



DEFi LEARN FRENCH

AT LILLE UNIVERSITY
HAUTS-DE-FRANCE REGION



Université
de Lille

DEAR STUDENTS,

Welcome to DEFI: The Department of French as a Foreign Language!

The Centre for French as a Foreign Language (FLE), DEFI, is part of Lille University's **Pont de Bois and Cité Scientifique Campuses** and so gives you student status, a rich and diverse cultural life and a huge range of learning opportunities.

DEFI has many years of experience in welcoming foreign students and has the advantage of being located in Villeneuve d'Ascq, Lille Metropole, at the crossroads of Europe, between Paris, London, Brussels and Amsterdam.

The entire team constantly strives to offer modern FLE courses which meet the objectives of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages published by the Council of Europe. DEFI has been built by the dynamism of its educational and administrative teams and their desire to offer you a broad range of options: lessons in groups of 10 to 20 students from level A1 to level C1-C2, learning French with an approach based on an "action perspective", methodology of French for University Objectives, remote working with the resources of the CRL (Lille University's Language Resource Centres on the **Pont de Bois and Cité Scientifique Campuses**), use of digital spaces, collaborative platforms, working and research in DEFI's multi-media library, and language-lab phonetics lessons, etc.

As part of a vision for the future, DEFI has actively embarked on a process of continuous improvement by the establishment of a quality approach which meets the expectations of the French Ministry for National Education and Research, the Ministry for Culture and Communication and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Development.

As a place of teaching and educational innovation, DEFI thus offers you an ideal study environment for an ambitious university plan with the support of specialist FLE-qualified teaching staff. You will have the benefit of a range of amenities, both cultural (internationally renowned museums) and sporting (Pierre Mauroy Stadium) at Villeneuve d'Ascq, a green technopole and a city with a population of 60,000 in a green setting boasting six lakes and beautiful natural spaces. You will also have the benefit of travel and events organised by the Ulysse association, sports amenities, and the rich and varied programmes of Lille University's Culture Department and KINO-CINE, its arthouse cinema.

The administrative and educational team is there to respond to your expectations. Sending our very best wishes for success in your French learning project.

My very best regards,
Marie-Pascale HAMEZ
Director of DEFI

CHOOSE LILLE

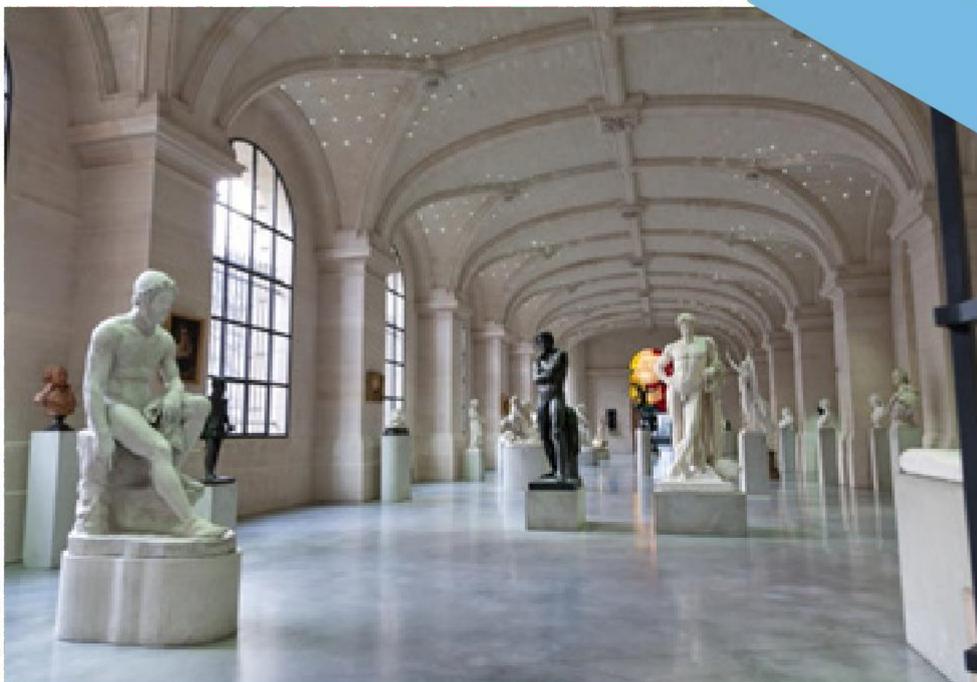
"A visitor brays [cries] twice up north; once on his arrival and once at his departure." This saying, popularised by the hit movie *Bienvenue chez les ch'tis* could apply to many of the **180,277 students** who choose the French Flanders capital, located at the crossroads of Northern Europe (Paris, London, Brussels, etc.), for their university studies.

