

Your Guide to Starting the 2026-2027 Academic Year



Starting a new academic year is an exciting time, especially when you have just arrived in France. This guide brings together the key information you will need to settle in and begin your studies at Rennes 2 University with confidence.

If you haven't yet prepared your arrival, please consult our [Preparing Your Arrival](#) guide here for information on accommodation, health insurance, residence permits, banking and life in Rennes.

Pré-rentree Orientation Week

Taking place from **1 - 4 September 2026**, the programme includes a series of information sessions introducing you to the organisation of your studies, the courses you will be taking, and all the essential administrative information you will need throughout the academic year. **If you are an international student enrolled directly in one of our degree programs, you will be able to:**

- meet your academic department;
- discover your campus;
- learn how your programme is organised;
- receive practical information about your studies;
- meet other students;
- discover the many services available to support you throughout your time at Rennes 2.

Attendance is highly recommended and may be compulsory for certain programmes. Information on the program for students studying at the [Mazier campus can be found here](#).

[Find out more about this week here \(available in French\)](#).

Welcome Week for Exchange Students

If you are joining Rennes 2 through an exchange programme, you will take part in a specific **Welcome Week from 1 - 4 September** organized by the International Office.

This programme is designed specifically for exchange students and includes:

- practical information sessions;
- campus tours;
- administrative support;
- opportunities to meet other international and French students;
- cultural and social activities.

Please note that attendance is compulsory for exchange students.

Are you an exchange student and have questions prior to your arrival? Find a list of contacts for [our International Office here](#).

Your First Academic Steps

Once your administrative enrolment has been validated, you will also need to complete your **course registration** (known in France as *inscription pédagogique*).

This step allows you to:

- choose optional courses (where applicable);
- finalise your semester timetable;
- complete your academic registration.

Specific registration periods vary depending on your programme.

Support Throughout Your Studies

Studying abroad comes with new challenges, but you won't be facing them alone.

Rennes 2 offers a wide range of support services, including:

- [International Office](#)
- [Student Health Service](#)
- [Disability Support Service \(Relais Handicap\)](#)
- [University Libraries](#)
- [Academic Support Services](#)
- [Careers and Employability Services](#)

These services are here to help you succeed academically and make the most of your university experience.

Looking for more help as an international student?

Student Life Office (Service Vie Étudiante - SVE)

The Student Life Office (SVE) supports students throughout their university experience by promoting well-being, inclusion, and campus life. It provides guidance on student support services, health and social initiatives, student employment opportunities, and participatory projects. The SVE also organises events and works closely with partners such as the CROUS to help students make the most of university life both on and off campus.

- [Find out more information here.](#)

The International Mobility Centre

If you are an international student coming to Rennes as part of an exchange or degree programme, the **Centre de Mobilité Internationale (CMI)** can support you with practical and administrative procedures, including residence permits, health insurance, and settling into life in France. Rennes 2 University is a member-institution of the CMI and as such students can contact them for any additional questions they may have. **They also publish a welcome guide for international students - available here.**

- CMI website: <https://cmi.univ-rennes.fr> (website in French and English)

Life outside of the classroom

University life at Rennes 2 extends far beyond the classroom.

Take advantage of:

- over 90 student associations;
- several sports activities;
- concerts, exhibitions and cultural events;
- volunteering opportunities;
- language exchange activities;
- campus events throughout the year.

Getting involved is one of the best ways to meet new people, improve your French and feel at home in Rennes. Get familiar with the campus life offering by attending our Campus Week. Save the date:

- [8 and 9 September on the Villejean Campus](#)
- [10 September on the Mazier campus](#)

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