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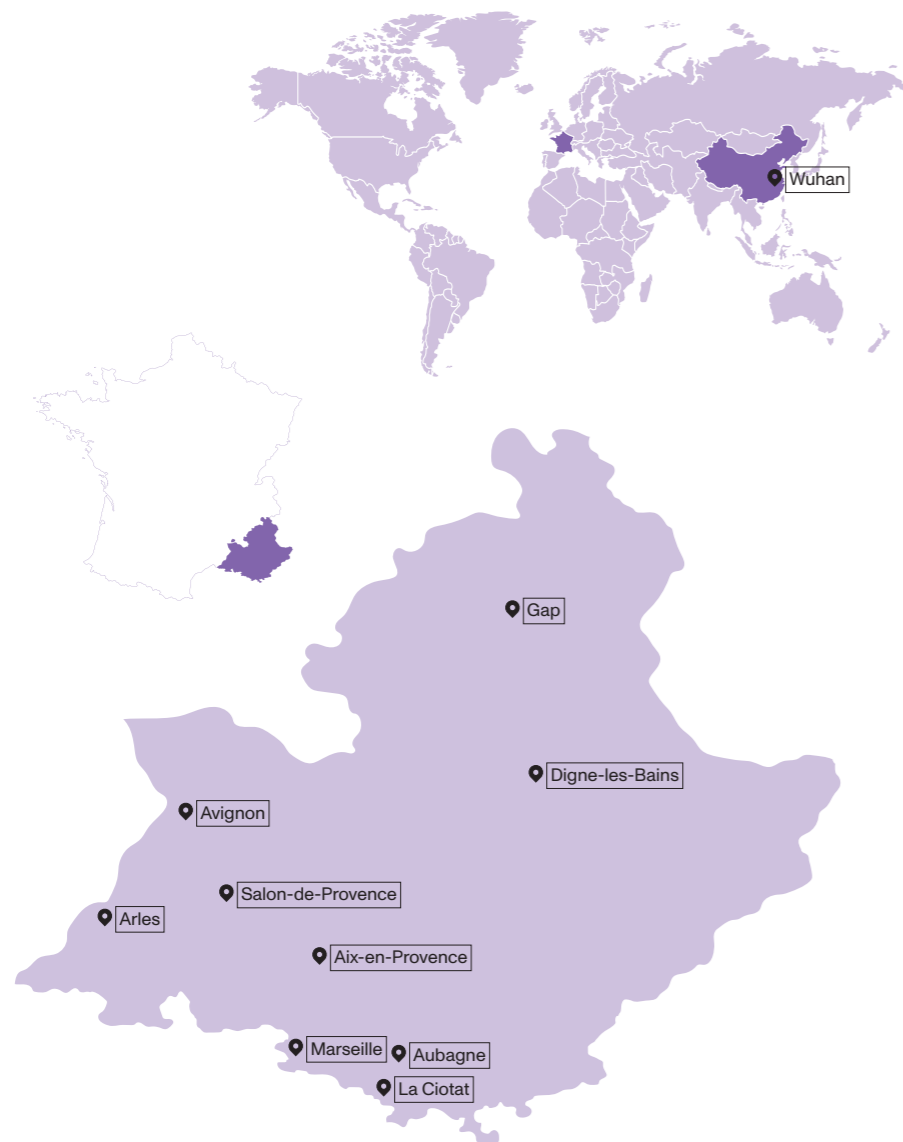
Aix Marseille Université is spread across 4 departments and 10 towns, in an area that offers an exceptional environment for experimentation, from the Southern Alps to the Mediterranean shores. A region that is shaping a culture of innovation and openness to the world.



A leading university at the heart of the Mediterranean, Aix Marseille Université (amU) is home to 80,000 students on 5 international-standard campuses. Today, we are a cutting-edge institution. We are not only a place of disciplinary knowledge, but also a driving force for crucial progress for our society: in health, artificial intelligence, biodiversity and the environment, major innovations have emerged and will continue to emerge thanks to knowledge-sharing and unprecedented synergies. Committed to supporting entrepreneurship, we offer interdisciplinary training programmes and some of the most efficient business incubators. As a responsible university deeply engaged with its region, Aix Marseille Université is also a hub for global dialogue.

