Online information meeting for students applying for an EDUC Gap year in France

Tuesday, 5th April, 16:00 to 17:00

Do not forget to turn your micro off, you can ask your questions in the chat!
AGENDA OF THE MEETING

● Introduction to the EDUC gap year - 10 min
● Presentation of the two French EDUC universities: Paris Nanterre & Rennes 1 - 20 min
● Student testimonies - 10 min
● Questions and answers session - 20 min
WHAT IS EDUC?

European Digital UniverCity:

- An Alliance of 6 european universities
- Labeled « European University » and funded by the European Commission
- Cross-disciplinary
- Based on pedagogical and digital innovations
- Dedicated to foster student mobility
The EDUC Gap Year: Principles

What is it?

- A new mobility of 1 or 2 semesters in order to study other subjects than your initial training.
- An interruption in your studies at your home university. You will be treated as an exchange student at the receiving university. But this mobility, unlike an Erasmus+ mobility, does not count towards your degree. It is an additional semester or year.
- Some specific rules might apply at your university.
- Students from Cagliari, Masaryk, Pécs and Potsdam can apply to study at one or two of the French EDUC universities (University of Rennes 1 or University Paris Nanterre).
- Open to all EDUC students at Bachelor or Master level.
- Students must select and attend a number of courses equivalent to 30 ECTS credits.
**THE EDUC GAP YEAR: PRINCIPLES**

What is the added value?

- Disciplinary openness: possibility to study one or several disciplines, different from your diploma
- The opportunity to personalise your profile and differentiate yourself to recruiters
- A linguistic immersion: to learn and improve your skills in French, but also in other languages
- A cultural openness to discover France (the city of Rennes in Bretagne or Nanterre, close to Paris)
- The possibility to develop your "soft skills" and receive an EDUC certificate, confirming this mobility
- Make friends all over Europe … while in France!
EDUC Gap year: When and how to apply?

The application campaign is now open to do a mobility in 2022-2023: for the fall semester (1st semester/winter semester), for the spring semester (2nd semester/summer semester), or for both.

- **Deadline for application:**
  
  At **Masaryk**: April, 21st  
  At **Pécs**: April, 20th  
  At **Potsdam**: April, 21st  
  At **Cagliari**: April, 21st  

- **Documents for the application:**

  1. A completed application form (available at your home university’s website)  
  2. A cover letter written in English  
  3. A proof of language skills in the teaching language (B2 level) - except for French languages courses
EDUC GAP YEAR: SELECTION AND SCHOLARSHIP

The selection process - departure from September 2022 on

- End of April - Beginning of May
  Preselection of applications by home university

- May 9-13
  EDUC gap-year commissions

- Mid-end May
  Selected candidates are notified

- End of May to July
  Administrative procedure: gap year agreement, learning agreement, registration,...

The mobility scholarship

- 900€/month (pro rata of the actual presence over the study period) + travel grant: 300 €/semester
- Advance payment.s and balance payment (based on real mobility dates) at the reception of the supporting documents
PRESENTATION OF THE TWO FRENCH EDUC UNIVERSITIES
4 campuses in the western part of Paris:
- Main Campus in Nanterre of 32ha
- Three more campuses (La Défense, Ville d’Avray, Saint-Cloud)

World-famous alumni:
- Former and current Presidents of France
  Nicolas Sarkozy and Emmanuel Macron
- IMF managing directors
  Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Christine Lagarde
- Musician David Guetta, etc.
Academic offer

4 national domain of studies:
- Human and Social Sciences
- Sciences, Technology, Health
- Art, Humanities, Languages
- Law, Economics, Business and Management
As soon as you arrive, the International Relations team and our Welcome Desk will provide you with orientation support for your new university:

- Registration,
- Assistance with administrative formalities,
- Accommodation
- Advice on daily life matters
- Buddy system

→ Website: university.parisnanterre.fr/welcome-desk
Cultural activities: 
Take part in cultural or artistic activities or, attend a wide range of shows throughout the year!
→ Many cultural events offered by our cultural center : ACA².

Activities: music, cinema, photography, theatre, street art…
Events: festivals, concerts, projections, exhibitions…

Sports activities: 
The SUAPS Sports Association offers a wide range of physical and sports activities, both for teams and individuals:
- Swimming, diving, aqua-bike, water aerobics … Football, rugby, volleyball, basketball, handball, futsal … African dance, salsa, west coast swing, tango, hip-hop … Judo, jiu-jitsu, boxing, self-defence … Zumba, abs, step, cardio hit … Cross-fit, weightlifting, athletics … Tennis, table tennis, badminton … Climbing, archery, acrobatics, circus arts …ETC.