Lille, the capital of the Hauts-de-France region, admired and recognised for its architectural treasures ranging from the Baroque to the Flemish, proud of its festive and gastronomic traditions is still a city on a human scale, where generosity and warmth of the North prevail. This unique character attracts visitors who explore Lille, and its surroundings too, during their stay.

Every year, thousands of visitors throng the pavements, the museums and the nature trails of this Flemish metropole. Outside of Lille, many towns with a rich industrial and commercial history, or a cultural and festive tradition, await you. So venture out and explore these sites and extraordinary places!

Living in Lille means experiencing a **unique human adventure**, full of emotion. You will be enchanted by this region which makes the most of the changes it experiences: industrial locations become home to museums or *Maisons Folies* (cultural amenities) and the *estaminets*, fine venues to sample the local gastronomy. The European capital of culture in 2004, Lille is now a reference in this field. Art is at home here. From museum to theatre, ballet to concert, culture lives and is shared on a daily basis.

It is the land of the must-have "moules-frites", the traditional "welsh" (grilled cheddar cheese and ham dish) washed down with a beer (Belgian, of course), and the delicious Flemish "carbonade" (beef stew). After graduating, the majority of students are sad to leave Lille!



EXPLORING THE REGION

A welcoming and authentic land, blending nature, culture and tradition, the Hauts-de-France region offers its visitors a wide range of places and activities to discover. The huge fine sandy beaches, picturesque fishing villages and elegant seaside resorts of the Côte d'Opale delight holidaymakers seeking relaxation and tranquillity.

The Towns of Art and History, Boulogne-sur-Mer, Cambrai, Lille and Roubaix, with their many cultural and architectural treasures, the majestic belfries on the UNESCO World Heritage list, the wonderful Louvre-Lens Museum, the little fortified town of Bergues, the walking trails of the regional nature parks of Avesnois, Caps et Marais d'Opale and Scarpe-Escaut, not forgetting the festive and convivial atmosphere of the Dunkirk carnival and the Lille *braderie* (flea market) make this region in the north of France a hugely appealing destination.

Whether for a weekend or a longer stay, Nord-Pas-de-Calais will delight you by its typical character and its rich cultural heritage.



DISCOVER LILLE UNIVERSITY, PONT DE BOIS CAMPUS

Situated in the heart of the Euro-region, in terms of student numbers and the diversity of disciplines taught, Lille University's **Pont de Bois Campus** is the largest university of literature, languages, arts, and human and social sciences north of Paris.

The fifth French university in the field of arts and humanities (QS World University Rankings 2014), the university can boast dynamic research and a diverse range of courses, both initial and continuing study opportunities, provided by over 500 published researcher lecturers, members of laboratories recognised in their field, and over 500 administrative and technical staff.

As the base for the European Centre for Human and Social Sciences and the SHS graduate school, Lille University's **Pont de Bois Campus** works in cooperation with institutions in the socio-economic world.

It is also resolutely international in its outlook. This unwavering strategy of openness, in terms of mobility and based on targeted geographical areas, makes it an attractive university on the international scene.

Its campus, in three towns (Villeneuve d'Ascq, Roubaix and Tourcoing), easily accessible by public transport, offers students innovative educational opportunities and cultural, sports and social infrastructures, providing them with the right environment for studying and living for the achievement of their goals.



