

IMT Atlantique international attractiveness and influence continue to grow

Ranked among the top 400 universities in the world in THE World University Ranking 2020, IMT Atlantique is internationally recognized for the quality of its research and education. On its three campuses, this elite technological university welcomes students of 70 different nationalities who are attracted by its educational excellence and the conditions recognized by the *Welcome to France* label from Campus France. IMT Atlantique is also developing an ambitious international strategy, offering future engineers access to its network of 190 partner universities.

Since its inception, the university has relied on cutting-edge research and training, which has enabled it to rapidly acquire international renown. IMT Atlantique is listed in 4 disciplines in the Shanghai, QS and THE 2020 rankings, and is ranked 59th among universities under 50 years old. Thanks to this recognition, the university is at the heart of many strategic international partnerships and is part of prestigious European and international research programs. Internationalization strategy is also at the heart of our students' education. Each year, IMT Atlantique increases in its attractiveness to students from across the globe, offering future engineers the opportunity to open up to the world through English language programs and by encouraging exchange programs and dual degrees.

IMT Atlantique attracts students from all over the world

The Brest, Nantes and Rennes campuses welcome around 1,800 students, of whom around 40% are foreign nationals from 70 countries. This diversity translates into a unique cultural and linguistic mix that allows students to learn from each other throughout the year, whether in the classroom, in group projects or more informally in student societies and university life. The attractiveness of IMT Atlantique is based on the excellence of its education, but also on the conditions offered to students. The university has just obtained the *Welcome to France* label, an accreditation created by Campus France and announced in November 2018 by Prime Minister Édouard Philippe. The *Bienvenue en France* label initiative reflects the desire to make our country more attractive to international students and to guarantee them the best conditions for pursuing their higher education. Founded on an original quality-based approach, this label rewards the initiatives of 90 schools and establishments to date. It highlights the efforts made by institutions in terms of welcoming, integrating, supporting and accompanying international students. The *Welcome to France* label has been awarded to IMT Atlantique for its initiatives in favor of students. Evaluated on all indicators - information, welcome facilities, education program, support for campus life and accommodation, post-graduation follow-up, IMT Atlantique obtained 3 stars, the maximum level, and was awarded the *Bienvenue en France* label for a period of 4 years. This is a recognition of the work that has been undertaken for several years by IMT Atlantique teams and the BDI (Bureau des Internationales) to welcome students from around the world. On campus, international students can participate in numerous clubs and activities which help them to fit in quickly, and contribute to reinforcing the internationalization of the university. These include:

- A French Summer School, every summer, which combines intensive French courses, cultural activities and sports for 4 weeks. Organized on the Nantes campus, it welcomes students from all backgrounds.
- An integration week offered each September, with days set aside for administrative formalities (setting up bank accounts, registering for social security and health insurance, etc.).
- FLE courses given by a specialized teaching team, accessible whatever the level of French, and whatever the students' background.
- A wide range of courses taught in English: the majority of Masters courses are taught 100% in English in order to be accessible to international students.

- A simplified application procedure, as everything is done online.
- A FAQ section on the website, specially geared towards international students, answering questions ranging from the choice of study program to the issues relating to life on campus.
- Suitable accommodation, with all IMT Atlantique campuses offering accommodation located near the classrooms.

Erasmus +, digitalization to promote inclusion

The European Commission has renewed IMT Atlantique's Erasmus + charter, awarding it the maximum score of 100/100 for the period 2021-2027. The new Erasmus + program supported by the European Union has doubled its budget, with 26 billion euros of funding for the period 2021-2027. In particular, it involves the digitalization of all student management processes, from recruitment to graduation. The aim is to foster inclusion for people for whom exchange programs can prove challenging (due to disability or financial difficulties, but also for people living on islands, etc.), but also to promote student participation in actions for the wider European community and society at large. Moving forward, it will also include cooperation with countries outside the EU. From this year onwards, IMT Atlantique will use the EWP (Erasmus Without Paper) network to manage inter-institutional agreements and pedagogical contracts online. This will be followed by online management of student applications in 2022, exchange of transcripts via EWP in 2023, and finally the implementation of the European student card in 2024.