**Aix Marseille Université makes the future possible.
Let's explore it together to shape society.**

Éric Berton
President of Aix Marseille Université



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Here, we focus on **humanity.**

amU fosters personal development and emancipation, and trains the free and enlightened citizens of tomorrow.





amU focuses on students' success by developing their autonomy.

-  **8,000 staff**
-  **80,000 students**
-  **5 major campuses**
-  **+ 1,000 diplomas**

-  including more than 2,500 teacher-researchers
-  including more than 12,000 international students
-  7 faculties, 4 schools and 6 institutes

Training to meet future challenges

As France's largest university in terms of student population, amU offers an exceptionally diverse range of training programmes while maintaining a high level of academic excellence.

Interdisciplinarity and transdisciplinarity lie at the heart of its educational mission, encouraging the development of diplomas at the crossroads of multiple fields.



5 training areas

- Arts, Letters and Languages
- Human and Social Sciences
- Law, Economics and Management
- Health Sciences
- Science and Technology

A student-centered teaching approach focused on their future

By placing educational innovation at the heart of the student pathway, offering modular programmes and cross-disciplinary teaching, amU focuses on student success by fostering autonomy. Its programmes are structured around the learner's pathway, creating bridges that facilitate further studies, double degrees, changes in academic direction, and entry into the workforce. The university also promotes international student mobility and develops teaching approaches based on digital technologies to support those with the greatest difficulties.



amU faculties, schools and training institutes

Sector of arts, letters, languages and humanities

- ALLSH - Faculty of arts, letters, languages and humanities
- CFMI - Training centre for intervention musicians
- MMSH - Mediterranean centre for social sciences and humanities

Law and political science sector

- FDSP - Faculty of law and political science
- IMPGT - Institute for public management and territorial governance

Economics and management sector

- EJCAM - Aix Marseille school of journalism and communication
- FEG - Faculty of economics and management
- IAE - Aix Marseille graduate school of management
- IRT - Regional labour institute

Health sector

- PHARMA - Faculty of pharmacy
- SMPM - Faculty of medical and paramedical sciences

Science and technology sector

- FS - Faculty of sciences
- FSS - Faculty of sports science
- POLYTECH - Marseille Polytech
- OSU-PYTHEAS - Pythéas Institute - Observatory for the sciences of the Universe

Multidisciplinary sector

- INSPE - National institute of higher education for teaching and education
- IUT - Aix Marseille Université institute of technology

Training for careers in the film industry

Satis is one of the few public film schools in France! Based in Aubagne, it offers training in image and sound professions. It is also one of the leading institutions in France in terms of film production, including both fiction and documentary works.

Here, we focus on excellence.

amU defends a modern vision of excellence by making science and knowledge a tool for progress and solidarity.





121 research structures



including 114 research units and 7 federative structures



18 institutes for research and education



2 graduate schools and 1 institute for advanced study



12 doctoral schools



Scientific excellence to meet today's challenges

amU has remarkable scientific potential in both fundamental and applied research. It is a research-intensive university associated with major national research bodies (CNRS, INSERM, IRD, CEA, ANR), a position that guarantees the quality of its training and the development of a scientific approach among its students. It ranks among the top French universities in international rankings.

The Initiative of Excellence

The Initiative of Excellence (IdEx) label was awarded to Aix Marseille Université in 2012 and gained a permanent status in 2016, enabling amU to become one of the world's leading universities in research, education and innovation. The implementation of this initiative is supported by the Amidex foundation, which manages the interests of the €750m capital allocated by the French government.

The excellence of the research carried out in its laboratories is widely recognised, both by the ERC (European Research Council) grants and by the prestigious 'Highly Cited Researchers' distinction published each year by Clarivate.

→ Find out more about our ERC (European Research Council): <https://amu.hal.science/cercle>

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101-150th in the 2024 Shanghai ranking

Discipline	Rank
Physics	51-75
Oceanography	51-75
Mathematics	76-100
Public Health	76-100

The Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) identifies the top 1,000 higher education institutions out of more than 2,500 candidate universities in 2024.

