

The University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour

2024





12 958
STUDENTS



919
PROFESSORS



723
ADMINISTRATIVE
STAFF

5 | **6**
CAMPUSES | SITES

Bayonne

Anglet

**Saint-Pée-
sur-Nivelle**

Mont-de-Marsan

Pau

Tarbes



95 acres

SURFACE AREA
of campus grounds

31 acres

developed land



79%
Payroll

151 M€
BUDGET

UPPA

A major player in the dynamism of the area

Located between the sea and the mountains, along the Spanish border, University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour (UPPA) welcomes about 13,000 students on 5 campuses in 3 departments: Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Hautes-Pyrénées and Landes. Two research teams are also based in Saint-Pée-sur-Nivelle, in the heart of the Basque Country.

Students who choose our university wish to take full advantage of our varied and high-quality curricula and the excellence of our highly-specialized interdisciplinary research, while benefiting from the exceptional living environment offered by our green campuses and the beautiful region of Southwestern France.

Labelled "Science, Innovation, Territories, Economy Initiative" (I-SITE) by the French government, the UPPA is therefore one of 17 French universities of excellence, out of 53, confirming the efficiency of its transformation to achieve its goal of being in line with energy, environmental and societal transitions.

The excellence of specialized and interdisciplinary research, the intensity of partnerships with the economic and cultural actors of the territory, the attractiveness of academic programs adapted to all audiences and the international influence of the university constitute the strategic markers of the University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour.





SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNIVERSITY

Towards an environmentally friendly and socially committed university

The UPPA has deployed a sustainable development and social responsibility strategy for the university (RSU). This policy is divided into three major orientations carried out by the entire university community:



Ensuring the well-being and quality of life of all stakeholders by making students actors in campus life, by conducting active policies of inclusion, equal opportunities, professional equality, and by applying the best international standards in human resources management.



Reducing its environmental footprint by adopting a virtuous policy in terms of mobility, of resource management (including energy), and of improving the environmental quality of its buildings.



Addressing the societal challenges of transitions by conducting responsible, open and integrated research that goes beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries in order to better understand the complexity of current societal issues and by offering training that sensitizes students to these issues.

Member of the UNITA alliance of European universities

UNITA - *Universitas Montium* is an alliance of ten universities sponsored by the European Union. The University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour is one of its founding members. Launched in November 2020, UNITA participates in the construction of the European higher education scene.

The partner universities, all of which are in Romance-speaking countries, have in common that they are located in frontier areas and in mountainous territories. They also share common research themes such as the circular economy, renewable energies, cultural heritage, global health, inclusive societies and the digital transition.

UNITA promotes multilingualism and intercomprehension, a method of language learning that facilitates the oral and written understanding of several languages from the same linguistic family.

The alliance offers flexible curricula and innovative pedagogical solutions to enable students to internationalize their academic career, while guaranteeing the recognition of their prior education. Thanks to the implementation of new mobility mechanisms (rural, hybrid or virtual), students have the opportunity to live an rewarding international experience.

In order to strengthen research collaborations within the alliance, many tools are offered to researchers, including a mapping of research projects, a network of shared research infrastructures, and funding for thesis co-supervision.



Co funded by the European Union





7 STRUCTURING PROJECTS

ensure the sustainability and consolidation of the alliance.

- **Research:** Re-UNITA, CHORAL
- **Innovation and entrepreneurship:** Inno-UNITA
- **Internationalization of curricula:** Connect-UNITA, RECIPE
- **Legal structuring:** EGAI-UNITA (European Grouping of Academic Interest)
- **European Diploma :** SMARTT



10
full-member
UNIVERSITIES



2
associated
UNIVERSITIES



32
PARTNERS
in the world



248,000
STUDENTS



21,300
academic and
administrative
STAFF
MEMBERS



6 THEMATIC RESEARCH NETWORKS

- Circular Economy
- Renewable Energies
- Cultural Heritage
- Global health
- Inclusive societies
- Digital transition



UPPA

Coaching students towards success

The University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour is a multidisciplinary institution organized into three colleges. It prepares its students for numerous degrees up to PhD in law, economics, management, literature, languages, humanities, sports, science and technology.