An educational offer open to the international stage

IMT Atlantique has developed a truly international strategy for its courses, requiring students to learn two foreign languages and offering Master's level programs in English. The university encourages students to travel, in the form of internships, but also in the context of academic stays at partner universities - semester or year-long courses, dual degrees - or humanitarian work. Future engineers have access to a large network of more than 190 partner institutions throughout the world. This network is constantly expanding. In the future, students will be able to continue their training at the University of Adelaide in Australia, which is internationally recognized in the field of AI, or at the prestigious McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

Highly internationalized research

12% of the teaching and research staff and nearly 60% of the doctoral students at IMT Atlantique are from abroad, and research contributes to IMT Atlantique's diverse reputation with 54% of international co-publications. Here again, the university relies on collaborations with the best scientific centers and institutions in the world.

The university participates in numerous European and international research programs, including

- coordinating European programs: ASSISTANT (Artificial Intelligence for Manufacturing), Lowcomote (Training the Next Generation of Experts in Scalable Low-Code Engineering Platforms) and STRONG2020 (strong interaction at the frontier of knowledge),
- international collaboration in nuclear research (CERN),
- the international laboratory IRL CROSSING with Australia,
- international research consortia *chaires* (Australia, Japan, USA).

IMT Atlantique has also been involved in founding major facilities such as the Pierre Auger Observatory (Argentina), the XENON1T dark matter detector (Italy), and the European distributed infrastructure project SILECS (Super Infrastructure for Large-Scale Experimental Computer Science).

IMT Atlantique has thus become a partner in the new international laboratory Crossing. This Franco-Australian project brings together the CNRS, IMT Atlantique, the Universities of Adelaide, South Australia and Flinders, and Naval Group. It aims to develop innovative solutions for humans, artificial intelligence (AI) and autonomous systems to collaborate efficiently and ethically, for the benefit of certain industries such as health, defense and industry 4.0. Located in Adelaide, Australia, IRL Crossing was inaugurated on 22 February 2021 by the Prime

Minister of South Australia, Steven Marshall, in the presence of Jean-Pierre Thébault, French Ambassador to Australia and the CEO of Naval Group, Pierre Eric Pommelot. The ceremony was also attended by Anne Beauval, President of IMT Atlantique, via videoconference from Paris. The project strengthens the already rich scientific collaboration between France and Australia. IMT Atlantique has been setting up partnerships with Australia for over 15 years, participating in the creation of the Western Alliance for Scientific Action with Australia (WASAA), in 2018. This initiative aims to increase student and researcher exchanges between the two countries.

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About IMT Atlantique

IMT Atlantique is an elite technological university. IMT Atlantique is ranked 7th in the 2021 *l'Etudiant's* Ranking of engineering schools and 5th in the *Usine Nouvelle* ranking. IMT Atlantique is ranked among the top 400 universities in the world in THE World University Ranking 2021 and 59th in the world under 50 years old. The university is internationally recognized for its research (in 5 disciplines in the Shanghai, QS and THE rankings). It belongs to the *Institut Mines-Télécom* and depends on the Ministry for Industry and the Digital Sector.

With three campuses in Brest, Nantes and Rennes, and a business incubator on all three campuses, IMT Atlantique aims to combine digital, energy and environmental technologies to transform society and industry through education, research and innovation, and to be the leading French higher education and research institution in this field.

Since September 2018, IMT Atlantique has offered a new general engineering program. Students are recruited through the *Mines-Ponts* competitive examination. The university also offers three apprenticeship-engineering programs, as well as Masters programs, specialized Masters programs and Doctoral programs.

IMT Atlantique's degree programs are based on cutting-edge research in six joint research units (with the CNRS, INRIA, INSERM, universities and engineering schools), of which it is the supervisor: GEPEA, IRISA, LATIM, LABSTICC, LS2N and SUBATECH. The university draws on its excellence in research in its flagship fields (energy and digital, cybersecurity, environment and digital, industry of the future, nuclear, health and digital, risks and interactions) and by combining scientific fields to rise to the challenges of tomorrow: digital transformation, environmental transformation, industrial transition, energy transformation, healthcare of the future and fundamental research, with the support of two Carnot institutes, Télécom & Société Numérique and Carnot MINES.

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