European Summer Program
Since 2001

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Bonjour & bienvenue...
... to France’s leading private (not for profit) university, the Université Catholique de Lille, and to LILLE!

Home to the Université Catholique de Lille since 1875, Lille is a vibrant and dynamic university city at the centre of Western Europe. With swift connections to Brussels (35 minutes), Paris (60 minutes), and London (80 minutes), Lille is perfect for students planning to visit and study Europe. And there is always much to see and do in Lille itself – a welcoming multicultural haven.

We are proud of our growing network of over 540 partner universities, and are happy to welcome students from all over the world, all year round, as part of our efforts to promote peace, education, cultural awareness, and sustainable development – taking care of one another and of the world we live in.

We want you to be part of those efforts. Seize the opportunity to join us here for an excellent, integrated, and convivial academic program offering a life-changing cultural experience – come to LILLE: “Learn In Lille, Live Europe”!

À très bientôt! See you soon!

Patrick SCAUFLAIRE
President Rector
Université Catholique de Lille

Anne-Marie MICHEL
Director
International Relations
Founded in 1875, and now one of the major higher education institutions in France, the Université Catholique de Lille is strongly committed to the development of the region, and to laying the groundwork for the Third Industrial Revolution, through active collaboration both with local authorities and with the business sector. Its teaching departments and research teams combine multidisciplinary expertise and innovative new teaching methods aimed at enhancing the educational experience through cooperative learning and more.

- **40,000** students
- **200+** student associations
- **1,500** student dorm rooms
- **8,000** international students on campus
- **700** research and teaching faculty
- **345** distinct degrees
- **8** health care institutions
- Rated the **2nd** most beautiful campus in France
- **15** minute walk from campus to the historic city centre
The Université Catholique de Lille is France’s largest private, not-for-profit university, with over 40,000 students and 5,000 staff members. “La Catho” is home to 5 faculties, 20 schools (including two triple-crown awarded business schools and industry-leading engineering schools), multiple institutes, and a renowned hospital group, and offers more than 320 distinct degree programs in several centres of excellence, including:

- Law, Economics, Business, & Management
- Innovation and Design Thinking
- Science and Technologies
- Health and Social Care
- Arts, Humanities, Theology, Ethics, & Education

The Université Catholique de Lille has undergone profound changes over the past decade in order to become an internationally renowned “Third Place” for the reinvention of society and of a more sustainable, more ethical future, combining innovative research and pedagogy across its faculties, grandes écoles, and healthcare sector, along with varied ecosystems, demonstrator buildings, and experimental urban neighbourhoods. Our efforts and innovations in these areas will continue and indeed intensify over the coming years. In the meantime we are also focused on:

- offering students a true life experience: A global vision of the person demands that we enable students to engage in a full range of intellectual, physical, relational, and spiritual activities, not merely scientific and intellectual training.

- “taking care”: The University is heavily invested in the idea of taking care of others – of the sick and elderly and of the most disadvantaged in society, both locally and internationally – and of the earth itself, through greater efforts at sustainability. We believe that “taking care” should in its broadest sense extend across all disciplines and all three University missions: training, research, and service to society.

Working together, combining our efforts, desires, ideas, commitments, and achievements, we will be able to make a visible, understandable, and meaningful contribution to a world in transition.
LILLE – “Learn In Lille, Live Europe” – combines a variety of innovative, student-centred academic programs at the Université Catholique de Lille, tailored to suit different academic needs and schedules, and to provide a welcoming environment and an excellent study/life balance.

**WHAT DOES LILLE MEAN TO YOU?**

- A wide array of intercultural and interactive course offerings
- Programs ranging from 2 to 4 weeks
- Courses taught in English or French
- Small international classes
- Cultural and curriculum-related fieldtrips
- Full package program (accommodation, academic & extra-curricular activities, 24/7 support)
- Experienced and dedicated international faculty and staff

Flash to discover the LILLE experience in video!