Ranked among the top ten French universities for its success rate in bachelor's degrees, the UPPA also stands out for the quality and diversity of all its courses, in line with current societal issues.

As a laureate of several projects of excellence, the university deploys innovative, interdisciplinary training systems that are open to partners and citizens. Through the SPACE mentoring program, it accompanies each undergraduate student individually to succeed in their academic studies and their career plans. Moreover, the UPPA has opened a Graduate school for Energy and Environmental Innovation (GREEN), a 5-year program of excellence (Master + PhD) with intensive research training in various disciplines.

The university has also set up pioneering fablabs, which are conducive to new learning practices and real-life professional settings for students, and offers a wide range of international Master's programs taught in English.



3 COLLEGES

STEE COLLEGE

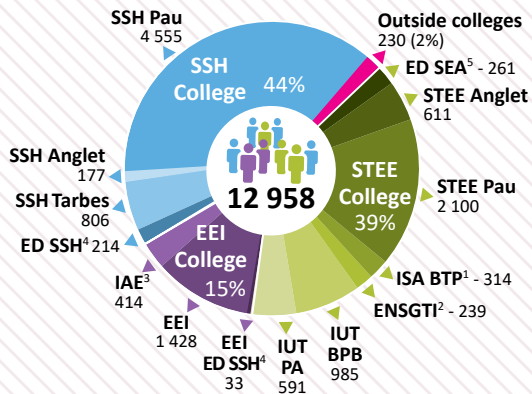
Science and Technology for Energy and the Environment

EEl COLLEGE

European and International Studies

SSH COLLEGE

Social Sciences and Humanities



DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS by College and Department

- (1) ISA BTP : Institut supérieur aquitain du bâtiment et des travaux publics
 (2) ENSGTI : École nationale supérieure en génie des technologies industrielles
 (3) IAE : École universitaire de management (University Business School)
 (4) ED SSH : Social Sciences and Humanities Doctoral School (ED 481)
 (5) ED SEA : Exact Sciences and their Applications Doctoral School (ED 211)



DEGREES

9 BACHELORS IN TECHNOLOGY ("BUT")

20 majors

15 PROFESSIONAL BACHELORS ("licence pro")

41 majors and minors

20 BACHELOR'S DEGREES (BA or BS)

67 majors and minors

35 MASTER'S DEGREES

81 majors

2 MASTERS OF ENGINEERING

7 majors

45 ONE-YEAR PROGRAMS



A HIGH LEVEL OF PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION

For the last class surveyed, employment according to degree:



PROFESSIONAL BACHELOR



MASTER

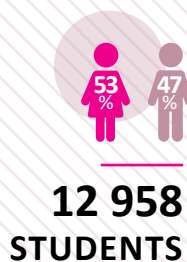


PHD



MASTER OF ENGINEERING

Surveys conducted by the UPPA Observatory

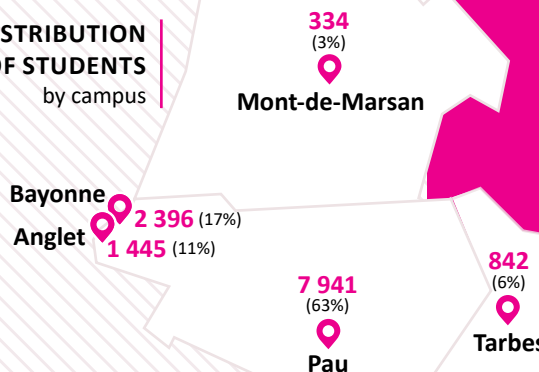


11 110
IN INITIAL STUDIES

705
IN CONTINUING EDUCATION

1 143
IN WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS

DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS by campus



WORK-STUDY PROGRAM

An asset both for the student and the company

The UPPA offers a wide range of education programs open to sandwich courses in all fields and at all levels of training.