Interdisciplinary institutes and a Mission Interdisciplinarité(s) to address societal challenges

Interdisciplinarity is one of the keys to understanding today's increasingly complex world. To respond to this challenge by facilitating dialogue between disciplines and the link between education and research, the university has set up thematic institutes for research and education. Created in 2019, these interdisciplinary institutes, which have a strong international focus, are structured around some twenty themes covering diverse fields such as health, the environment, human and social sciences, technology and physics. In addition, to support and accelerate interdisciplinary innovation, amU has launched a pilot Mission dedicated to interdisciplinarity and transdisciplinarity in 2021. This strategy in favour of interdisciplinarity has borne fruit, as amU was ranked as France's leading university (68th in the world) in terms of interdisciplinary sciences and the only French university in the top 100 of the 2025 Times Higher Education Interdisciplinary Science Ranking.

→ Watch the animated presentation films of the institutes: <http://url.univ-amu.fr/playlist-instituts>

State-of-the-art technological platforms

To structure a high-level scientific expertise and provide cutting-edge technological tools, CNRS, INSERM, and AMU created the "Plateforme Aix Marseille" label. These labeled platforms provide the socio-economic world and the scientific community with advanced infrastructures for services, collaborative partnerships, and research contracts.

→ Find out more: <https://plateformes-aix-marseille.univ-amu.fr>

Focus on...

IHU - Méditerranée Infection: care, research and monitoring of infectious diseases.

The mission of this local, national and international cluster, co-founded by amU, is to pool resources in the fight against infectious diseases (in particular HIV, tuberculosis and malaria).

→ www.mediterranee-infection.com

Sports and research

Located on the Marseille Luminy campus, the **TechnoSport platform** is a meeting place for top-level sports and research. amU provides the Olympique de Marseille club with several technological tools to optimise the physical preparation of its players. The university also works with around ten French national teams, including judo, athletics, taekwondo and sailing. In 2024, amU's **Institute of Movement Sciences and the research centre of the French Football Federation** signed an unprecedented partnership to improve the performance of football players.



HRS4R certification

« Human Resources Strategy for Researchers »

This label is awarded by the European Commission to institutions that aim to improve recruitment practices and career management for researchers across Europe.

Here, we focus on **cooperation.**

amU stands as a model of integration of knowledge and cultures, drawing on its diversity and its Euro-Mediterranean roots.





Working with and for the region

Contributing to economic dynamism

amU is a center of knowledge, and more than ever, a place of exchange with the socio-economic world. It plays a key role in driving major progress for society in areas such as health, artificial intelligence, biodiversity, the environment and the creative industries.

Through innovation and the highly qualified young graduates, the university contributes significantly to the socio-economic dynamism of the region. A report by the UK firm Biggar Economics highlighted the

impact of our university across the region: amU received €1.5 million in licence income and €88.8 million from industrial research. It has been involved in 45 spin-out and start-up companies, and has also supported the creation of similar ventures through its national research partners. **Its activities contribute €125 million in GVA (Gross Added Value) and support 800 jobs in Provence - Côte d'Azur.**

Students, teacher-researchers, institutional and business partners have a lot to share!

Strategic partnerships

The creation of bilateral partnerships between amU and local companies is a major source of innovation and competitiveness. **CMA CGM** and the Faculty of Medical and Paramedical Sciences have created the region's first academic chair dedicated to health. Its missions: medical research, training healthcare professionals and quality of life for patients in oncology and neurology.

A dynamic alumni network

The alumni community brings together graduates, students, staff and partners. This socio-professional and intergenerational network helps maintain strong ties with companies and facilitates job placements and internships.

The Cité de la Méditerranée: a shared ambition

The Cité de la Méditerranée, which has been awarded the '**Marseille en Grand**' label, reflects a shared regional and social commitment. The aim is to bring together the scientific, economic, institutional and associative players involved in the many issues facing the Mediterranean, to provide innovative responses to the environmental, economic and social challenges of this vital region.



As one of the university's core values, international openness permeates all of amU's activities.



