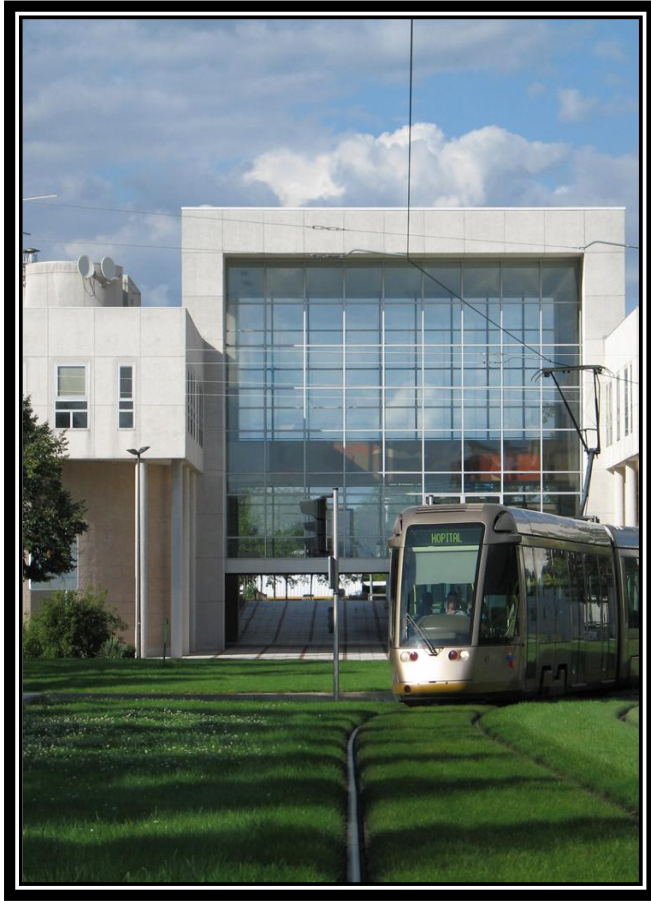


## The University of Orléans: The Past in the Present - The Present in the Past



*University of Orléans: Humanities Building*

**The University:** Try to picture one of the oldest European Universities—the university that saw Pope Clement V and St. Yves as students in the dawn of the 14th century; the one which mentored theologian Jean Calvin, French Renaissance luminaries such as Étienne de La Boétie, Agrippa d'Aubigné, and neoclassical authors such as Molière. But don't look here for Gothic vaults and arches. This celebrated university was closed by Napoleon Bonaparte during the French Revolution and had to wait until 1960 to reinvent itself, as an American-style campus with distinctly contemporary architecture. Located in the small, planned community of Orléans-la-Source, about six miles from downtown Orléans, this modernistic university < [www.univ-orleans.fr](http://www.univ-orleans.fr) > is an academic community of 15,000 students, with programs through the doctoral level. In 2003 it integrated the École Polytechnique d'Orléans and in 2004 joined the Pôle Universités Centre Val de Loire.

**The City:** Orléans, a city of 275,000, whose roots are in pre-Christian Gaul, was the ancient walled capital of Celtic and Druidic Carnutes, the city of the warrior Saint Joan

of Arc, the touristic headwaters of the Loire Valley châteaux country. It's Cathédrale Sainte-Croix, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Place du Cardinal Touchet, Rempart rue Paul Belmondot, Salle des Thèses in the Rue Pothier (part of the medieval university), are important tourist sites. Orléans is only about 80 miles from Paris, conveniently connected through major highways A10 and RN20. The SNCF (French National Railroad) provides nearly 40 connections per day from Paris, a 55-minute ride.

**Programs available to UTM students:** The Université d'Orléans' connections with the University of Tennessee at Martin began in 1996 with a series of videoconferences to enhance classes in both institutions. Since then, our relationship has led to the participation of a number of our students in their four-week summer immersion program offered through their "Relations Internationales" center, and consisting of developmentally appropriate language and culture courses. Home stays are an option with the program in Orléans. Our students have also participated in our official exchange program, permitting them semester or year long stays. UT Martin has, in turn, received Université d'Orléans students. For more information on studying at the Université d'Orléans, please contact Dr. Lúcia Florido, Professor of French, 427F Humanities, ext. 7425 [ [lflorido@utm.edu](mailto:lflorido@utm.edu) ] or The Center for Global Studies, 124 Gooch Hall, ext. 1023.