This combination of theoretical learning periods in the classroom and professional training in the company allows the student to develop skills and acquire expertise that will be a very effective lever for integration into the professional world. This widely recognized path of excellence is highly valued by companies.





UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

On all campuses, "BU"s provide access to a large number of printed and digital books as well as to online databases.

10
LIBRARIES

389 214
ADMISSIONS/year

334 183
DOCUMENTS

37 894
LOANS/year



HEALTH & DISABILITIES

The healthcare professionals at the Student Health Center (ESE) listen to, provide information and offer care to students. This service also organizes preventive actions.

4 PHYSICIANS

2 NURSES

3 PSYCHOLOGISTS

1 SOCIAL WORKER

1 DISABILITY ADVISOR

over **461** ADAPTATIONS
for students with a disability

Students' wellness and quality of life

The University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour is a human-sized institution described by its students as a warm and welcoming structure. In order to remain true to this identity, we work to reinforce inclusiveness, eco-citizenship and solidarity in a participatory approach with students.

Services dedicated to student life offer a wide range of sport activities, workshops (slam, chess, journalistic writing, artistic practices), concerts, exhibitions, meetings and debates, scientific outreach... Thursday afternoons are devoted to culture (free film club, café-debates, escape games, shows, etc.), sports, student solidarity, as well as to the democratic life of the university.

Numerous student associations promote social ties and are active in fields as varied as the environment, art, culture, science and international solidarity.

On each campus, spaces for relaxation and socializing have been created in academic buildings for the well-being and comfort of students. Modern group work rooms and informal work spaces offer warm places that encourage concentration or cooperative work.

Rock climbing facility
Jean-François Gilles Sports Hall
Campus de Pau

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The Sports, Cultural and Student life Services, the "Enfin Jeudi !" ("Thursday at last") program and "UPPA Solidarity" enliven campus life.

STUDENT LIFE

38 SPORTS
ACTIVITIES

59 STUDENT
ASSOCIATIONS

424 STUDENTS/year
trained in artistic
disciplines

48 CULTURAL
EVENTS/year

30
"ENFIN JEUDI !" EVENTS/year
including **4 major events**: start of the
year festival, carnival, street arts festival,
end-of-year party

134
"UPPA SOLIDARITÉ"
SOLIDARITY ACTIONS/year
Distribution of supplies and groceries,
"Feel good" events, International
Christmas party...



Street art mural
Pau Campus
©Atlantic Drones



Start of the year festival
Pau Campus

A research of excellence in line with current societal challenges

Thanks to the involvement of national research organizations (CNRS, INRAE, Inria), collaborations with renowned universities, and partnerships with innovative companies, the University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour enjoys a national and international reputation in several areas of excellence.

Be it in the field of science and technology, life and environmental sciences, or social sciences and humanities, the expertise of UPPA researchers covers a wide spectrum of scientific knowledge and skills.

INTERDISCIPLINARY MISSIONS

Research activities, as well as teaching activities, are divided into five interdisciplinary missions focused on current societal issues:

- Organizing energy subsidiarity at the territorial scale,
- Reconciling research and development with a safe environment and a preserved biodiversity,
- Adapting coastal, forest and mountain ecosystems to make them more resilient,
- Re-assessing borders and rising up to the challenge of differences,
- Representing and building territories of the future.



1 309 STAFF MEMBERS

in research units (PhD students included)

**521 RESEARCHERS
AND FACULTY MEMBERS**

UPPA, CNRS, INRAE & Inria, permanent research engineers and chairholders (excluding post-doc)



**2 DOCTORAL
SCHOOLS**

Exact Sciences and their Applications - ED 211
Social Sciences and Humanites - ED 481

**510 DOCTORAL
STUDENTS**

133 THESES
defended in 2023

2 COFUND
in progress



LABELS OF EXCELLENCE

In addition to its I-SITE University of Excellence label in the fields of Energy and the Environment, the UPPA has been awarded several labels for its research activities (Equipex, Labex, Thematic Institutes of Excellence, Collex, Carnot Institute, Human Resources Excellence in Research), which guarantees its ability to address the major challenges facing society today and tomorrow.



