

*Université Catholique de Lille,  
a multidisciplinary university  
at the heart of Europe*



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## ***An exceptional geographic location***

Lille, a vibrant and dynamic university city at the heart of Europe is connected to Brussels by train in 35 minutes, to Paris in an hour and to London in 1h20. Being the centre of a urban zone with 2 million inhabitants, Lille itself has all the convenience of a human-sized city.

## ***Lille, Cultural Capital of Europe***

Lille, founded in 1066, has a very rich historic and architectural heritage. Selected "Cultural Capital of Europe» in 2004, Lille is a regional hotspot and a city of art, a cultural destination with lots to offer. Lille is the 2nd largest academic city in France, and provides countless cafes, restaurants, top museums, theatres, an opera house and a national orchestra.

## ***Celebrating over 130 years of academic excellence***

Université Catholique de Lille, a private not for profit university founded in 1875, has an urban campus located in the heart of the city, within easy walking distance of the city's cultural and commercial centre.

The university hosts a population of 25,500 full-time students. It offers a comprehensive education with **40 graduate and 120 undergraduate programs in four major fields of study:**

- **Law, Economics & Management**
- **Humanities**
- **Health Sciences & Social Work**
- **Science and Engineering.**

Such diversity finds its origins in the university's underlying structure, where two higher education systems –traditional university Faculties and "Grandes Ecoles"(graduate schools of business or engineering)– uniquely complement each other.



## ***Whole Person education***

Université Catholique de Lille offers a student-centered, whole person education, It strives for intellectual rigor, critical thinking, social engagement, scholarly and professional excellence needed to solve the complex problems that the world faces.

Professional experience, an important part of the curriculum, is gained through placements in regional and/or international companies and organizations.

It boasts a dynamic student union with more than 300 organizations, reflecting cultural and religious diversity on campus.



## ***An international university***

Internationalization is one of the key institutional strategies and is well anchored in the university's mission and vision. Besides student mobility programs, Université Catholique de Lille has also undertaken various internationalization-at-home initiatives, like offering double-degree options, requiring proficiency in English for graduation, and developing a very ambitious program in intercultural competencies. Although French is the main language of instruction, many courses are offered in English, especially in the field of business and management (whole curriculum available in English) as well as in law, political sciences, international relations and engineering. In its efforts to make the campus more international, Université Catholique de Lille offers the best possible service to students in order to make their stay pleasant and successful.



### ***European Summer Program***

The ESP (European Summer Program) is a 4 week-program offered in June and July. It combines intensive French languages courses with varied elective courses taught in English, multiple course-related fieldtrips, a social and cultural program, making it a multicultural, integrated and highly academic experience.

## ***Facts and figures***

- A historic campus situated 15 minutes walk from the town centre
- 6 Faculties
- 20 Colleges and Institutes including 4 Engineering schools, and 3 Business and Management schools, plus a full range of health sciences, social and business studies
- 25,500 full-time students
- 2,600 international students coming from 100 countries
- 400 international partner universities
- 1,500 students abroad every year participating in a student exchange programme
- 2,000 students abroad every year for internships or placements
- A hospital complex (1,000 beds)
- 33 research teams (7 linked to the CNRS, French National Research Network)
- A central library – 12 departmental libraries
- 300 student associations (students' union, humanitarian groups, cultural and sport organisations)
- 2,000 rooms in halls of residence
- A sports complex
- An arts centre : conferences, concerts, workshops
- A university choir

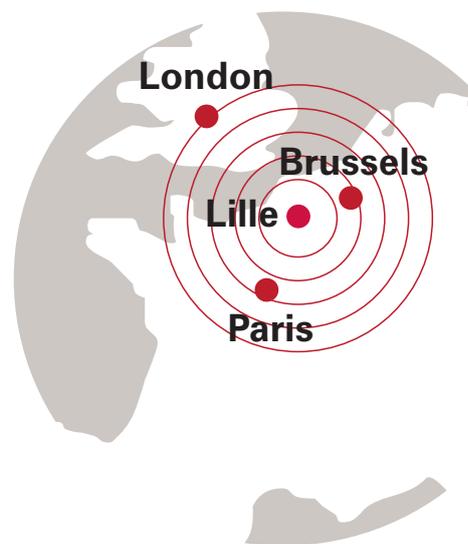


## ***Networks and partnerships***

Université Catholique de Lille prides itself on its European dimension and is very active in fostering study abroad programmes. Partnerships exist with over 400 foreign universities, 340 of which are in Europe.



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