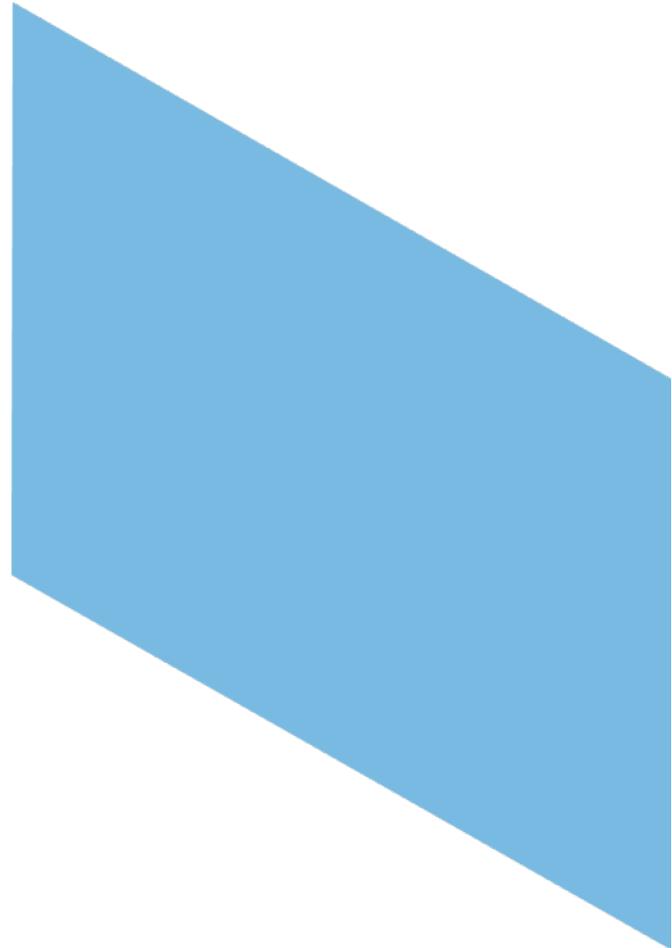
DISCOVER LILLE UNIVERSITY, CITE SCIENTIFIQUE CAMPUS

Cité Scientifique is the university quarter and scientific campus of the Villeneuve-d'Ascq technopole (Hauts-de-France), in the municipality of the Lille European Metropole, created in 1964.

The campus covers 150 hectares and some one hundred buildings, the majority being occupied by Lille University's Faculty of Science and Technology and its departments (Biology, Chemistry, Electronics/Electrical Engineering/Automation (EEA), Computing, Mathematics, Mechanics, Physics, Earth Sciences), and also by numerous schools (École Centrale de Lille, École Nationale Supérieure Mines-Télécom Lille Douai, ENSCL Chimie Lille, Polytech Lille, Institut Universitaire de Technologie de Lille A, etc.) and scientific entities (CNRS, IEMN, ITEEM INSERM, INRIA, ICARE/CNES, Météo France, COSYS department of Gustave Eiffel University, etc.).

The campus has teaching, practical work, administration, student services and research laboratory buildings and also university restaurants and housing, sports facilities, hotels, businesses, institutes, independent science schools, etc.

It is close to the European Science Park of Haute-Borne (200 ha European science park where many companies, start-ups and laboratories are based; the whole park thus forming a vast 350 ha science complex), plus the Pierre Mauroy Stadium (France's 4th largest stadium with 50,000 seats), and V2 and Héron Parc shopping centres (the latter being the largest shopping centre north of Paris). It thus has the benefit of local infrastructures, in particular a P+R with over 2,000 parking spaces.



Since autumn 2016, the LILLIAD Innovation Learning Centre has replaced the old university library. Located in the centre of the campus, the entire Cité Scientifique is designed around it. It is an ultra-modern multi-storey space with the latest technologies, including the university library, relaxation areas, scientific exhibition spaces, conference rooms, etc.

DEFI

DEFI is the largest higher education establishment for FLE (French as a foreign language) north of Paris.

Every year, DEFI opens its doors to over one thousand students from more than forty-four countries. Located in the centre of Lille University's **Pont de Bois Campus** and the **Cité Scientifique Campus**, DEFI offers French language courses with the aim of helping the beginner through to the more advanced student discover the richness and beauty of the French language and culture and the secrets of university methodology.

All the FLE courses (French as a Foreign Language) held at the DEFI are geared to the 6 levels (A1/A2/ B1/B2/C1/C2) of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages developed by the Council of Europe and **use an educational method based on intercultural and communicative action-oriented approaches.**

Enrolment at DEFI gives you the benefit of all the University's services (university library, guidance and information service, university accommodation, etc.) and means you can take part in all Lille University's sports, artistic and cultural activities (festivals, cinema, KINO, concerts, exhibitions, etc.).