23,40 M€
RESOURCES
acquired on projects
or research contracts
in 2023



RESEARCH STRUCTURES

18
RESEARCH
UNITS including
10 joint units with
CNRS, Inria, INRAE

6
RESEARCH
FEDERATIONS
4 with CNRS
1 with INRAE

10
JOINT
LABORATORIES
with
companies

4
INTERNATIONAL
LABORATORIES

34
CHAIRS
OF EXPERTISE
including
21 in partnership

The UPPA has also obtained the “Science with and for Society” (SAPS) label, which allows for the implementation of a large number of actions promoting dialogue between science, research and society, at the very heart of its territory.



Scientific animations
European Researchers' Night
in Pau Castle
©Dir. de la communication UPPA

Inorganic Isotope Imaging Platform - UPPA Tech
High resolution multi-collector ICP-MS with
femtosecond lasers for ultra-trace analysis

©Alexis Cheziere



UPPA TECH
Unique instruments
in Europe

17 INSTRUMENTAL PLATFORMS & **3 TECHNICAL PLATFORMS**

cover a wide range of expertise and analytical skills in various fields of activity related to energy and the environment, but also agri-food, pharmaceuticals and materials.



TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES

45 PATENTS

registered

5 filed in 2022

9 active LICENCES

5 FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS
with companies

67 RESEARCH CONTRACTS
in partnership

(excluding contacts with no cash flow)



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

38 START-UP COMPANIES

over the last 5 years,
including **35 student ones**

62 STUDENT-ENTREPRENEURS

in 2022/2023 academic year

384 student-entrepreneurs since 2017



ALUMNI NETWORK

over **35 067 MEMBERS**

UPPA

A network of partners to serve innovation

The University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour is committed to working with numerous public and private partners to address environmental challenges, to foster student success, to promote technology transfer to companies and business creation, and to make its range of skills and expertise available to companies and local authorities.

The number of collaborations with companies and local authorities is increasing. Today, more than half of the institution's research and innovation partnerships are with small and medium-sized businesses. One example is the strong dynamics of the Carnot Institute ISIFoR, of which UPPA is the leader and which steers R&D collaborations around the energy and environmental issues of the subsoil.

To meet the needs of both economic actors (R&D) and academic research at the local, national and international levels, the UPPA Tech instrumental services center provides them with outstanding scientific and technical platforms that are unique in France and in Europe.

The UPPA also fosters business creation by offering personalized support for entrepreneurship to its students and staff. The university supports the transfer of research results in conjunction with technology transfer acceleration company "Aquitaine Science Transfert," its subsidiary ADERA, incubators and technology parks, and the student center for innovation, transfer and entrepreneurship "Entrepreneurship Campus Aquitaine," leading to the filing of patents, the creation of start-ups and/or the signing of licenses with local stakeholders.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Active partners

Since the founding of the University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour, local authorities have been committed to the institution's success.

Through 6 agreements and 4 regional and local plans for Higher Education, Research and Innovation, cities, agglomerations, departmental and regional councils are active partners who support the university's initiatives in the development and operation of its facilities as well as in scientific research, innovation and the promotion of students' professional integration.



