The history of the Sorbonne Nouvelle dates back to the middle of the 12th-century and the birth of the Université de Paris, one of the seven oldest universities in the world. Over the centuries, the Université de Paris and its internationally recognised Collège de Sorbonne have become synonymous. And it was in the 1880s that the new Sorbonne renovation project transformed the campus into the Haussmannian palace dedicated to the Humanities and the Sciences that we know today. Following the reorganisation of the Université de Paris in 1970, the Sorbonne Nouvelle emerged as an autonomous university specialised in the Arts & Humanities ranked 1st in France and 25th in the world for Modern Languages (QS 2018).

The Sorbonne Nouvelle offers an extensive range of bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in the Arts & Humanities, most notably in the fields of Languages, Literature, Film Studies, Theatre Studies, Communication and Media Studies.

Our University prides itself in its internationally recognised research in contemporary humanities.
PREPARING TODAY’S GRADUATES FOR TOMORROW

The Sorbonne Nouvelle offers degrees in:
- Film & Audio-Visual Studies
- Theatre Studies
- Communication & Media Studies
- Journalism
- Creative Industries
- Language Sciences & Language Pedagogy
- Languages & Literatures: Afrikaans, Arabic, Basque, Catalan, Chinese, Dutch, English, French, Finnish, Galician, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Italian, Persian, Portuguese, Romanian, Sanskrit, Spanish, etc.
- Comparative literature
- Translation and Interpreting
- European and International Studies, Latin American Studies

These qualifications provide a large range of recruitment opportunities including cinema and audio-visual industries, communication and journalism, creative industries, performing arts, publishing and documentation, teaching and research, theatre, translation and interpreting. The Sorbonne Nouvelle also offers a perfect platform for students interested in European and International careers.

Student Experience

Since 2014 Paris has been consistently ranked Europe’s best student city (QS) and we take pride in the fact that our approach to the student experience has fully contributed to this. With the city of Paris as its campus, life at the Sorbonne Nouvelle thrives on its interaction with the wider community. This provides a unique experience for student enterprise, student initiatives and volunteering opportunities.

The Sorbonne Nouvelle is a member of the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation PEPITE Créaj-IDF. Our student entrepreneur programmes allow our students to create their own jobs, acquire forward-thinking employability skills and work towards our graduate diploma in entrepreneurship.

Academic success and employability for all of our students are at the heart of our learning experience. And, of course, our community has direct access to the world’s cultural capital and to outstanding sports facilities.

The Sorbonne Nouvelle includes 3 faculties, one school and one institute. Our 3 faculties (or UFR - Unités de Formation et de Recherche, literally ‘education and research units’) are organised into academic departments.

Faculty of Arts & Media
UFR Arts & Médias
4 departments:
- Communication and Media Studies (Institut de la communication et des médias)
- Creative Industries (Médiation culturelle)
- Film & Audio-Visual Studies (Cinéma et audiovisuel)
- Theatre Studies (Institut d’études théatrales)

Faculty of International Cultures, Languages & Literatures
UFR Langues, Littératures, Civilisations et Sociétés Étrangères
7 departments:
- Applied Languages (Langues Etrangères Appliquées)
- Arabic, Hebrew, Indian and Iranian Studies (Études arabes, hébraïques, indiennes et iraniennes)
- English Studies (Monde Anglophone)
- European Studies (Institut d’Études européennes)
- German Studies (Etudes germaniques)
- Iberian and Latin American Studies (Études Ibériques et Latino-Américaines)
- Italian and Romanian Studies (Études Italiennes et Roumaines)

Faculty of Literature, Linguistics & Didactics
UFR Littérature, Linguistique, Didactique
4 departments:
- Applied Linguistics and General Phonetics (Institut de linguistique et phonétique générales et appliquées)
- Comparative Literature (Littérature Générale et Comparée)
- French and Latin Literatures and Linguistics (Littérature et Linguistique Françaises et Latines)
- The Teaching of French as a Foreign Language (Didactique du Français Etrangère)

School of Translation & Interpreting Studies
École Supérieure des Interprètes et des Traducteurs (ESIT)

Institute of Latin American Studies
Institut des Hautes Études de l’Amérique Latine (IHEAL)
The Sorbonne Nouvelle’s learning experience is based on **internationally renowned research in contemporary humanities**. The ‘Sorbonne’ name attracts researchers and students alike from all around the world. Our university has more than 680 academics working across 27 different research units. We organise over one hundred and fifty conferences and study days every year.