DEFI'S COURSE OFFERING

DEFI has French courses for foreign Degree, Masters and PhD students wishing to learn or improve their French language skills. ECTS credits can be validated on these courses.

In addition, a French Studies University Diploma (DUEF) is offered to a foreign but French-speaking public resident in France and outside any exchange programme. The curriculum also prepares for FLE certifications (TCF, TCF-DAP, DELF and DALF).

By enrolling on courses at DEFI, you are joining an accredited centre which guarantees:

- The highest quality of linguistic education and service in 5 areas:

Training, Teaching, Hospitality, Facilities and Management.

- A team of dynamic teaching staff, all with diplomas and specialising in teaching French as a Foreign Language.

You also have the benefit of a multi-media library specialising in FLE, access to Language Resource Centres (CRL) and educational equipment (phonetics laboratory, digital learning space, etc.). Courses are held on the Pont-de-Bois and Cité Scientifique campuses.

LIST OF PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

FRENCH UNIVERSITIES

- UOH (Open University of Humanities)

FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

- DALIAN University of Foreign Languages - China, Convention
- Shinshu University, Japan
- Gifu University, Japan
- Hohai University, China
- Kobe University, Japan
- University of Chinese Culture, Taiwan
- Mie University, Japan
- Nishô Gakusha University
- Toyo University
- Yamaguchi University
- Aichi Prefectural University (Japan) - Convention
- Tokyo University of Foreign Languages (TUFS), Japan - Convention
- Nagoya University of Foreign Languages (NUFS), Japan
- St Kliment University - Sofia - Bulgaria (Ms Elena Dineva's Erasmus+ Mobility programme)
- Karel De Grote Hogeschool, Antwerp, Belgium

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

- FLE ADCUEFE CAMPUS: Association of Directors of University Centres for French Studies

AGENCIES

- AUF: Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (Francophone University Agency): "Linguistic and cultural support for refugee students in French-speaking Western Europe"

MISCELLANEOUS CENTRES AND SERVICES

- Centre d'Examens Français Langue Étrangère de l'Université de Lille (FLE Examination Centre of Lille University)
- CFMI: Centre de Formation des Musiciens Intervenant de l'Université de Lille SHS (Lille University Music Facilitator Training Centre)
- Service Relations Internationales Université de Lille (Lille University International Relations Service), Participation at ISW: International Student Week



LIFE AT DEFI

ASSOCIATION ULYSSE

The role of LILLE's ULYSSE association, the latest constitution of which was adopted on 15 October 2007, is:

- to develop and promote links between foreign students enrolled at **Lille University** and their French counterparts;
- to help students succeed at Lille University;
- to provide the necessary information to support foreign students at **Lille University** in their everyday activities;
- to offer a friendly reception and cultural exchanges.

In addition to the reception and information for foreign students in the association's premises, Ulysse organises numerous events for the Lille university community.

Free tours of Lille and the university are organised by the association at every start of the academic year. A mentoring day for foreign students by their French counterparts is also arranged every year.

During the academic year, international food tasting days (with food provided by students of various nationalities) bring together French and foreign students in a friendly social situation with musical entertainment.

Linguistic round tables, exhibitions, concerts and many other cultural events are held in the association's premises. Integration evenings and cultural trips are also organised by Ulysse during the academic year.

You can join the association now, take part in its activities and benefit from the welcome awaiting you in its premises to put your cultural plans into action.

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CULTURE DEPARTMENT

Lille University offers a range of free cultural events, open to all, promoting a diverse cultural offering for students by joining forces with cultural players from the city and the region.

On the programme you will find workshops, exhibitions, lectures, live shows, concerts and plenty of other original projects.

A number of cultural venues, throughout Lille University's various campuses, welcome you for a chat and to present the workshops you can take part in:

- Antre 2
- Kino
- Espace Culture
- Galerie des Trois Lacs
- Theatre des Passerelles

KINO CINE

A cinema open to all in the heart of the university...

The only cinema in a university which operates all year round with regular screenings, Kino-Ciné is classified as "Art & Essai" ("Arthouse"), and certified as "Research & Discovery", "Young Public" and "Heritage & Repertoire". This is the region's only single-screen cinema to have all these certifications—testament to its rich programme.