**LILLE European Summer Program:**

- ESP1 – 22 May > 20 June 2024
- ESP2 – 26 June > 24 July 2024

**LILLE Winter**

(customizable):

- January - February

**LILLE Semester Immersion Programs & LILLE Faculty Led Programs**

Think outside the box – study outside the classroom!

Most LILLE courses involve visits to emblematic and pertinent local and regional sites.

Contact us for more information!
LILLE Semester Immersion Programs & LILLE Faculty Led Programs

The Université Catholique de Lille operates several customized semester immersion opportunities. These fee-based programs allow partners to send their students to UCLille without the traditional exchange agreement/balance in place. The immersion programs have a strong focus on French language and culture and can include French tutoring, service learning in the community, and guided cultural excursions.

The University is open to developing customized faculty-led programs on campus. Please contact the International Relations Office for more information on developing a customized immersion program: lilleprograms@univ-catholille.fr

LILLE Winter

Modeled after our popular LILLE European Summer Program, the LILLE Winter Program is a 2 to 3 week program typically operated in January that offers 6 to 8 ECTS credits depending on course selection and overall number of education hours.

- Program may include possible courses in foreign language, intercultural communication, business, and history
- Cultural program complete with international events on campus and field-trips throughout Lille and the region

Contact us for more information!
The LILLE European Summer Program (ESP) is composed of two month-long program sessions (June and July). Students are welcome to attend one or both sessions.

Students can choose from a large variety of electives. The programs offer academic courses taught in English or in French, utilizing the University’s expertise in Humanities, Social Sciences, Management, and more.

Courses are taught by highly-qualified faculty from the Université Catholique de Lille or visiting professors, with an aim to provide both theoretical background and practical learning through site visits and hands-on activities.

The ESP offers a wide range of courses in the following areas:

- Liberal Arts
- Business & Communication
- Health
- European Studies
- Sustainability & the Sciences
- French Language

90 contact hours*  
*1 contact hour = 60 minutes

12 ECTS credits  
= 6 North American Credits

All courses fulfill ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) standards and detailed transcripts are available for credit transfer to your own degree program.

3,000 students welcomed since 2001

130 supporting universities

96% recommend the program
Students can customize their program by choosing from a large variety of courses representing the multidisciplinarity of our University. For detailed information about the courses, make sure to check the syllabi on our website.

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**CREATE YOUR OWN PROGRAM!**

**Morning class (3 hours)**

- Pick one elective in English or in French

48 to 51 hours
6 ECTS credits

**Afternoon class (3 hours)**

- Pick one elective in English or in French

39 hours
6 ECTS credits

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**87 to 90 contact hours**

**12 ECTS credits**

* 6 North American credits

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LILLE Programs reserves the right to cancel or alter its offerings as circumstances demand (including enrolments and legal restrictions). Partner universities and students will be contacted as soon as possible with the latest relevant information as necessary. Please refer to ESP website for latest list of available courses.
**MORNING ELECTIVES**

**Intercultural Communication***
Contact Hours: 9 | French or English | ESP1&2

This interactive course will provide students with an overview of different intercultural concepts to communicate effectively in different cultural situations.

*All ESP students will participate in a 9-hour module on Intercultural Communication, which is an integral part in the success and understanding of international study abroad during our LILLE Programs.

**French Language & Culture***
Contact Hours: 42 | French | ESP1&2

This course covers reading and listening comprehension, written and oral expression, and vocabulary and grammar at varied levels, through practical written and oral work, discussions, presentations and debates, role-play, and writing short essays and summaries.

*An initial placement activity will sort students from beginner to advanced levels.

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**PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR EVERYONE**
Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1&2

This highly interactive course will provide students with methodological and practical tools to manage projects in fields ranging from engineering and science to management and communication.

**UNDERSTANDING CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE**
Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP2

The objective of this course is to better understand the causes and consequences of climate change, as well as to look into the adaptation and mitigation strategies focusing on French and European examples.
**AFTERNOON ELECTIVES**

**LIBERAL ARTS**

**World Class Museums**  
**Contact Hours:** 39 | English | ESP1&2

An introduction to art and art history through an overview of the cultural heritage and museums of the Lille region in the heart of Europe. Many class sessions will take place within the museums themselves.

