Rennes 2 University

Calendar and Other Structuring Elements

Academic Year and Calendar

Our academic year is made up of two semesters. One semester represents 30 ECTS.

- First/Fall semester: September – January
- Second/Spring semester: January – May

Don't miss our Pré-rentrée: From September 1st, 2026 (Campuses: Villejean and la Harpe)

The pré-rentrée event is an important week of meetings which allow students to meet with their various departments. This event is essential for new students in order to register for courses and become familiarized with administrative and pedagogical staff and procedures in their program.

Students are notified by their respective departments of the dates and time frames of meetings. **Individual mobility students should contact the DEVU Office for more information. More information is also available on the Rennes 2 main website.**

During the week, students will have the opportunity to visit information stands from: the DÉVU, Sports (SIUAPS), CPAM (healthcare insurance) and more.

Pre-rentrée for Campus Mazier in St. Brieuc:

Schedule of events for all levels

Exchange students and CIREFE students:

Exchange students will have orientation activities planned by the International Office. Please contact them for the specific dates. CIREFE students should also contact the CIREFE offices for information on activities planned.

Semester Dates

Semester 1

- Classes start on: Monday, September 7, 2026
- End of classes: Friday, December 4, 2026
- Exams: Please see the calendar on the main Rennes 2 website.

Semester 2

- Classes start on: Monday, January 11, 2027
- End of classes: Friday, April 12, 2027
- Exams: Please see the calendar on the main Rennes 2 website.

Vacation Periods:

- Fall: October 26 – November 1st, 2026
- Christmas: December 19, 2026 – January 3, 2027
- Winter: March 1st – March 7, 2027
- Spring: April 17 – April 25, 2027

Licence (equivalent of a Bachelor's Degree Program)

The Licence consists of six semesters, each consisting of credit modules (UE or "unités d'enseignement"). Each semester is equivalent to 30 ECTS Credits (European Credit Transfer System). Some modules are mandatory, while others are elective, allowing students to choose both an academic program and a professional orientation.

The information week takes place in September, including conferences and meetings with professors which allow students to better understand our academic system.

Organization of Courses

CM: Cours Magistral is a lecture given to a large number of students (generally in an auditorium)

TD/TP: Travaux Dirigés / Travaux pratiques are courses given to smaller groups of students in regular classrooms (around 45 students)

Please be aware that for numerous disciplines, a single course can include a CM and a TD, which may be taught by different teachers. If that is the case, you will need to attend both as they are complementary and mandatory. Examinations will cover what was material taught in both CM and TD.

Courses for Exchange Students: specific procedure

The International Office has put together a course guide for exchange students. It presents the courses that exchange students can choose for free as well as the teaching schedule and procedures (ECTS per course, assessment and evaluation procedures, etc.).

Generally, exchange students can choose their courses in a maximum of two departments, plus the language support class in French as a Foreign Language at the CIREFE if desired (one semester is offered to exchange students). Priority is given to students for whom there is a specific agreement with the department. International students can have access to courses in a department for which there is no specific agreement only within the limit of the number of places available. For more information please contact the International Office or see our page for exchange students.

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Quick Guide to some key acronyms:

- UFR: Faculty and Research Unit
- EU: Teaching Unit
- UEO - Open teaching units
- UEL - Language Teaching Unit

Enseignements d'ouverture (UEO)

UEO can be roughly translated as Open Teaching Units. Taken by students in their 2nd and 3rd year of Licence (Bachelor's program), it offers the opportunity to construct a personalized educational path by offering students different types of elective courses.

Every semester, students must follow 48 hours of UEO classes. Each type of EUO proposed makes it possible to validate 24 hours. The description of each type of UEO is detailed in the Brochure (on the right of this page).

Attendance waiver

Under certain conditions, it is possible to request an attendance waiver at the beginning of the year or at the beginning of each semester.

Ongoing assessment exams are replaced by final exams at the end of the semester. Some programs are not compatible with attendance waivers. Students must check with the program’s administrative office (in each faculty and department) before submitting any request.

The request for an attendance waiver must be justified based on the situation of the student (working contract, family record book, medical certificate, school certificate from another program…)

Please speak to your department to fully understand the effects a waiver may have on your grades or any ongoing assessments completed before the change in enrollment status.

The form can be picked up either from the department’s office or downloaded from this page and returned to the office **at the latest:**

- **By the 9th October 2026 for the 1st semester**
- **By the 5th February 2027 for the 2nd semester**

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