Open university
source of success
Education / Research / International / Student life
16,258 students, including 2,146 foreign students

High levels of entry into the world of work
92% in Law-Economics-Management, 90% in Science-Technology-Health, 86% in professional degrees, 89.2% in Masters degrees

Research turned into practical applications
A Labex
One incubator ranked 10th in Europe
106 projects incubated since 2001
93 patents managed
69 companies created since 2000
57 companies in activity at the end of 2016
244 jobs created
15 million euros in global turnover
11 million euros in fundraising

Committed industrial and economic partners
EDF, SHTM Groupe GDF-SUEZ, EIFFAGE Construction, Sotlys International, Air liquide, Thalès, le CEA, la DGA, CNES, Emlak, Banque Tameau, Crédit Agricole, Banque Populaire, Crédit coopératif, Cassie d’Epargne, CERADROP, PE@RL, ID-BIO, Bi Cell design.

A worldwide network of partner universities
Université des Mascareignes (Mauritius), University of Charlotte (USA), University of Sherbrooke, Laval (Canada), USTH - Vietnam, University of Cuyo (Mendoza - Argentina), University of Cadi Ayyad and University of Fes (Morocco), University of Xi’an (China), University of Antioqua (Colombia), Central University of Ecuador (Ecuador), Complutense University of Madrid (Spain), University of Aarhus (Denmark), University of of Bologna (Italy).

5 Training and Research units
Law and Economic Sciences
Literature and Humanities
Science and Technology
Medicine
Pharmacy

4 institutes
University Institute of Technology (IUT): 13 departments and 12 specialties
Institute of Business Administration (University School of Management)
Training Institute of General Administration (IPAG)
Limousin Institute for Training in the Rehabilitation Professions (ILFOMER)

University Institute of Teacher Training (ESPE)

2 national engineering schools
Limoges School of Engineering (ENSIIL-ENSCI)

38, an associated school

8 theme-based doctoral schools
4 research institutes
XLIM (electronics and hyperfrequencies / optics and photonics / CAD / mathematics / IT and image)
Institute of Processes Applied to Materials (IPAM)
Institute of Genomics, Environment, Immunity, Health and Therapeutics (GEIST)
Human and Social Sciences (SHS)
An open university

At the heart of Europe, the University of Limoges is a major multidisciplinary higher education establishment set in an ideal environment for scientific fulfilment. It is an outward-looking, vibrant institution with a wide-ranging student population, efficient reception structures, supportive staff and courses based on high-level research and directed towards clearly identified opportunities. With its state-of-the-art laboratories and ambitious partnerships, its scientific excellence is helping to invent the world of the future.

A creative university

The University of Limoges also stands out for its innovation in terms of courses and research work. Zinedine Zidane, Laurent Blanc (and many others) have come here to study for their Management Degree in sports law and economics. Its laboratories specialising in material science and EMMS (electromechanical microsystems) are working on the space shuttles. In genetics, Michel Cogné is responsible for a worldwide discovery relating to the suicide of genes. A team led by François Raynaud has designed a process that consists of changing the colours of the stars in order to observe them more easily on giant telescopes. The Centre for Semiotic Research – the biggest in Europe – is working on the wide-ranging subject of the production of meaning to gain a better understanding of our information and communication-based societies. The international criminal courts have chosen our research centres to keep and better manage their archives. The University of Limoges is therefore at the heart of the new intelligence economy that will lead the way in the 21st Century.
A pioneer center for online education
In the last fifteen years, the University of Limoges has added to its reputation through its use of the new technologies. Its virtual campus and digital workspaces are two additional ways in which it disseminates knowledge, with an academic community whose lecture theatre is the planet.