**Multilingualism in Education**  
**Contact Hours:** 39 | English | ESP1

This course will provide an insight into multilingualism by reviewing historical language contact, sociological perspective, and the prevalence/variety of languages worldwide. This course will then examine different education and multilingualism models from around the world.

**Introduction to Art and Cinema**  
**Contact Hours:** 39 | English | ESP2

An overview of French art and cinema and the study of visual cultures more generally, examining various ways of ‘reading’ a piece of art - whether a painting, a photograph, or a film - from different periods of French and regional history, both in class and through visits to various local and regional art museums.

**Introduction to French & Francophone Women Writers**  
**Contact Hours:** 39 | English | ESP1

An overview of the literary representation of gendered experiences in personal stories authored by a range of leading contemporary female French-speaking writers.

**European Humanism: Light and Shadow of a Common History**  
**Contact Hours:** 39 | English | ESP1

This course offers an immersive experience around Europe. It leads students to question the idea of a European common history and highlights its light and shadow. It will give students keys to understanding current European issues through the interweaving of European political, social, and cultural history, from Antiquity to contemporary European construction.

**The Contentious Relationship between Science and Religion: Historical, Theological, Methodological and Ethical Perspectives**  
**Contact Hours:** 39 | English | ESP1

This course shall explore the relationship between science and religion in the West, including the mutual implications, the places where developments in one may benefit the other, and the possibility that the two can be harmonized. We will explore the relationship between scientific and theological methods and modes of knowledge, and considers some of the central topics of Christian theology in the light of modern scientific evidence and theories.

**AI-Powered Entrepreneurship: From Idea to Startup**  
**Contact Hours:** 39 | English | ESP1&2

This course offers a comprehensive understanding of how AI technologies can be strategically harnessed to catalyze innovation and drive entrepreneurial ventures. Rooted in academic research and practical application, this course provides a structured pathway for students to conceptualize, develop, and launch AI-driven startups.
Techniques of Illustration and Colour Studies
Contact Hours: 39 / English / ESP2

A practical and theoretical introduction to illustration for comics. This course will provide drawing lessons (anatomy, live model, charadesign), concept design, colours studies, narrative illustration and some basics in digital animation. A small comics or fanzine will be produced at the end.

BUSINESS & COMMUNICATION

Corporate Culture, Human Resources & Innovation
Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1&2

An overview of the role of Human Resources as a strategic and innovative business partner, the influence of Corporate Culture on an organization’s agility, and the promotion of innovation, diversity, and well-being.

International Teamwork & Communication
Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1&2

A theoretical and practical introduction to a wide range of issues concerning teamwork and communication in an international and intercultural environment.

International Marketing & Communication
Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1&2

An overview of international marketing and the challenges of communication in a globalized world. Students will examine and analyze contemporary advertising campaign strategies.

POLITICAL SCIENCE & LAW

European Union Policy Making
Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1&2

An overview of the European Union, its policies and interactions with Member States, and the varied economic, social, and environmental problems it is facing. This course includes a visit to the interactive Parlamentarium in Brussels.

Introduction to European Studies: History, Politics, and Society
Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP2

A broad overview of current and classical themes of European integration in relation to current challenges faced by the EU and Member States and their interactions with the rest of the world. This course includes a visit to the interactive Parlamentarium in Brussels.

European Security Architecture and Conflicts in Europe
Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP2

The main objective of the course is to familiarize the students with the philosophical and diplomatic disagreements on European security and the main reasons of the conflicts in Europe, with a view of wider European security architecture. The course will also discuss the role of international organizations (OSCE, EU, UN) and actors (EU, USA, Russia) in tackling European security dilemmas and conflict resolution processes.
**TAUGHT IN FRENCH**

*Communication Française (minimum A2+)*  
Contact Hours: 39 | French | ESP1&2

This course aims to advance student skills and knowledge in relation to the French language of gesture, idioms, expressions of opinion, judgement, and agreement/disagreement, in a variety of cultural and social situations.