over **24**
PARTNER
COMPANIES

CEPyA

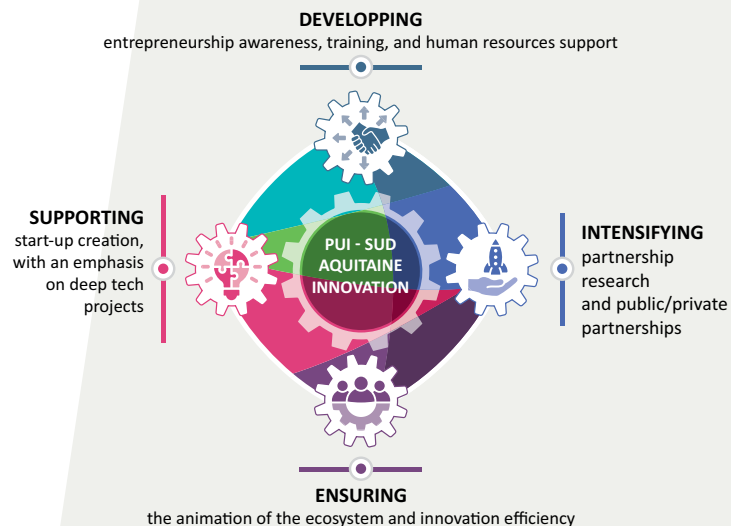
The Pyrenees Adour Business Club

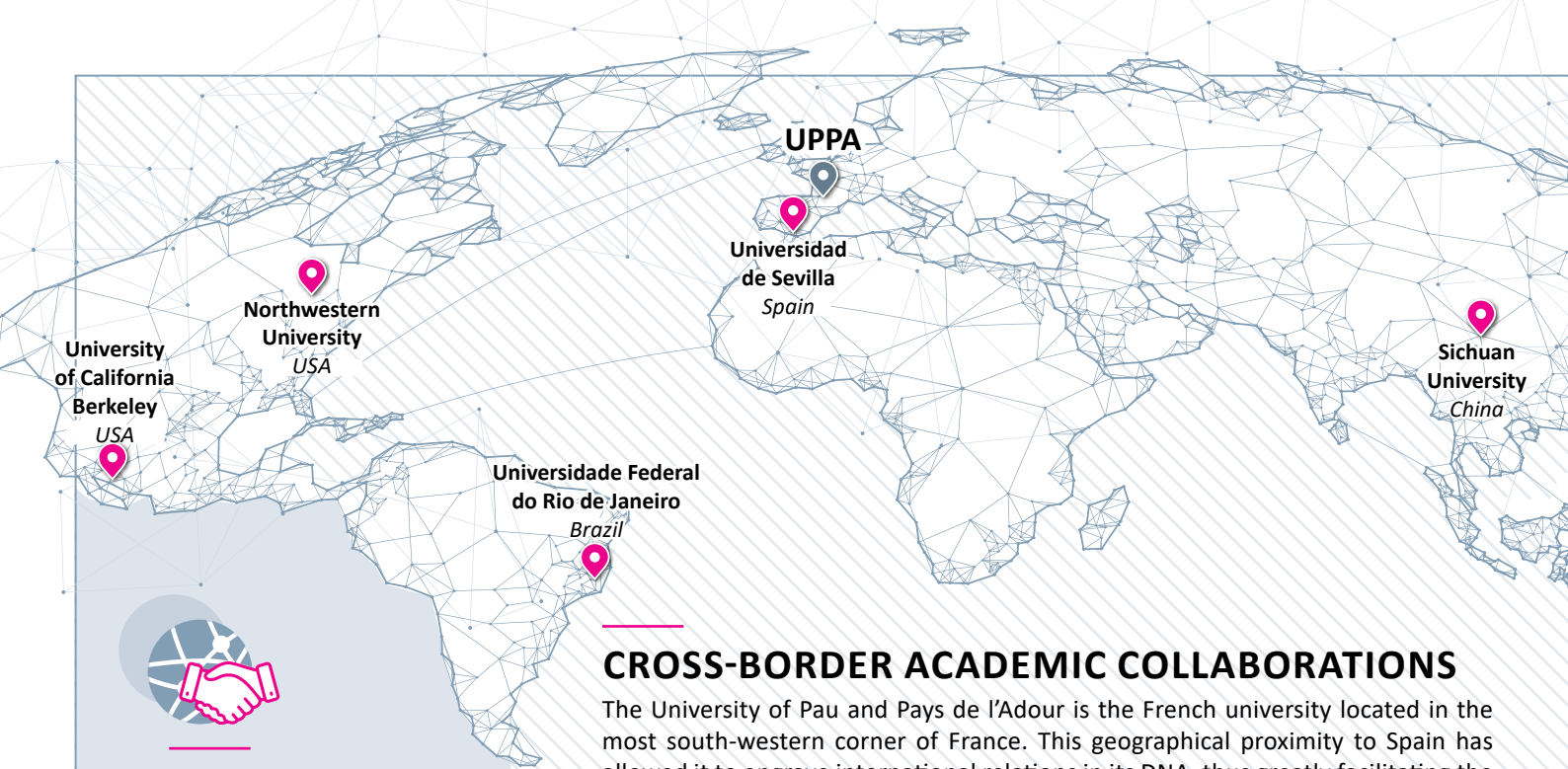
Created in 2017, this association aims to develop relationships between the university and economic stakeholders. Led by business leaders, its purpose is to stimulate exchanges with the aim of contributing to the development of a university training offer adapted to the needs of the region's businesses and promoting the professional integration of students.