Courses with high added value
With no less than 350 degree courses in a wide range of subject areas, the University of Limoges offers not only the main fundamental academic courses but also a large number of qualifying courses involving a high level of operational expertise:
- vocational undergraduate degrees designed for a range of professions looking for employees;
- masters degrees aimed at high-tech business sectors;
- high-potential cross-disciplinary training programs;
- highly sought-after engineering diplomas;
- doctoral schools to promote academic excellence.

High levels of entry into the world of work
Our excellent graduate employment record is the result of strong partnerships with the socio-professional world* – 96% in Law-Economics-Management, 94% in Science-Technology-Health, 86% in professional degrees, 89,2% in Master’s degrees – which places the University of Limoges among the leading universities in France in terms of its students’ success.

Training solutions for a broad public
Initial training, distance training, continuing training, apprenticeships, sandwich courses, Validation of Practical Experience, Validation of Professional Experience… teaching at the University of Limoges is adapted to the needs of a broad public; the university is a life-long resource centre that helps people improve their performance, gain a new impetus or change their professional horizons. We also, offer some original courses for working people and companies whose knowledge and practices need to be increasingly updated.

*2016 Ministry of Higher Education survey of 2013 graduates
A stimulating environment

The University of Limoges has over 1,000 highly committed teachers and research professors: an essential asset in a variety of fields: home automation, ceramics, silver economy, health, woodwork, environment, materials, digital economy, sports law, communication, educational professions, etc. The students therefore work in a stimulating environment, a source of opportunities and experiences that will help them look towards their professional future with peace of mind.

Better support for better studies

At the University of Limoges, students are individually monitored throughout their studies and up to the start of their first job. Personal tutors, dedicated counselling and information centres (e.g. the “Carrefour des Etudiants”), orientation and reorientation links, language training centres and a particularly accessible teaching staff make it easier for students to integrate into university life and therefore study more effectively.

Everything you need for success

With a specialist staff and open access to the multimedia tools and the various online resources, the University of Limoges libraries are complete and essential documentation centres. The digital network facilitates exchanges between everyone involved (teachers, students, administrative departments, associations).

Your studies as part of a career plan

The University of Limoges was the first in France to set up a series of innovative services dedicated to giving students guidance on career choices and employment. Students are taught how to build up a career plan based on their studies, promote their university experience and find a first job to match their training profile.
At the heart of a worldwide network

The University of Limoges has a wide range of partnerships with a number of universities in Europe and across the world. It is at the heart of a worldwide network that offers exchanges for students, researchers and research professors from varying horizons. The International Reception Office facilitates all the formalities required to help exchange visitors settle in.

Visas
Over 2000 foreign students
435 framework cooperation agreements:
- America: 85
- Europe: 258
- Africa: 48
- Asia: 37
- Oceania: 7
International appeal

A wide range of specialities appeal to students from every continent. The University of Limoges is one of the top ten French universities for attracting international students, with the strongest growth phase occurring in the last few years*, which goes to show just how attractive it is. In the same way, the University encourages and facilitates mobility among students and tutors keen to try other academic experiences. This move towards international exchanges is a deliberate strategy on the part of the University, the aim of which is to highlight its areas of excellence and ensure that its courses and research are in tune with the major currents of thinking, science and technology: an essential outlook if the University of Limoges is to be a privileged centre for its students.

*Gesson report 2013
Research: the driving force behind the University’s development

Research is organized into four institutes, twenty-two teams, a “Labex”, nine laboratories shared with large companies, five technical platforms and employs nearly fifteen hundred people. It is the driving force behind the development of the entire University.

Its hard science, life science and human and social science programmes make a significant contribution to the excellence of its courses. Its research work is recognized by the leading research bodies (CNRS, INRA, INSERM, CEA…) and leads to collaboration with other universities, specialized scientific centres worldwide and large companies looking for innovation.

The project support unit (the CAP) aims to support project sponsors in their European and international initiatives.

