# EXCHANGE PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

**University of Poitiers’ Faculty of Sciences**

**2021-2022**

## University of Poitiers

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• Multi-discipline university  
• 48 research labs |

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<td>Each faculty has its own international relations office. Partners can contact directly the international relations of the faculty for nomination and application (see below for the faculty of sciences).</td>
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## Faculty of sciences

| **Address** | Faculté des Sciences Fondamentales et Appliquées  
Bâtiment B5 – TSA 51.106  
9 rue Charles-Claude Chenou  
86073 Poitiers Cedex 9 |
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| • Founded in 1854   | • around 4 000 students  
• 8 research institutes  
• 2 sites: the faculty of sciences is spread over 2 different campus: Northern campus (Futuroscope) - Southern campus (Poitiers) |

Contacts

- **Faculty’s international relations office:**
  - Frédéric RICHARD, Vice-Dean for International Relations
  - Emmanuelle SIMONNEAU, administration (agreements)
  - Justine-Adja FOFANA, administration (incoming & outgoing student mobility)

- **Departmental coordinators:**
  - Biology and ecology: Freddie-Jeanne RICHARD
  - Biology and health: Paule SEITE and Patrick BOIS
  - Chemistry: Céline FONTAINE
  - Computer sciences: Lilian AVENEAU
  - Earth sciences: Abderrazzak EL ALBANI
  - Engineering sciences / electronics: Clency PERRINE
  - Engineering sciences / mechanics, energetics: Antoinette BLOUIN
  - Mathematics: Patrice NAUDIN
  - Physics: Eric LE BOURHIS
  - Languages & Career Services LCS: Ramona BARBOUR EISEN

Course catalogue


Please note that:
- « licence professionnelle » is not adapted to exchange students
- In case you choose courses from different « parcours », there might be schedule conflicts

- **International programs in English**
  - International master in advanced clay science
  - Master in hydrogeology and associated transfers (only second year taught in English)
  - Master EUR INTREE / TACTIC

Nomination and application deadlines

- For an arrival at the autumn semester: **1 June**
- For an arrival at the spring semester: **30 November**

Application and procedure

- **E-nomination** from home university with student’s details (name, date of birth, e-mail, semester of arrival and length of stay) by e-mail to: ri.sfa@univ-poitiers.fr

- **Student’s application** file is to be composed of:
  - An application form
  - A learning agreement
  - Transcript of records
  - A document showing that you have a B2 level in French (or in English if you are aiming at attending courses in English)

And is to be sent to ri.sfa@univ-poitiers.fr

- Student has then to complete the online registration and accommodation form by the central International Relations Office [here](https://sfa.univ-poitiers.fr)

Academic calendar

- **1st semester:** usually courses start at the beginning of September up to the end of December
- **2nd semester:** usually courses start around the first or second week of January until end of June

It can vary slightly from one program to another.

Grading system

In France the grading scale range from 0 to 20, 10 being the average passing grade. Grades above 16 are rare.
| Housing | The international relations office will help exchange students to find accommodation in Poitiers (in university residence, private apartment, house sharing...). Students are required to complete the online registration and accommodation form on the university of Poitiers website [here](https://www.univ-poitiers.fr/souvrir-a-linternational/venir-a-luniversite-de-poitiers/). This form must be completed even if you have already found accommodation.  
• Contact: [accueil.international@univ-poitiers.fr](mailto:accueil.international@univ-poitiers.fr)  
• deadline for application:  
  - 1st June (for an arrival at the 1st semester)  
  - 30th November (for an arrival at the 2nd semester)  

For students enrolled at the faculty of sciences and attending courses on the main campus, students’ residences [Descartes](https://www.univ-poitiers.fr/les-studettes/les-ingenieures-parisiennes) and [Rabelais](https://www.univ-poitiers.fr/les-studettes/les-ingenieures-parisiennes) are much more practical than the others.  
For students attending courses at Le Futuroscope campus site (around 15 kms away from Poitiers), it is preferable to book a room in a residence situated on the main campus (such as Descartes and Rabelais residences) or in the city centre (see [here](https://www.univ-poitiers.fr/souvrir-a-linternational/venir-a-luniversite-de-poitiers/)). |

| Visa and residence permit | Students from the European Union and European Economic Area do not require visas. Students residing in the European Union who do not have European citizenship must apply for a long term student visa at the French consulate in their country of residency. Their European residence permit allows them to stay in France legally for 3 months only, which is not sufficient for a student mobility program.  
• Contact: [accueil.international@univ-poitiers.fr](mailto:accueil.international@univ-poitiers.fr)  
• website: [http://www.univ-poitiers.fr/international/venir-etudier-a-poitiers](http://www.univ-poitiers.fr/international/venir-etudier-a-poitiers)  

To obtain a residence permit, a registration process will have to be completed within 3 months after student’s arrival. The international relations office will help international students with the online procedure. |

| Health insurance | • European students: all Erasmus students are expected to obtain the European Health Insurance Card. They will have to provide it upon their arrival and registration at the university of Poitiers.  
• Non-European students: international students enrolled at our university are required to register under the French student social security (free). |
### French language

- Most of our programmes are taught in French but we are offering some programmes in English at the master level (cf “course catalogue”).
- Level of language required:
  - French B1 / B2 recommended (no certificate required)
  - English B2 (no certificate required) for programs taught in English
- Working language for internships in our research institutes can be English

- **University center for French as a foreign language** offers language support, fee-paying full-time and part-time courses and intensive sessions. Exchange students can benefit from a free weekly 2-hours class at the center for French as a foreign language. Information for enrollment will be given at students’ arrival. A fee-paying intensive week before the start of each semester is organized (more info over deadline for enrollment and fee at [http://cfle.univ-poitiers.fr/en/](http://cfle.univ-poitiers.fr/en/)).
- **Audiovisual centre of Royan for language study (CAREL)** offers fee-paying training courses of French as a foreign language in the seaside town of Royan.

### Practical information

#### How to get to Poitiers

- By train: from Airport Roissy Charles de Gaulle, there is a direct TGV Atlantic to Poitiers (2:30 hour trip)
- From Airport Orly, take the shuttle coach to Montparnasse station, then the TGV to Poitiers (1:30 hour trip)

#### Video presentation of the city of Poitiers

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HA81pY2mG40](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HA81pY2mG40)

#### Poitiers Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

[https://www.facebook.com/ESNPoitiers/](https://www.facebook.com/ESNPoitiers/)