Kino-Ciné is an association under the law of 1901, its mission being to provide the cinematography programme for the multi-use cultural space, the University's Kino (316 seats), available to the association when no other events are scheduled.

Kino-Ciné is closed to the general public over the Christmas holidays and from mid-July to the end of August (but can be booked for events by centres and groups).

We look forward to meeting you and discussing our films.

CLIL

Lille University's Language Centre, also called the CLIL, is dedicated to the cross-curricular teaching/learning of modern languages.

It comprises 3 hubs: DELANG, DEFI and a cross-curricular educational hub. Language lessons are held on Lille University's three campuses (Pont de Bois, Cité Scientifique and Moulins/Ronchin/Santé).

- Guided independent learning, with several Language Resource Centres, the CERTEC and DEFI's multi-media library.
- Numerous certifications, including CLES (Higher Education Certificate of Language Skills) and other external certifications (see specific page on certifications for more details).
- A project space which offers additional training and is based on research and educational and multi-media engineering to develop innovative educational measures in conjunction with the DIP and CAPE, and research conducted with the laboratories with which teacher researchers have links.

CIREL

The CIREL (Inter-university Centre for Educational Research of Lille) has been an accredited research entity (ULR 4354) since 2008, following the grouping together of three host teams, Proféor, Théodile and Trigone which have become internal teams, each recognised in their respective fields of research (educational work; didactics; adult education). These three historic teams are joined by the Récifes team, integrated on 1 January 2020; its work relates to transformations in educational and training policies. Today, the laboratory comprises 82 full members, 81 doctoral students and 47 associate members.

Numerically, it is one of the largest educational research entities in France and the Euro-region and, in its specialist areas, has become a reference in the field of education and training sciences. It is thus an essential contact and resource regionally, nationally and internationally, in the scientific and professional worlds.

Geographically, CIREL's premises are on two sites in Villeneuve d'Ascq: the university site of Pont de Bois and the Cité Scientifique Campus.

THE LANGUAGE RESOURCE CENTRES

Reflecting the challenges of changes in European policies on language teaching in higher education, and considering the university's mission in the training of people, Lille University's CRLs have sought to optimise their potential by a constant development approach since 2001 when they were created. Today, they offer their students a human and technical environment favourable to the activity of learning.

The facility is designed as a space where material and human resources are combined.

The CRL has a dual dimension, that of promoting:

- language learning covering its various components (linguistic, communicative, inter-cultural)
- the development of learning skills and empowerment.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The university's Innovation libraries, open to students, teaching staff and researchers, as well as people outside the university, cover all the disciplinary areas of the courses offered at Lille University.

THE LILLIAD LEARNING CENTRE

Driven by Lille University Science and Technologies and the Hauts de France Region, in partnership with the Competitiveness and Excellence Centres, the LILLIAD Innovation Learning Centre has been open since September 2016.

The LILLIAD Innovation Learning Centre is a clear sign of the campus' open approach and an access point to the university for all publics. It emerged from a complete renovation / extension of the old central University Library and its surrounding area. As a meeting place and place for the circulation of knowledge, the LILLIAD Innovation Learning Centre is open to the entire university community, to businesses, players in the area of innovation, to secondary education and to the general public.

MEDIATION CENTRE

Open to all students and university staff, the mediation centre is a reception and information centre, and a place which deals with legal and administrative matters. Its missions are to prevent abusive behaviours such as conflicts, to calm relations, and to raise the university community's awareness to matters in particular relating to the promotion of equality, the fight against discrimination and secularism. The mediation centre is linked to the sexual and moral harassment centres (CEVIHS and CESAHM respectively) – and to the mediator (racism and anti-Semitism adviser, responsible for discrimination matters).

SOCIAL RESPONSABILITY

The university is open to all students, adapted to each of them, respectful of diversity and attentive to all forms of implicit discrimination. Students with disabilities, wage-earners, young parents, sports people and high-level artists, refugees.... they all need to be able to find their path to success there.

THE CROUS

The Lille CROUS (Regional Centre for University and Scholarly Works) is a public administrative establishment under the authority of the Ministry for Higher Education and Research. It has a public service mission with a social vocation. It is governed by a Board of Directors, presided by the Chief education officer, University Chancellor, and comprises student representatives, staff, people selected on the basis of their skill and Presidents or Directors of higher education establishments.

