

Exchanges with French Universities

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AIU's Exchange Program



Akita International University Overview

- Founded: 2004
- Student Body: 804 (Apr. 200 International Students) *Fall 2019
 - Student Exchange: Apr. 190 Outbound/290 Inbound per year
- Full-time Faculty: 58 (53% International)
 - 14:1 Student/Faculty ratio
 - Average 18 students/class
- 1 Faculty: International Liberal Arts
 - Global Business, Global Studies, Global Connectivity (2021)
 - Japan Studies Program, Japanese Language Program



Exchange Program Overview

- One-Year Study Abroad Required for Graduation
- 200 Partners in 50 Countries
 - 90%+ Active Exchange
- Tuition-Waiver Exchange
- Take courses in major taught in English (30 credits/year)
 - Language study abroad
- In general, 1-2 students per university at a time



Current Partnerships in France and Status of Exchanges



Partner Universities in France



1. Burgundy School of Business (2012)
2. NEOMA Business School (2006)
3. PSB Paris School of Business (2009)
4. Rennes 2 University (2013)
5. Rennes School of Business (2012)
6. Sciences Po Grenoble (2013)
7. Sciences Po Lille (2019)
8. Sciences Po Rennes (2012)
9. Toulouse Business School (2010)
10. Université Toulouse – Jean Jaurès (2010)



Overview of Exchanges with France

- 10 Partners – 3rd most of any country (tie)
 - All exchange partnerships
- 120+ students sent / 180+ students received
 - Appr. 10 – 20 students sent / 20-30 students received per year
 - #2-#4 annually in terms in inbound/outbound student numbers
- 3 Distinct Types of Partners
 - Business Schools (5)
 - Social Sciences/Political Science (4)
 - Language Study Abroad (1)



Establishing Partnerships in France



First Contact

- Conferences: NAFSA, EAIE, APAIE
 - Research participants, set meetings in advance
 - Visiting Campus France booth
 - Introductions
- Email Outreach



Considerations for Establishing Partnerships

- Field/Level of Content Courses in English – both sides
 - Prerequisites
 - Grande École System
 - Course Requirements
- Exchange Eligibility Requirements
- Student Support
- Academic Approval



Maintaining Partnerships

- Importance of Relationships
- Academic Calendar / Summer Vacation
- Student expectations
 - Course format
 - Support
 - Campus life
- Student Recruiting
 - Study abroad fairs
 - Campus France recruiting efforts



Questions

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