University of Lausanne

Facts and Figures

The Academy, the forerunner of the UNIL, was founded in 1537. Its vocation at that time was to train ministers for the church. The university enjoyed a certain renown due to the fact that it was the only French-language Protestant school of theology. As the centuries passed, the number of faculties increased and diversified until, in 1890, the Academy received the name and status of a university.

In 1970, the university moved progressively from the old city of Lausanne, around the Cathedral and the Château, to its present site at Dorigny. The end of the 20th century witnessed the beginnings of an ambitious project aiming at greater co-operation and development among the French-speaking universities of Lausanne, Geneva and Neuchâtel, together with the EPFL.

Today, the University of Lausanne is a higher teaching and research institution composed of seven faculties where approximately 13,350 students and 2,800 researchers work and study. An emphasis is placed on an interdisciplinary approach, with close cooperation between students, teaching staff, and professors.

Faculties

- Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies
- Faculty of Law, Criminal Justice and Public Administration
- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Social and Political Sciences
- Faculty of Business and Economics
- Faculty of Geosciences and Environment
- Faculty of Biology and Medicine

International cooperation with China

Student Exchange:
- Nankai University (institutional agreement)
- Peking University (institutional agreement)
- Faculty of Law and Criminal Justice, Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School
- School of Criminal Justice: China University of Political Science and Law (Vice President of CUPL a UNIL alumni)
- Faculty of Business and Economics: Peking University, Guanghua School of Management
- Shanghai University of Finance and Economics

Research Collaboration:
- Nanjing University (cooperation in medical sciences)
- Nankai University (cooperation in business administration and environmental sciences)
- Peking University (cooperation in business administration)
- Faculty of Law and Criminal Justice: Beijing University Shenzhen Graduate School
- School of Criminal Justice: China University of Political Science and Law (Sino-Swiss Evidence Science Research Center)
- Faculty of Business and Economics: Beijing University, Guanghua School of Management