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WHERE ARE WE ON THE PONT DE BOIS CAMPUS?

Forum + 2 floors,
Building A
Reception in room A4.057

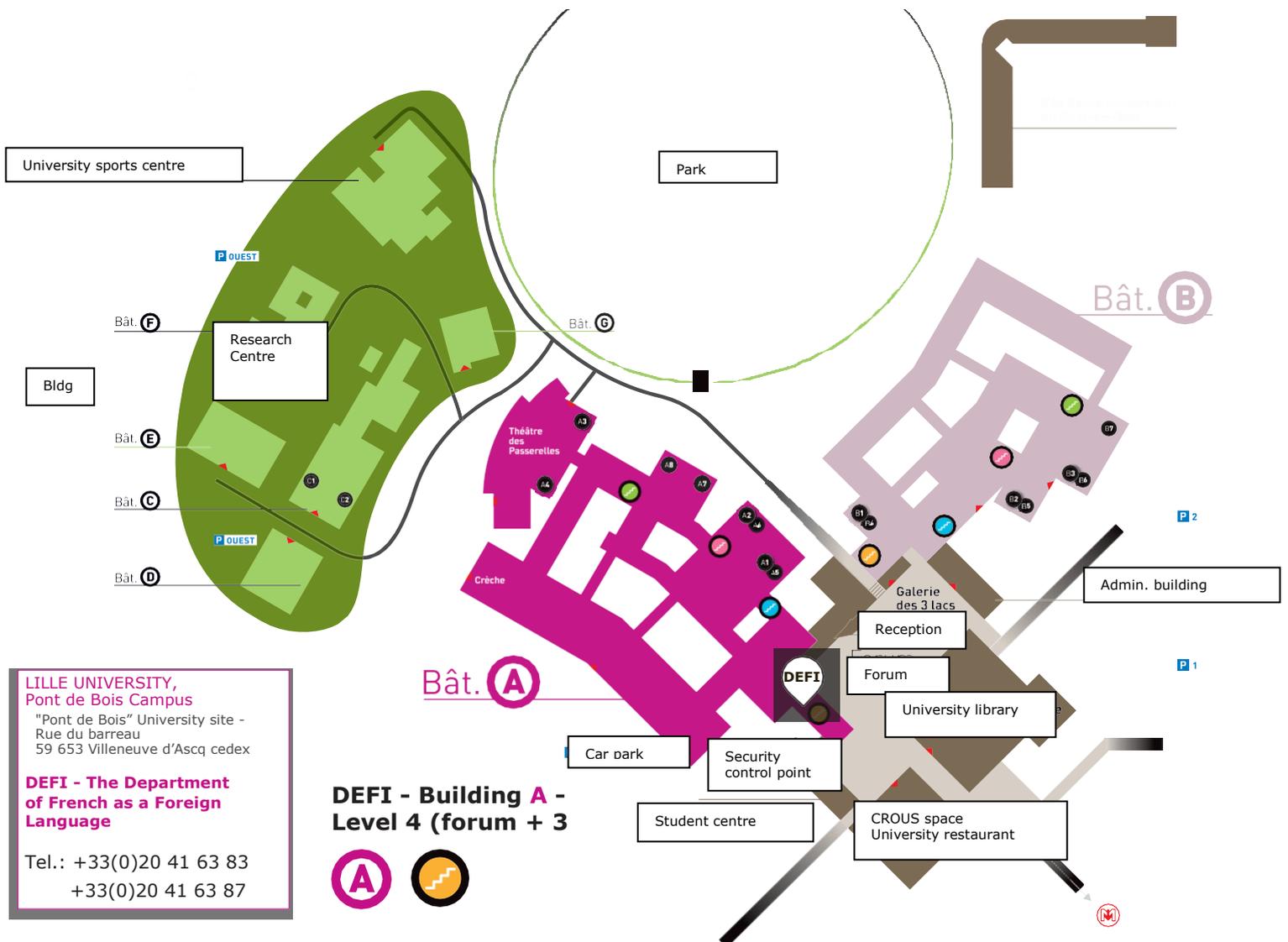




LILLE UNIVERSITY, Pont de Bois Campus



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HOW TO FIND LILLE UNIVERSITY'S DEFI, Pont de Bois Campus

If you're already in Lille

- Take the metro, direction 4 Cantons (line 1)
- Get off at Pont de Bois
- Pedestrian access to the University is via the footbridge over Pont-de-Bois Avenue.

