30,000 students

6,000+ foreign students

130 nationalities

300+ partner universities worldwide

Study fields: Humanities, social sciences, languages, language sciences and education, science and technology, engineering, arts and sports, health sciences, economics, law, etc.

Diplomas: Undergraduate BA degrees (licence – 3 years), Master’s degrees (2 years), PhDs, professional degrees

Study Length: 1 or 2 semesters (Students take 30 credits per semester); FLE (French as a Foreign language) programs

Study at the University of Franche-Comté

Opened in 1423, the university is now a multidisciplinary higher education institution. It is renowned for the quality of its teaching, its Center for Applied Linguistics (CLA), its Olympic Research and Studies Center (CEROU) and its innovative programs in partnerships with leading industries, among others.

uFC has 6 faculties and 5 schools and institutes in 6 campuses (the largest being Besançon, followed by Belfort and Montbéliard campuses, Lons-le-Saunier, Vesoul and Dole). The university is internationally oriented and takes part in the European Alliance STARS EU as well as in the French-Swiss network Communauté du savoir (“Knowledge Community” in English).

uFC enhances students’ success and well-being thanks to specific services, numerous cultural, sports and leisure activities as well as many dynamic student associations. For the quality of the welcome offered to international students, uFC was awarded the "Welcome to France” label.

Learning French

uFC hosts the Center for Applied Linguistics world-renowned Centre of expertise in the fields of language teaching, curriculum design and research, especially for French as a Foreign Language (FLE). Whether you are a student, a French teacher or willing to learn French, different programs are available from 1-week trainings to an entire academic year. CLA offers cultural activities, personalized and comprehensive support as well as internships in elementary and secondary schools in the district.

Exploring the city and the region

Besançon is a vibrant city of 120,000 inhabitants. It has been awarded the Biodiversity City label in 2018 recognizing its quality of life and its closeness to nature.

It is ideally located for students wishing to discover Europe as it is close to Germany, Switzerland and Italy. Many leading industries are located in the Franche-Comté region such as Peugeot, Alstom, General Electric and watch-making which contribute to its dynamism.

Its region, birthplace of Victor Hugo, Gustave Courbet and Louis Pasteur, is known for its nature and landscapes but also for its architecture, its gastronomy, its traditions… and many more to discover!
**Nomination deadlines:**  
First term: May 15th  
Second term: October 15th

**Application deadline (university enrolment and housing):**  
First term: June 1st  
Second term: November 1st

**Language requirements:** Test of knowledge in French (B2 or C1 depending on the program) or a letter of a French teacher giving evidence of an equivalent level. For programs in another language, the test depends on the chosen program.

**Accommodation**

uFC provides accommodation on campus for all its international exchange students. Applications must be submitted directly on the application website (Mobility Online).  
**Accommodation website (CROUS)**

**Costs of living:** €700-800 per month  
(for information purposes only)

**Scholarships:** For more information on scholarships in France, click here.

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