

Rennes: A Top-ranked Student City in France



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Ranked as the [2nd best student city in France for 2024](#) by *L'Etudiant*, Rennes offers a vibrant academic environment, outstanding quality of life, and a welcoming student community. Read on to learn more about some of the advantages of coming to study and live here.

A Thriving Student City

Rennes is home to over 66,000 students, creating a dynamic and youthful atmosphere. The city's affordable cost of living, cultural diversity, and strong job market make it a great place to study and live. Rennes has also been recognized for its excellent transportation system.

Cultural and Social Life

Rennes is known for its lively cultural scene, with numerous music festivals, theaters, museums, and student events throughout the year. The city's historic charm, combined with its modern amenities, makes it an exciting place to explore. From traditional Breton cuisine to contemporary art exhibitions, there is always something happening in Rennes.

A Great Location in France and in Europe

While Rennes may be the urban centre of the region, it's far from being the only place with interesting things to do in Brittany. The region's cities and ports have put tourism and culture at the top of the agenda. They're jam-packed with interesting things to do. Brittany has an exceptional number of charming cathedral cities, what the French call *cités de caractère*, perfect for carefree weekend getaways.

Rennes is also **located just 1.5 hours from Paris by high-speed train**, with several trains serving Paris-Rennes per day. From there, you're just a train ride away from several major European destinations. Whether you want to explore France or travel around Europe, Rennes provides easy access to exciting opportunities beyond the classroom.

Rennes 2 University

Rennes 2 University is a leading institution in the [humanities, arts, languages, social sciences and sport sciences](#). Awarded the "Bienvenue en France" (Welcome to France) label, a designation which recognizes French higher education institutions for offering quality welcome and reception services, the university welcomes international students from all over the world and offers a range of classes [available in English and other languages](#).



The university is also home to [the CIREFE, a top-tier French language-learning centre located on our main campus](#). Classes at the CIREFE can be taken full-time or in complement with other courses.

With its strong research programs, modern facilities, and [extensive student support services](#), like the Student Life Support Office, Cultural Services Office, Office for International Relations, and the [Epicerie Gratuit \(which provides free student groceries on the Villejean campus 3 times a week\)](#), Rennes 2 provides an enriching academic and social experience. If you are looking for a all-around educational and exciting international student experience, Rennes and Rennes 2 University are a great option!

[See our admissions information here.](#)



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