If you arrive by car from Paris

- Take motorway A1, direction Lille,
- Leave the motorway at the Bruxelles - Gand - Villeneuve d'Ascq exit (Brussels - Ghent - Villeneuve-d'Ascq),
- Continue towards Villeneuve-d'Ascq,
- Leave the motorway slip road at the Pont de Bois exit,
- Follow the signs to "Université Charles-de-Gaulle - Lille 3"

If you arrive by train

- *From Paris*
 Two stations in Lille: Lille-Flandres and Lille-Europe
 The metro is accessible from both stations.
- *From Brussels*
 From the Bruxelles-Midi station, take the TGV or Eurostar (Lille in 38 mins.).

If you arrive from Roissy airport

A TGV line connects Roissy Charles-de-Gaulle airport to the Lille Europe station every day. If you arrive at terminal 2 or terminal 9, take the pedestrian way to the TGV station and if you arrive at terminal 1, take the free shuttle bus to the TGV station.

You can also go to Paris by the RER to the Gare du Nord (trains for Lille). Pedestrian access if you arrive at terminal 2 or terminal 9 or by the shuttle bus if you arrive at terminal 1.

If you arrive from Orly airport

From Orly airport, take the Orlyval to the Antony RER station, then take RER B (direction: Mitry-Claye) to Gare du Nord.

If you arrive from Lille-Lesquin airport

Shuttles link the airport and city centre.

If you arrive from Brussels

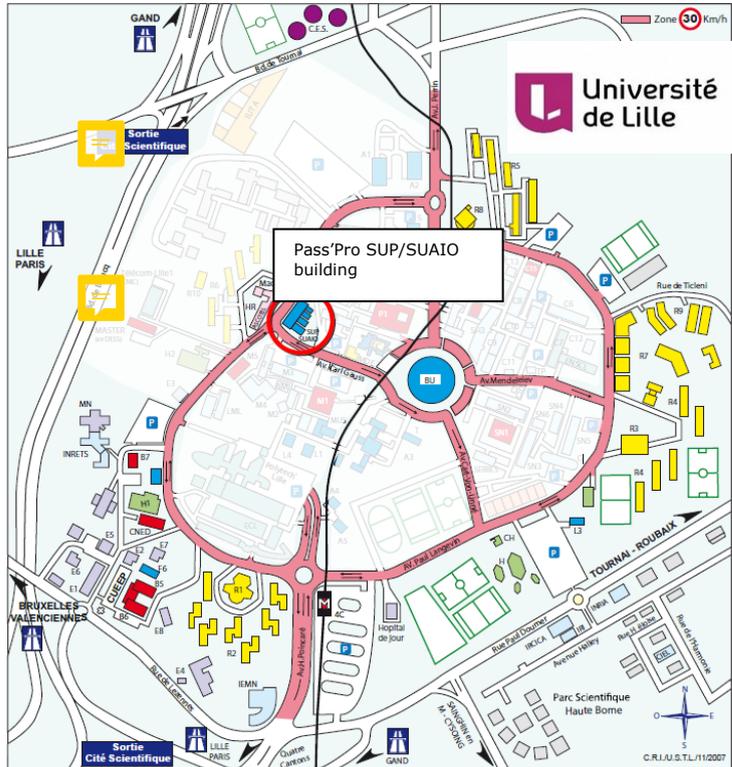
Brussels airport has a railway station on the ground floor of the terminal building. The Airport City Express leaves from the Zaventem station (airport) and serves the Brussel-Zuid, Brussel-Centrum et Brussel-Noord stations. From Brussel-Zuid station (Brussels-Midi), the TGV and Eurostar lines have regular departures to Lille Europe.

If you arrive from Charleroi

Shuttles run between Charleroi-Sud station and Gosselies airport (line A). There are two stops by the airport entrance.

WHERE ARE WE ON THE CITE SCIENTIFIQUE CAMPUS?

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