

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

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<https://international-uco.com> – for updated information on dates, programs ...

1. Academic calendar

- mandatory orientation week
 - the week prior to the beginning of semester 1
 - the week prior to the beginning of semester 2
- 1st semester
 - beginning of September – Xmas / end of January depending on the Faculty
- 2nd semester
 - January – May / June depending on the Faculty (including exams)
- Resit exams: to be confirmed during the mobility period
- Semester breaks
 - mid-semester: one week around the end of October / early November
 - Winter: two weeks from Christmas until early January
 - mid-semester: one week in February
 - Spring: one week in April

2. Admission procedure

Nomination deadline:

- 1st semester: 15 May
- 2nd semester: 15 November

Application deadline:

- 1st semester: 31 May
- 2nd semester: 30 November

Application documents:

- UCO application form
- Copy of passport or identity card
- EU medical card (for EU students only)

Language requirements: B1.2 (in French) or B2 (in English for entirely English taught programs)

Grading system:

- French system: marks out of 20, 10/20 being the pass mark
- ECTS system: "A" to "E" = pass; "F" = fail

3. French language courses

- French courses offered by [CIDEF](#) – International Center for French Studies – in July and August and during the academic year (fee-paying courses)
- French classes during the semester: 1h30 per week – 3 levels from B1 to C1 - 5 ECTS

4. Accommodation

Two options:

- Homestay
- Hall of residence

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5. Meals

- Cafeterias on campus

6. Medical Insurance

All non-EU students must be in possession of a medical insurance, valid throughout the duration of their stay at UCO, before arriving in France. Upon arrival, they must register to the French general social security system. Registration is done online by logging in to the website of the health insurance dedicated to foreign students (free of charge): <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/>

EU students must show evidence that they hold an EU medical card. Students from Québec must show evidence of their SE401Q106.

Useful information on the following website: <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/healthcare-student-social-security>

7. Visa

How to get a visa: <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/the-different-types-of-visas> and <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/home>

Non-EU students will receive a letter of invitation from UCO in order to obtain the visa.

8. Angers

Discover Angers through this page: <https://www.angers.fr/> or <https://www.angers.fr/foreign-versions/english-version/welcome-to-angers/index.html>