*Le Nord et la Belgique au cinéma (minimum B2+)*  
Contact Hours: 39 | French | ESP1

An overview of French and Belgian film cultures, film vocabulary, formal film analysis, and film theory, across period and genre, and through a variety of critical lenses.

**HEALTH STUDIES**

*Health: a Common Good*  
Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP2

This course examines how health needs are understood and addressed in our societies in relation to various disciplines, including sociology, anthropology, economics, and more, in order to help nourish critical thinking regarding the place of health in our home societies.
**SUSTAINABILITY & THE SCIENCES**

**Sustainable Cities**

**Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1**

This course embarks the students on a journey to understand the sustainability challenges related to the “vital functions” of cities such as energy, housing, food, mobility, waste management, etc. Throughout the course, including field trips, the students will meet local change-makers, explore their initiatives, and even imagine new ones.

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**Current Practices in Renewable Energy**

**Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP2**

An introduction to the fundamentals of energy and an overview of renewable energies and their applications, including solar, wind, biomass, and other sources, here on campus and further afield.

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**Brewing Technology and Marketing: the Nordist Expertise**

**Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP1**

For centuries, the North of France has been renowned for its brewing industry. This course offers a global approach to brewing technology, marketing, and sales through local case studies, site visits, and active learning. Students will have the opportunity to brew their own beer in the JUNIA ISA micro-brewery.

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**Launching your Impact Venture**

**Contact Hours: 39 | English | ESP2**

This course has the ambition to inspire and equip future leaders with the mindset and the tools to address pressing societal challenges through entrepreneurship. This course will guide you through the essential steps of structuring a social business project, from identifying critical issues from a sustainability perspective to developing ideas that will make a positive impact on our societies.

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**A strong commitment to transition, preparing the world of tomorrow**

In 2022, the University reaffirmed its commitment to the climate through the #ClimateItIsTime (#ClimatIlEstTemps) campaign and through numerous conferences, workshops, and other activities. The end of the year was marked by the very first “University Climate Convention,” which brought together the entire University community – students, faculty, staff, and local residents.

The commitment of the Université Catholique de Lille is shared across its faculties and schools, many of which offer specialized programs emphasizing sustainable development. Recent years have seen the emergence of additional spaces for education, research, and experimentation. New buildings have been designed and built in order to limit their carbon impact and demonstrate good practices. The campus now benefits from more than 2,000 m² of solar panels and 15 energy transition experimentation sites, as well as from strong student participation, including 40 student associations dedicated to the environment.
For over 20 years, the European Summer Program has been the catalyst of many students’ international journeys. It has helped them become more empowered and active as today’s global citizens. Here are just a few of those stories...

**Alumni Corner**

**Biljana Belamarić Wilsey, PhD**  
The University of Memphis  
Macedonia - ESP 2001

> Being an exchange student changes you so much in ways that you won’t notice at first. Looking back on the European Summer Program, it broadened my horizons and made me realize the things I usually took for granted, like time. On a deeper level, I think going through the program strengthened me and allowed me to relate more to people with different cultures and backgrounds.

**Sam Goodwin**  
Niagara University New York  
United States of America - ESP 2010

> Studying in France amplified my desire to understand the world better. When I finished college, I worked and lived overseas for seven years in investor relations for a tech startup business in Singapore and Dubai. The European Summer Program was an experience that helped me cultivate this interest in foreign affairs. It taught me how to let expectations take a back seat and replace stereotypes with real experiences. These are the types of things that we learn when we go abroad and look for a deeper understanding of the world.

**Apurva Rao**  
Christ University Bangalore  
India - ESP 2014

> The European Summer Program has influenced me a lot, especially in exploring a new and different country, particularly the education system. In a way, the courses during the program helped me become a better student during that time because I learned how to go beyond the lectures. I also understand how to accept and appreciate the diversity of people and defy the stereotypes we usually see online. These experiences made me go back to France for my graduate studies.

