Montpellier, capital of France's Languedoc-Roussillon region, just into the Mediterranean. The sea, lakes, vineyards, and forests provide a varied landscape and an excellent quality of life. Montpellier is a university town famous for its excellent teaching and research, where three universities have been located since the Middle Ages (1289).

◆ MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY
The Université Paul-Valéry - Montpellier 3 (UPVM) melds letters, languages, the arts, human and social sciences. It enrols more than 17,000 students, who choose from among many different national diploma programs: Licence, Master, Doctorat. Programs at the licence and Master’s levels: 23 licence programs, each offering several options and linguistic specializations; 9 professional licence programs; 23 research Master’s programs: 31 professionally oriented Master’s programs and 14 master’s programs with a combined professional and research focus. The university enrols growing numbers of students in professionally oriented programs. Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier III is composed of five teaching and research faculties and an institute devoted to information and communication technologies and sciences. The university's department of applied foreign languages confers a terminal master with two concentrations: translation and international project negotiation. Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3 is an active participant in the European higher education space. European credits are granted in all programs for which such credits have been established. Programs are offered in three broad areas:
- Arts, letters, and languages
- Humanities and social sciences
- Law, economics, and management IEFE (an Institute of French studies for foreign students and faculty) offers courses in French language, literature, and culture. Semester-long courses are offered during the academic year. Summer schools in June and July.

◆ STRENGTHS
- UPV is one of Europe's oldest and most distinguished universities in the fields of literature, languages, arts, humanities, and the social sciences.
- 73% of the university's research faculty belong to teams with an A or A+ rating.
- UPV is one of the few European universities equipped with a professional theater.
- UPV has one of the highest concentrations of international students in France.
- The university boasts one of the best centers for the teaching of French as a foreign language, earning three-star ratings from CIEP in all categories.

◆ RESEARCH
Université Paul-Valéry-Montpellier 3 houses two doctoral departments:
- Doctoral department 58: Languages, literatures, cultures, and civilizations (12 research teams, doctorates in 32 fields)
- Doctoral department 60: Land, time, society, and development (14 research teams, doctorates in 14 fields).