The Sigma-lim LabEx: a project for the future

With the Sigma-lim LabEx, the University of Limoges has a centre of excellence in which two of its leading research units (XLIM and SPCTS) are involved in an ambitious, wide-ranging transverse project that has been allocated generous resources. It concerns research, training and development in 4 complementary and interdependent areas:

- ceramic materials and processes;
- integrated electronic and optical components and circuits;
- secure functions and systems;
- modelling.

Around which 3 more applied areas will be developed:

- security of property, premises and people;
- Health/medicine
- Energy

The challenge is to be one of the leading international research bodies and attract researchers and partnerships to add to the project.

Main areas of research

- Optics-electronics, photonics
- Genomics and animal genetics
- Oncology
- Cryptography
- Biotechnology
- Neuro-epidemiology
- Immunology
- Therapeutics
- Water and environment
- Green chemistry
- Ceramic Processes and surface treatments
- Transitional justice
- Sports law
- Banking and finance
- Semiotics
- The French-speaking community
A resource university

The University of Limoges coordinates a huge scientific exchange network with structures located in the Limousin region and directly linked to its work:
- Limoges teaching hospital, Biology Health Unit for health studies and medical research;
- the Technology Transfer Centres (Ceramics; Telecommunications, Electromagnetism, Electronics; Environment and companies; Advanced Surface Treatments and Coatings);
- the European Ceramics Centre;
- Ester-Technopole and its innovative company park;
- technological platforms …

This concentration in the immediate environment of the University offers students a wide range of opportunities and shows just how attractive the University is.

Research, company start-ups and development

With AVRUL, its research development agency, a technology incubator, some fifty start-ups that have emerged from research and the laboratories shared with large companies, the University of Limoges demonstrates a proactive approach to interactions within the socio-economic world that create added value.

The Partnership Foundation: a project accelerator

The University of Limoges Partnership Foundation is made up of a network of stakeholder sponsors and donors from a wide range of horizons (former students, companies, associations, local authorities, private individuals, etc.), all driven by a common ambition to invent the projects of the future. The scheme provides the means and encourages partnerships in order to develop high-quality research programmes, high-level courses and a vibrant student life within the University.

A university rooted in its region

The University is mostly located in Limoges, the capital of the Limousin. Some teaching centres have branches in Brive, Tulle, Egletons and Guéret. Specialities take advantage of all the region’s natural assets to set up training and sometimes research units (wood, environment, water treatment, heritage, civil engineering) at the heart of the region’s natural assets. In this way, small towns such as Mymar, Ahun, and La Souterraine have become “university villages”.

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Students are privileged people in the Limousin region

As a student at the University of Limoges, you benefit from a lifestyle that few universities can offer: the most modern sports facilities; a broad range of cultural activities (with workshops available throughout the year, an excellent programme and a large student festival); a privileged living environment that combines the energy of a large city of 200,000 inhabitants and totally unspoiled natural environment. Here, the air is clean, the water is clear and even the city is green. All on the same day you can go to the university, canoe down a river just before a concert at the Zénith and round off the evening in town with your friends.

Limoges: the historic and economic capital

At the heart of Europe, Limoges is a historic city well known for its “Fire Arts”. It is still just as creative, with its Opera House, its porcelain, ceramics, enamelwork, leatherwork, theatres, orchestras, festivals, museums and arts centres. As an economic capital, it is the headquarters of multinational companies, luxury goods manufacturers and a host of small enterprises operating in the European and world markets.

Surrounded by greenery

The Limousin region is a natural wonder. Its forests, valleys, great lakes and fast-running rivers attract lovers of the great outdoors, adventure and trekking, extreme sports enthusiasts, hikers, horse-riders, mountain bikers and canoeists... so there’s plenty of opportunity to get some oxygen to the brain!

A way of life that allows you to study differently

As a student city well-known for its inexpensive cost of living, Limoges offers a lot of advantages, with campuses close to the city centre, efficient, regular public transport, bike hire available to students and a large range of clubs and societies to choose from. You can really take advantage of student life in Limoges.