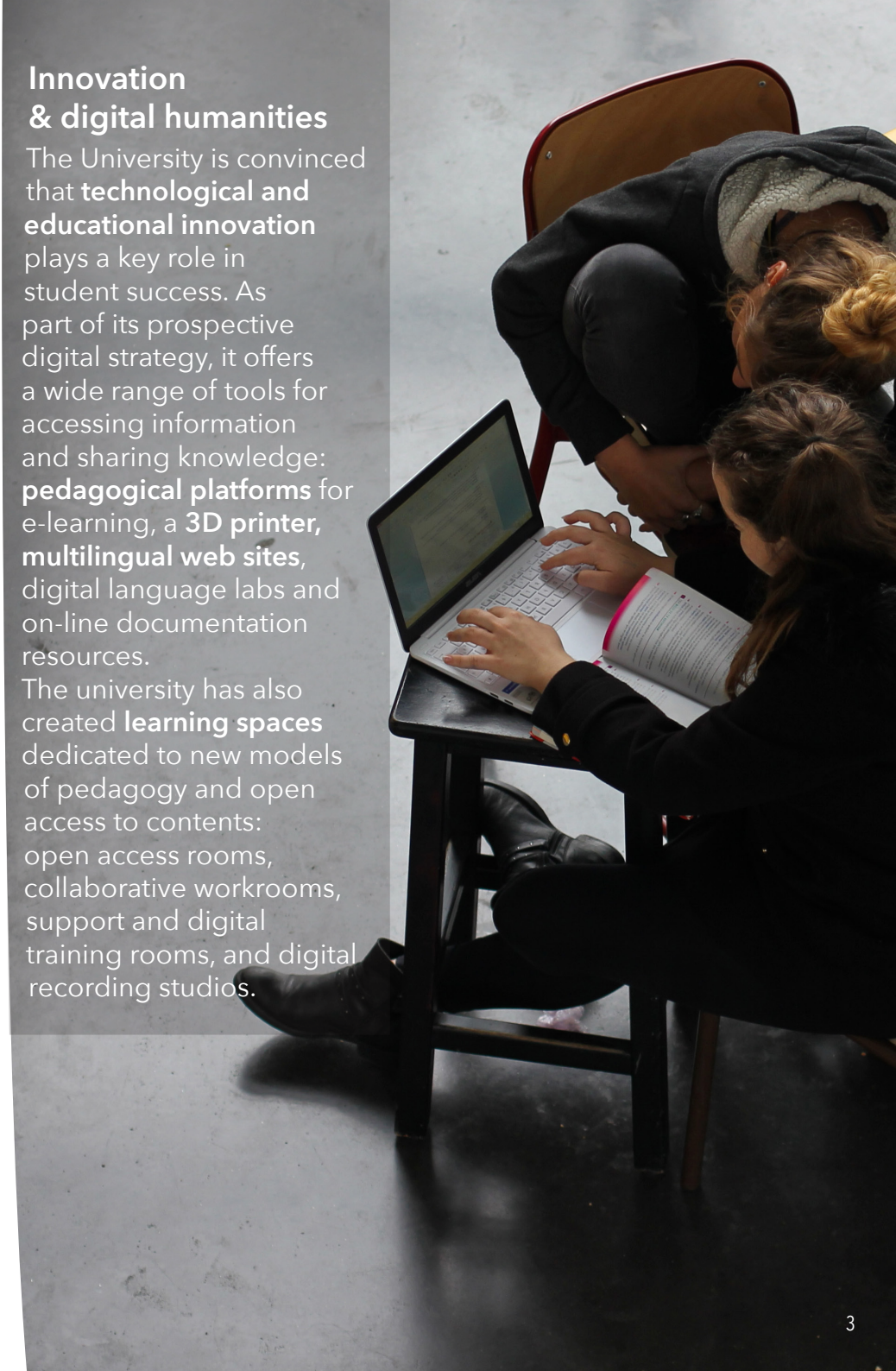
Philosophy

Social Careers

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: **pedagogical platforms** for e-learning, a **3D printer**, **multilingual web sites**, digital language labs and on-line documentation resources.

The university has also created **learning spaces** dedicated to new models of pedagogy and open access to contents: open access rooms, collaborative workrooms, support and digital training rooms, and digital recording studios.



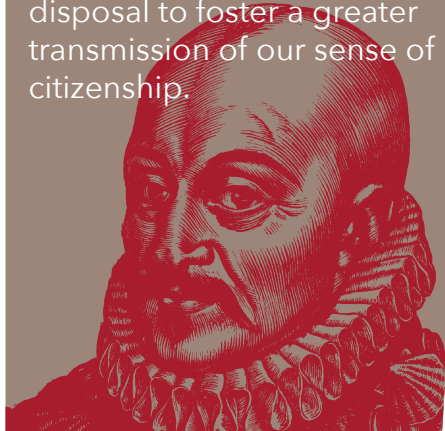
International Activity

Each year, more than **450 students** come to study at Bordeaux Montaigne University as part of international cooperation and exchange agreements, arriving from across Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas, and some **500 home students** go off to study or do an internship abroad.

The development of **international exchanges** is a strategic issue for Bordeaux Montaigne University, which has placed at the heart of its priorities the opening of **international programs and research activities**. Several **double degrees** have been set up in partnership with universities in Germany, Spain, Italy and Russia.

Along this line, specific place is given to our visiting professors program, to developing international curricula, to dispensing teaching in **English** and to playing an active role in international **networks**.

Bordeaux Montaigne University, true to the spirit of its tutelary figure, French philosopher Michel de Montaigne, has always been an ambassador of humanist thought. Its aim is to contribute to the renewal of such thinking in the 21st century by grasping the new tools and knowledge at its disposal to foster a greater transmission of our sense of citizenship.



Academic Cooperation

- **2000 foreign students** with over 120 different nationalities
- About **500 cooperation agreements** across the globe
- Strong European cooperation within the **Erasmus+ Program** "Mobility of higher education" with two flagship actions:
 - KA 103 for intra-European mobility
 - KA 107 for mobility outside Europe, with countries of the Erasmus+ program and the partner countries of the program.

Research-Oriented Cooperation

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

An exclusive Doctoral School in an international dimension

- **600 post-graduate students**
- **70 thesis defenses** per year

- A research training and a professional skills development system
- **67 joint thesis supervision**

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

Resources devoted to the teaching of **24 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 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 in the Bordeaux Montaigne University.

Cultural Events and Physical Activities All Year Round

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

The University Department of Physical Activities and Sport (DAPS) proposes to students and staff to practice among a choice of more than 50 physical, sportive and artistic activities



Libraries, Resource Centers and Map Collections

The documentation of each Bordeaux library content can be accessed on-line via a single catalogue, awarded the 2011 prize for digital innovation in libraries.

This catalogue regroups collections totaling more than **700 000** printed documents related to literature, languages, art, human and social science.

Around **47000** journals and specialist on-line digital resources are available online.

The university libraries count with **11 000 m²** of library floor-space, contains about **1000** seated places in reading rooms.

Bordeaux city, student friendly

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 best places to study in France**. In addition to being young and dynamic, the regional capital offers a particularly pleasant living environment: the riverbanks along the Garonne have been redeveloped, places of cultural expression are numerous and constantly in motion, the **Atlantic Ocean** is only a few tens of kilometers away and the **Pyrenees** are easily accessible. The university area of Pessac - Talence - Gradignan is **the second largest European campus** covering 235 hectares and having 50 buildings.

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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