

## Why study in Montpellier ?



### Mediterranean City at the Cross roads of Europe

Montpellier, the capital of Mediterranean Languedoc-Roussillon is situated midway between Spain and Italy on the French Mediterranean coast, at the heart of Southern Europe's high-growth, high-technology sunbelt. It is a bustling metropolis (400,000 people), one of southern France's fastest-growing cities.

Languedoc-Roussillon is a region which has an incredible variety of sceneries and with 300 days of sun a year, it has been given the title of sunniest region of France.

The coast is 125 miles of beaches and numerous seaside resorts. Spain and the famous Costa Brava is just on the other side of the Pyrenees, a two-hour drive. Languedoc is also the marshland of Camargue and its wildlife: white Camargue horses, black bulls prepared for the corrida and festivals, pink flamingos.

Languedoc-Roussillon looking inland, it's the Corbieres mountains and the Catalan Pyrenees. It's also the breathtaking Gorges du Tarn.

### Montpellier: A University City and High Technology Development Centre

Montpellier is above all a medieval university city: Nostradamus qualified as a doctor here, and even Rabelais studied at the school. Petrarch came to Montpellier in 1317 and stayed for 7 years.

Today three universities and several technical and graduate colleges, make an attractive combination of youth and a high level of education: 35% of the city's population are under 25 years of age and no less than 25% of the population - 60,000 students - are in further or higher education. The University of Montpellier I where the medical school is located, University of Montpellier II also known as University of Technical Sciences, with faculties of engineering, sciences, and business management, and University of Montpellier III, Paul Valéry University, with faculties of arts, letters, philosophy and linguistics, languages, literature, human and environmental sciences, economics and social sciences.

Montpellier is France's jewel in the crown of the Mediterranean high-technology sunbelt. Its economy is witnessing unprecedented growth focused around 4 key centres of excellence:

Biomedicine and pharmaceuticals  
technologies

Information and communication

Agronomy and plant biotechnology

Leisure and business tourism.

You will come to Montpellier to study, to exchange ideas, skills and knowledge but also to visit its cultural heritage and discover the riches of its back country.