12,000 international students

Over 2,300 outgoing students



- + 680 partner institutions
- in 97 countries
- 70 internationally co-awarded degrees
- 22 international research laboratories

Cooperating internationally

As one of the university's core values, the international openness permeates all of amU's activities, thanks to its exceptional geographical position at the heart of the Mediterranean basin and to the strong ties it has built across Europe and beyond.



Téthys, a network of Mediterranean universities

As a founding member of Téthys, the consortium of Euro-Mediterranean universities, amU has been contributing for 2 decades to strengthen the Mediterranean area for higher education and research. Alongside 80 universities, all from 21 countries bordering the Mediterranean, amU is building a place of cultural and scientific exchange that benefits young people on both shores.

Erasmus+

A European funding programme for training and education, Erasmus+ supports mobility for learning purposes, and fosters inter-university cooperation projects. It facilitates the sharing of know-how and the development of innovation in education, training, youth and sport.



amU, leader of the CIVIS European alliance

CIVIS is building an inter-university campus for 500,000 students and 80,000 staff. The alliance's activities are organised around thematic hubs linked to major societal challenges: climate, health, heritage preservation, cities, mobility and the digital transition. CIVIS is also committed to the Africa-Mediterranean axis: fostering cultural, historical, scientific and educational openness that greatly benefits students throughout their academic journey.

The CIVIS European University brings together Aix Marseille Université, the National and Capodistrian University of Athens (Greece), the Free University of Brussels (Belgium), the University of Bucharest (Romania), the University of Glasgow (Scotland), the Autonomous University of Madrid (Spain), the La Sapienza University of Rome (Italy), the University of Salzburg (Austria), the University of Stockholm (Sweden) and the University of Tübingen (Germany). In 2022, Hassan II University in Casablanca (Morocco), Cheikh-Anta-Diop University in Dakar (Senegal), the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg (South Africa), Makerere University in Kampala (Uganda), Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo (Mozambique) and the University of Sfax (Tunisia) joined the alliance.



1 WUT-AMU Franco-Chinese Institute



1 'Welcome to France' label

Here, we focus on **inventiveness**

amU explores
new paths to provide
innovative responses
to the complex
challenges of our time.



Innovation: pushing beyond the known

Supporting entrepreneurship

amU is a major driving force of the region's entrepreneurial dynamism. It relies on an efficient local ecosystem (SATT Sud-Est, the Impulse and Belle de Mai incubators, etc.) that enables the technologies and projects emerging from the university's research units to be developed and commercialised, which promotes entrepreneurship through a range of initiatives and programmes. Since 2024, amU has led the Provence University Innovation Hub (PUI). With funding of €16.5 million over 4 years, its aim is to increase the number of deep-tech start-ups created from laboratory research results.



CISAM, the beating heart of innovation

Since 2018, amU's Cité de l'Innovation et des Savoirs (Centre for Innovation and Knowledge) has brought together all the key players (incubators, banks, industries, etc.) involved in innovation, technology transfer and business creation. In 2022, it was recognised as one of the 25 places that are transforming innovation in France. Spread across 7 university campuses, the interactive Cisam+ system is embedded in the core of teaching and research activities to infuse a culture of innovation into the whole academic community.

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Marseille Immunology Biocluster: shaping the future of immunology

Marseille Immunology Biocluster (MIB) brings together major players in research, healthcare, innovation, and industrial applications. Its mission: to accelerate the development of antibody-based drug candidates to combat cancer, autoimmune diseases, and infectious diseases. The ambition is to make Aix-Marseille-Provence a global reference in immunology and biotechnology.

→ Find out more:
<https://mibiocluster.com>

Protisvalor, a subsidiary dedicated to the transfer of research results

For the past 23 years, Protisvalor has been providing legal, administrative and financial support for collaborative projects between amU laboratories and partners from the socio-economic sector.



Hipe Human Lab: from high performance sports to health

The HIPE platform (Health Improvement through Physical Exercise) focuses on improving health through physical activity, making amU a key player in sports innovation, on a national and international level.

SIMMAR: high-fidelity simulation for future healthcare professionals

The Medical Simulation Centre of North Marseille (SIMMAR), designed for simulation-based teaching, enables students to train on virtual human models while offering a highly realistic learning experience.