THE UNIVERSITY INNOVATION CLUSTER ("PUI")

An opportunity to assert the role of universities in innovation

In order to accelerate the initiatives of Higher Education and Research actors in terms of collaborative research with the business world and transfer of academic research results, the French government wishes to fund 25 University Innovation Clusters in France. These "PUIs" aim to provide the means to fully exploit the innovation potential of research coming out of the territory they cover. The UPPA is the lead partner of the "South Aquitaine Innovation" PUI (university innovation cluster), which includes five other founding members (CNRS, INRAE, Inria, Aquitaine Science Transfert and Adera) and some fifty partners (local authorities, technology parks, companies and clusters).





334
PARTNER
UNIVERSITIES

in 60 pays

138
inter-university
COOPERATION
AGREEMENTS

STRATEGIC
PARTNERS

5 international

3 cross-border

10 European / UNITA

CROSS-BORDER ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

The University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour is the French university located in the most south-western corner of France. This geographical proximity to Spain has allowed it to engrave international relations in its DNA, thus greatly facilitating the mobility of students and staff, as well as the natural and continuous development of collaborative projects with cross-border universities, in particular with the University of Zaragoza, the University of the Basque Country and the Public University of Navarre.

EUROPEAN ALLIANCE

The UPPA has committed itself to the development of the European ecosystem of higher education, research and innovation proposed by the European universities model, and has been involved in the foundation of European alliance UNITA - Universitas Montium (read pages 4-5).

INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC PARTNERS

The success of our model of cross-border and European cooperation has enabled UPPA to build an ambitious strategy, within the framework of its I-SITE E2S project, with the University of California at Berkeley, Northwestern University near Chicago and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro on the American continent, as well as with the University of Seville in Spain and Sichuan University in China.

An increasing attractiveness and international renown

Student exchanges, student and staff mobility, double degrees, academic programs in English, research collaborations and cooperation agreements with higher education institutions around the world... The internationalization strategy of the University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour has increased significantly in recent years and is bearing fruit, as evidenced by its rise in several international rankings (Times Higher Education and Shanghai Thematic) as well as the growing number of international students who choose to study at UPPA and foreign researchers who join our research teams.



INTERNATIONAL MOBILITIES

230
INBOUND
students

465
OUTBOUND
students

32
OUTBOUND
STAFF



INTERNATIONAL DEGREES

39
DUAL DEGREES

18
MASTER'S DEGREES
in English
including 5 PhD-Track

124
THESES
with international
supervision
i.e. 24% of the theses in progress



INTERNATIONAL ATTRACTIVENESS

1 937
international
STUDENTS
15% of student body

176
foreign
PROFESSORS
19% of all professors





Academic
year
2023/2024
statistics



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