**Maximiliano Azeves**  
Universidad Católica de Córdoba  
Argentina – ESP 2022

> The European Summer Program helped me to become more mature and to be able to think globally. It made me realize the importance of managing myself well independently and being more open and understanding of the culture and perspectives of people with varying backgrounds around me. ESP made us feel connected to friends from all over the world.
Program Package

Hospitality
- Accommodation in individual rooms in secure and private student residences, which are easily accessible to campus by walking or public transit
- Meal pass for use at the university restaurant during opening hours (50€ on card, can be recharged online at the student’s expense).
- 5 group dinners throughout the program
- Transportation pass for all public transit systems in the Lille Metropolitan area
- Access to university facilities

Orientation
- Pick-up at train station on arrival day, campus tour, welcome brunch, ice-breaking activity, detailed program information session
- Student support available 24/7

Culture & Fieldtrips*
- Guided visit of Lille
- Day trips to historic and important French & Belgian cities with guided visits
- Cultural activities
- Movie nights
- Group dinners
*subject to change

Academic
- Tuition fees & materials
- Official transcript for credit transfer

Program Fees
3,450€
10% discount for partner universities and for students attending both sessions

Application deadlines
ESP1 (22 May – 20 June 2024)
Registration deadline: 1 April 2024

ESP2 (26 June -24 July 2024)
Registration deadline: 1 May 2024

See website for further details
The University’s urban campus provides students with everything they will need for a comfortable and successful stay:

- **Individual student dorms** with ensuite bathrooms, with small kitchenettes or shared kitchens on each floor
- **Gym facilities** (monthly surcharge)
- **Medical center** on campus (open through early July)
- **7 university restaurants** offering a wide range of food choices
- **Creative space for artistic projects**
- **Library access with individual and group study rooms**
INCLUDED FIELDTRIPS*

Various fieldtrips are included in the cost of the European Summer Program, in order to give students an opportunity to visit places in the Euro-region with historical or cultural significance and relevance to courses offered.

**LILLE**
Discover this “City of Art and History,” France’s 4th largest metropolitan centre.

**BRUGES**
Stroll the streets and enjoy a cruise on a canal boat!

**BRUSSELS**
Spend a day in the capital of Belgium and of the European Union.

**YPRES**
Explore World War I battlefields and monuments on the Western Front (ESP1).

*Fieldtrips are subject to change*
OPTIONAL FIELDTRIPS*

We want students to make the most of their time in Lille, and have designed a series of additional fieldtrips and extra-curricular activities that will take them to some of the most emblematic cultural and historic sites within a few hours transit from Lille. Planned dates (subject to change) are available on the ESP website. **Spots are limited!**

**WEEKENDS**

**PARIS** +300€
- Guided sightseeing visit of Paris, the French capital and "City of Romance"
- **What's included:** transportation, 1 night in a hotel in a central location, breakfast, boat cruise on the Seine, access to public transportation

**NORMANDY** +300€
- Medieval architecture and WW2 memorials on the scenic coast of Normandy
- **What's included:** transportation, Mont-Saint-Michel, D-Day beaches, port city of Honfleur and Caen, 1 night in a hotel, breakfast and dinner

**WORLD WAR 1 SITES** +100€
- Trenches, battlefields, memorials on the Western Front
  - Arras, Vimy, and Notre Dame de Lorette (ESP1)
  - Fromelles and Ypres (ESP2)
- **What's included:** transportation, dinner, and museum admission fees

**AMIENS** +75€
- Visit Amiens and its medieval cathedral
- **What's included:** transportation and optional guided tour

**REIMS** +100€
- Visit Reims, a historic Gallo-Roman city and the famous home of Champagne
- **What's included:** transportation, optional guided tour of the cathedral, admission and tour of a champagne cave