Here, we focus on commitment.

amU is at the heart of the region's major transitions through its role as a civic-minded and responsible university.



Campuses on the move

Two cultural hubs

To ensure a high quality of student life, two cultural "hubs" have been created on campus: the Hexagone building on the Marseille-Luminy campus and the Cube building on the Schuman site in Aix-en-Provence. The latter includes a **192-seat theatre**, as well as a modular event space and **7 rehearsal rooms for music and theatre**.

Bringing science and arts to society

Thanks to its scientific culture programming, amU gives everyone the opportunity to discover and engage with research. Every year, more than 25,000 people take part in workshops and events that allow for interaction between university's researchers and the general public (European Researchers' Night, Science Souk, My thesis in 180 seconds, etc.) both on and off campus.

Other key events throughout the academic year: The Festival des Sciences et des Arts (interdisciplinary by nature!) and the Prix Écriture et création Robert Fouchet (writing contest), open to students and staff, and linked to the regional 'Oh les beaux jours' literary festival. A strong advocate of open science, amU has succeeded in adopting a transparent and collaborative approach to research by encouraging the dissemination of knowledge and scientific results to as many people as possible. This is a real opportunity to help society as a whole move forward!

Infuse, a science web magazine dedicated to amU research news.
→ <https://infuse.univ-amu.fr/fr>

Explorer, a magazine focused on research and innovation, targeting both academic and socio-economic audiences.
→ https://url.univ-amu.fr/explorer_1_fr



1 University Diploma in social commitment

to develop skills in managing socially engaged projects

amU promotes equality, inclusion and diversity through actions that are often pioneering!



17 university libraries in the region



including 1 digital heritage library ('Odyssee') and over 1.6 million documents



Over 150 student associations

Driving social change

Equality and the fight against violence

amU promotes equality, inclusion and diversity through actions that are often pioneering! Faced with the extent of sexist and sexual violence, discrimination and harassment in society, the university has created the Service pour le Respect et l'Égalité (Department for Respect and Equality). This is an in-house, independent, professionalised department that is unique in France. In 2024, it also signed, together with the association "L'Autre Cercle", the Charter of Commitment for the inclusion of LGBT+ people in the workplace and in Higher Education.

Access to healthcare

To meet the health needs of its community, free health centres on the campuses of Marseille centre and Aix-en-Provence are available to students and staff, as are preventive medical units on other campuses. amU has also set up a dedicated disability unit for staff and a disability mission for students.

A foundation for a better living, success and progress

The university foundation, launched in December 2024, is part of the university's 'socially committed' DNA, defending the idea that equality of opportunity depends on equality of study conditions. Becoming a patron means supporting and developing projects that benefit the entire student community (social lift scheme, funding of support and success grants, opening of community grocery shops and health centres, support for students with disabilities, etc.).

→ <https://aixmarseille-prod.givexpert.net>



An increasingly sustainable university

amU recently adopted a Master Plan for Sustainable Development and Social Responsibility (SD DD-RS), which will accelerate the integration of these issues in all areas, building an even more responsible and welcoming university! The university owns 90% of the buildings it occupies and is committed to maintaining them in good condition and improving their energy and environmental performance. Its ambition is to **reduce its energy consumption by 60% by 2050** and to increase the use of renewable energy by more than 30% over the next ten years.

Sustainable mobility

The university encourages staff and students to use more sustainable modes of transportation. To prevent single-occupancy car use, it offers financial incentives, promotes car sharing, installs parking facilities for bicycles and scooters, and deploys charging stations for electric vehicles.

A Climate Council

Faced with the urgent global challenge that requires collective action, amU has set up a Climate Council bringing together university scientists and experts from civil society involved in the fight against global warming.

amU is on the move!

With the health and well-being of its students in mind, the university supports and encourages physical exercise - whether recreational, competitive or informal. For those engaged in high-level sports, the university allows them to balance their athletic careers with higher education. Activity, sharing and social links are all values upheld by amU, which has been awarded the Génération 2024 Label for the quality of its sports policy.

→ Join our social networks:     



**Over 320
top-level
athletes**



**3 training and sports
performance centres
for basketball,
judo and tennis**



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