With **5 Doctoral Schools** to choose from, our 1,130 doctoral candidates work in close partnership with the university’s internationally recognised research-active faculty. Professional development programmes also allow doctoral candidates to be employed in development projects run by private companies and non-profit organisations.

The Sorbonne Nouvelle’s recently renovated research centre, the *Maison de la recherche*, is situated next to the Panthéon and houses **dedicated facilities open to all of our researchers**.

**Distance Learning**

Our university’s tradition in distance learning dates back to the 1930s. Today, the university’s digital gateway, *Virtuose*, offers access to our virtual learning environment, communication tools, office software as well as multimedia resources such as Sorbonne Nouvelle TV and Radio Sorbonne Nouvelle. You can choose from 15 full distance learning qualifications ranging from diplomas to undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

**Sorbonne Nouvelle Library Services**

The Sorbonne Nouvelle houses such prestigious intercollegiate libraries as the *Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève* and the *Bibliothèque Sainte-Barbe* as well as the Central University Library. 24/7 and from anywhere on the planet, *Virtuose* allows all of our students and staff access to our extensive online collections.

**University Press**

The *Presses Sorbonne Nouvelle* furthers our commitment to disseminating excellence in research and education with a catalogue that includes over 550 individual and collective works.
SPORT AND EXERCISE

Sport and Exercise at the Sorbonne Nouvelle allows students and staff to engage in a programme of over 30 coach-led classes. The Sorbonne Nouvelle is also a member of France’s biggest university sports federation. Whether you want to compete at the highest level or simply want to have some fun, there are plenty of opportunities to keep fit!

CAMPUS LIFE

We are fully devoted to providing our students and colleagues with a great Sorbonne experience. Recognised nationally for our commitment to promoting student life we offer our student community the opportunity to engage in a large number of student societies, to undertake voluntary work in the Paris community, and to participate in the year-round campus life events and activities.

The Sorbonne Nouvelle views its student population as a creative force and actively fosters young talent. Through such programmes as Acte & Fac or the university’s partnership with the Festival of Ideas Paris we work with young artists to help them develop their creative and professional potential.

The Sorbonne Nouvelle prides itself in having the biggest university box office in France. We offer reduced rates for both students and staff to events held in over 80 venues across Paris.

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FACTS & FIGURES:

- 16,500 students, including 29% international students
- 680 academic staff and 670 support staff
- 1,130 doctoral candidates, including 55% international PhD students
- Over 70 Major/Minor combinations at bachelor’s level
- 49 master’s degrees and 13 university diplomas
- 18 distance learning courses
- Over 478 cooperation agreements, including 328 Erasmus agreements
- 1st university in France and 25th in the world for Modern Languages (QS 2018)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

With some 478 international agreements, worldwide cooperation is one of our university’s key priorities. The Sorbonne Nouvelle is actively involved in collaborations and partnerships across the world including North and South America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. As a member of the university system Sorbonne Paris Cité we have permanent international offices in Berlin, Singapore, Sao Paulo and Buenos Aires.

We believe that student and teacher mobility is of vital importance in an increasingly internationalised world. With 328 Erasmus agreements and 150 international agreements, the Sorbonne Nouvelle allows over 1,000 students to participate in study exchanges each year. From international degrees to international teaching and research assignments, the Sorbonne Nouvelle is a major influence on the world stage in the Arts & Humanities.

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