**NAUSICÂA** +100€
- Visit Nausicaâ, the largest aquarium in Europe, and enjoy a stroll around the medieval city of Boulogne-sur-Mer, just minutes away from the beach and the North Sea.
- **What's included:** transportation, lunch, and admission fees

*Fieldtrips are subject to change*
LILLE

a city of art, culture, and history

A RICH HISTORY AT THE CROSSROADS OF EUROPE

Founded in 1066 by the Count of Flanders, Lille — Rijsel in Flemish — became an important trading and stock market point on the route between the rich Flemish towns and the Champagne fairs. As evident from some of its architecture, Lille was successively Flemish, Burgundian, and Spanish before finally becoming French in 1667 under Louis XIV, whose military engineer, Vauban, built Lille’s impressive Citadel.

Yet the city has never stopped reinventing itself through successive economic, social, and power shifts. Lille’s strategic location and the area’s rich resources have made it one of the most fought over regions in Europe, a history visible today particularly through the numerous memorials from the last two World Wars in the region, toured by national and international visitors each year.

BIG CITY ADVANTAGES WITH SMALL CITY ATMOSPHERE

Lille enjoys all of the conveniences of being at the centre of a cross-border urban zone with a population of over 2 million, yet remains a “human-sized” university city with under 250,000 inhabitants, nearly half of whom are under age 30! Visitors can get around easily on foot or by bicycle. Public transport also offers the metro, the tramway, and many bus lines running frequently and late into the night, not to mention convenient train connections to the rest of the region and indeed Europe as a whole.
Since its designation as a European Capital of Culture in 2004, Lille Métropole has sponsored themed arts festivals with specific international connections every few years. The city was also designated a World Design Capital in 2020. But the arts are on display all year, every year. Lille boasts a significant number of theatres, concert venues, movie theatres, an opera house, and a national orchestra. Annual cultural events include, among many others, the Lille Piano(s) Festival, International Independent Movie Week, the international "Series Mania" festival, the Wazemmes accordion festival, and the "Fête de la Musique" (country-wide) on 21 June with free concerts all over town.

And then there are all the world-renowned museums in the region, which include the centrally-located Palais des Beaux-Arts (boasting the largest art collection in France outside of Paris), the Louvre-Lens (a nearby outpost of the Louvre itself), La Piscine in Roubaix (built in a former art deco swimming pool), and a modern art museum with a unique collection. Most museums are free or have reduced rates for students.
The Université Catholique de Lille looks forward to welcoming you to France, to Lille, and to our university campus.

**IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**ESP1 (22 May – 20 June 2024)**
Registration deadline: 1 April 2024

**ESP2 (26 June -24 July 2024)**
Registration deadline: 1 May 2024

Applications open: February 2024

**COST OF THE PROGRAM**

3,450€ including:

- **Tuition fees:**
  tuition fees, course materials, and ECTS credit transfer

- **Hospitality package:**
  accommodation in student dorms, meal pass for use in the cafeteria with a 50€ credit, an orientation program, monthly pass for use on Lille transportation system, access to university facilities, fieldtrips to Bruges and Brussels, 5 group dinners, cultural and social activities, and more!

- **Administration fees:**
  normally non-refundable after registration

1,500€
1,600€
350€

10% discount
for partner universities
and for students attending both sessions

Health and Travel insurance coverage is mandatory to study in France. Students 25 years and under can subscribe to ESP coverage through the Université Catholique de Lille for 100€ per session. Students 26 years or older for 150€ per session.
NEWSLETTER
«GREETINGS FROM LILLE!»

Contact us in order to subscribe to our monthly newsletter! It includes all the latest information about our LILLE Programs, international life on campus, cultural activities in Lille, and much more.

VIRTUAL STUDY ABROAD FAIRS

The Université Catholique de Lille regularly participates in virtual study abroad fairs with our international partners.

If your university is planning to offer a virtual study abroad fair to your students, please contact us, as we would be happy to participate by sending a prerecorded video or joining a live video webinar whenever possible!

We can also send any necessary program documentation electronically or via international mail.

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