Check the Paris Nanterre International student guide for more information
(Learning French, university libraries, where to eat, organisation of the academic year and so on)
A FEW FIGURES

- 34,000 students
- 5,680 1st year students
- 5,590 international students, 16.5% of the student population
- 15,000 graduates
- 200 PhDs
WELCOME TO UNIVERSITE DE RENNES 1
Bienvenue à l'université de Rennes 1
Université de Rennes 1 founds its origin in the XVth century (Université de Bretagne, founded in 1461)

David Alis,
President of the University since 2015

**Rennes City:**
- 67,000 students (2/3 of its population)
- Human scale city, highly reputed quality of life, only 1.5hr away from Paris and 1hr from prestigious sites such as Mont Saint-Michel or Saint-Malo
- 3rd Best French student city to live in (L’étudiant magazine ranking 2020)

**Last but not least**: 182 bars, and many terrasses! A vibrant social life...
Our faculties

Health
- Medicine
- Odontology
- Pharmacy

Sciences
- Computer Sciences & Electronics
- Mathematics
- Earth Sciences & Astronomy Observatory
- Environment & life sciences
- Science & properties of matter

Law
- Law & Political Science
- Economics Science
- Rennes Graduate School of Management (IGR)
- Institute of Public Administration Studies (IPAG)
- Philosophy

Political science
- Institute of Technology (IUT)

Management
- Rennes Institute of Technology (IUT)
- Saint-Brieuc Institute of Technology (IUT)

Philosophy

Technology
- Institute of Technology (IUT)
- Saint-Malo Institute of Technology (IUT)

Engineering schools
- Advanced National College of Applied Science and Technology (ENSSAT)
- Advanced College of Engineering of Rennes (ESIR)
Libraries
3 university libraries in Rennes
134 computer rooms
everyday 08:45 a.m. - 07:00 p.m

Sports
Student life department

Student restaurants

Health
Culture

Virtual campus tour:
https://univ-rennes1.plateforme360.fr/
Check out the various cultural and social activities listed by the CMI
https://cmi.univ-rennes.fr/en

ESN/ Erasmus Student network (Rennes sans frontières) ‘Facebook, website + discord group, cultural activities, games, social events…

Accommodation: Private accommodation - student residence, shared flat,…

Buddy system/monitors: help students upon their arrival: pick-up, support for formalities (bank account, housing, …)

Other useful information: International Student Guide
https://international.univ-rennes1.fr/en/welcome-universite-de-rennes-1-0
EDUC team > in charge of the gap year mobilities
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International offices in Rennes:
CENTRAL CAMPUS
• Faculty of Law and political science: International.droit@univ-rennes1.fr
• Faculty of economics: eco-international@univ-rennes1.fr
• Graduate School of management IGR-IAE: igr.international@univ-rennes1.fr

BEAULIEU CAMPUS
• Departments Property of the Matter (SPM), ISTIC, Mathematics, Philosophy, SVE, ESIR: dari-beaulieu@univ-rennes1.fr

All these contacts can be found here:
👉 https://www.univ-rennes1.fr/la-direction-des-affaires-et-relations-internationales
Thank you for your attention!
**HOW TO SELECT COURSES**

University of Rennes 1:
- Course catalogue in French: [https://formations.univ-rennes1.fr/](https://formations.univ-rennes1.fr/)
  * Bachelors from the faculty of economics are not available to EDUC GY students
  * Other requests for courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the teachers in charge of the course
- A specific list of courses available to EDUC gap year students > ask your sending university

University Paris Nanterre:

Conditions for the selection of courses:
- Bachelor level courses are recommended (First to third year)
- French courses are recommended
- Courses must be an equivalent of 30 ECTS credits per semester
- Courses must be outside of your field of studies: a complementary course or a different discipline
- Courses must be indicated in the application form in the learning agreement section
USEFUL LINKS AT YOUR HOME UNIVERSITY

- The University of Cagliari: [https://www.unica.it/unica/it/educ_opportunita.page](https://www.unica.it/unica/it/educ_opportunita.page) (TBA - Look for Gap Year 3rd call)
- The University of Potsdam: [https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/educ/index/join-in/for-students/gap-year-in-france](https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/educ/index/join-in/for-students/gap-year-in-france)
USEFUL LINKS AT THE RECEIVING UNIVERSITIES

- University of Rennes 1 - Webpage for incoming students:
  https://www.univ-rennes1.fr/en/studying-universite-de-rennes-1

- University Paris Nanterre - Webpage for incoming students:
  https://university.parisnanterre.fr/international-student-studying-at-paris-nanterre
EDUC CONTACT AT YOUR UNIVERSITY

University of Cagliari: educ@unica.it

University of Potsdam: wiebke.giese@uni-potsdam.de

University of Pècs: educ@pte.hu

University of Masaryk: hutova@czs.muni.cz
WHERE TO FIND US

Our Website: https://educalliance.eu/student/whatwedo/gapyear

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FORMER AND CURRENT EDUC GAP YEAR STUDENTS SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCES

Szonja
Home university: University of Pécs
Receiving university: University Rennes 1
Mobility period: 2021-2022, first semester

Julia
Home university: University of Potsdam
Receiving university: University Paris Nanterre
Mobility period: 2021-2022, second semester

New for selected participants: Meet, exchange your experiences, give and receive advice and tips on the EDUC forum - gap year dedicated space
Thank you for your attention!

Do you have any questions?