

# UNICAEN: PAVING THE WAY FOR TOMORROW'S SUCCESS





# UNICAEN: OUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT IS YOUR SUCCESS!

Welcoming you in a fulfilling environment, preparing you for tomorrow's challenges, helping you open up to new horizons, and setting down the foundations of your success ... that is our ambition!

Choosing UNICAEN means: benefiting from a rich and innovative quality education, being provided with services that suit your needs, being given access to sports, cultural and associative diversity.

This guide has been designed to help you make the right choice and will give you an insight of what our University is all about.

So welcome to UNICAEN! You are already home here!



**Pierre DENISE**

President of

*Université de Caen Normandie*









# A LIGHT THAT KEPT SHINING THROUGH HISTORY

## A HISTORICAL MONUMENT

Founded in 1432, UNICAEN was destroyed in 1944 during the Battle of Normandy. It was among the first buildings to be rebuilt during the city reconstruction after World War II.

The reconstruction of the University started in 1948 under the authority of Rector Pierre Daure and the new campus was inaugurated in 1957. He called on the services of architect Henry Bernard to give the new campus the modern aspect of Anglo-Saxon campuses.

After the war,  
the University rose like  
a Phoenix from its ashes.

Redesigned with such a futuristic vision, the University became one of the most modern university in Europe and in 2012, part of its buildings were thus classified as historical monuments.

# 2017

UNICAEN celebrates  
the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of its reconstruction.

# 1957

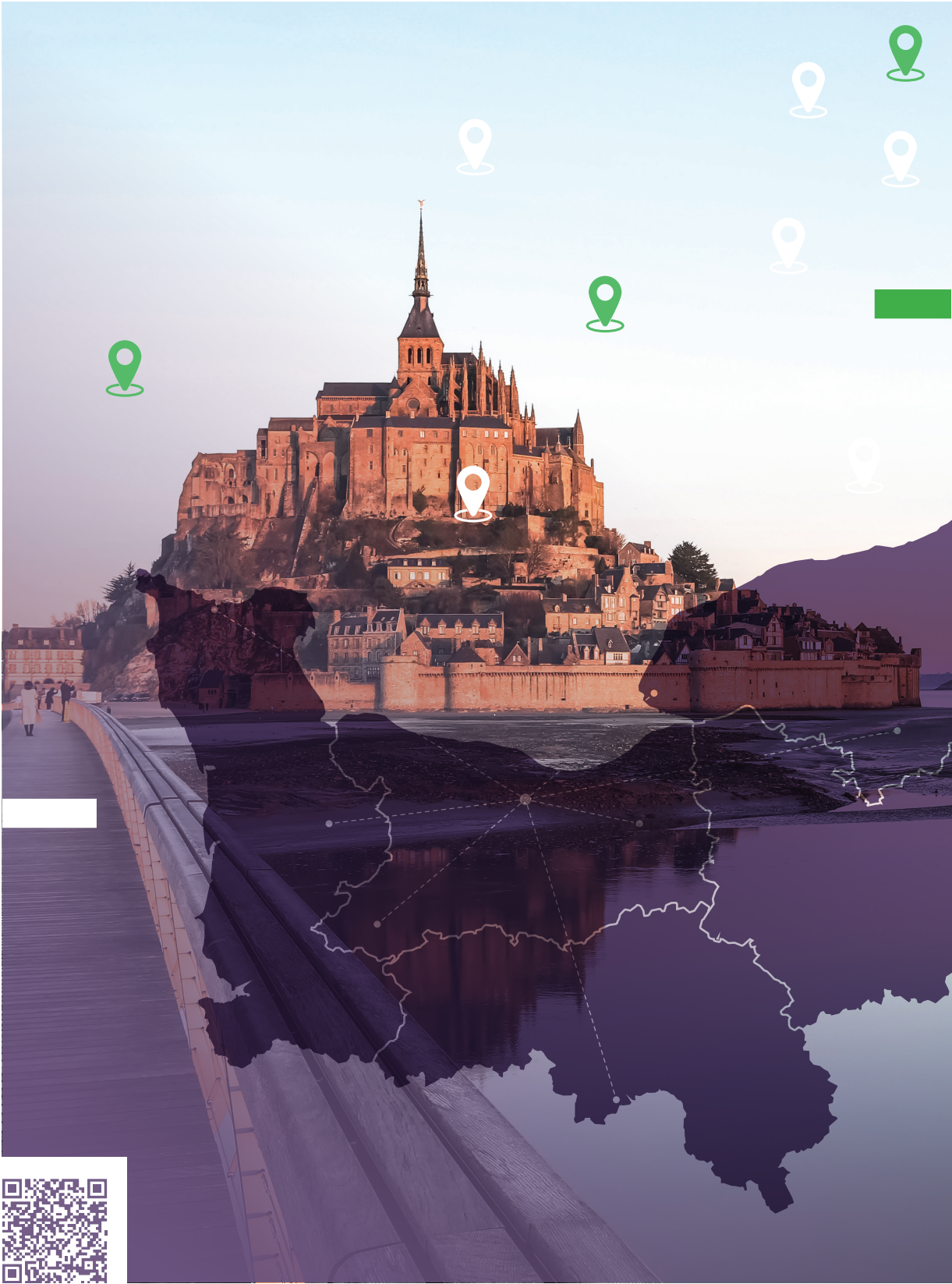
*Pierre Daure,*  
Rector of the Academy of Caen,  
inaugurates the new campus in  
the presence of the Minister of  
Education and other personalities  
from all over the world.

# 1948

Foundation stone ceremony on  
November 12<sup>th</sup>.

# 1432

UNICAEN is founded in January  
1432 by King Henry VI.



## A STRONG AND STRATEGIC TERRITORIAL ANCHORAGE

- UNICAEN, epicentre of the regional plan for higher education and research
- Exchange and cooperation with local socio-economic stakeholders

## SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE

- Cooperation with **ENSICAEN** ( National School of Engineering ); **CYCERON** ( biomedical imaging platform ), **GANIL** ( National Large Heavy Ion Accelerator ), **CHU** ( University Hospital ) **CLCC François Baclesse** ( Regional Cancer Care Centre )
- A strengthened partnership with the University Hospital (CHU)
- A modern unit for health research and academic training
- Local entities involved in academic training, research and culture

The evolution of staff capacity and the development of research units led to the construction of other campuses in Caen and of 6 distant sites across the region.

**29368**  
STUDENTS

**13**  
CAMPUSES

**18**  
SITES

**3 700 000 SQ.FT**

## NORMANDIE UNIVERSITÉ

*Normandie Université*, the Normandy community of higher education institutions, brings together **the universities of Caen, Le Havre and Rouen, ENSA Rouen Normandie** (National Higher School of Architecture), **ENSICAEN and INSA Rouen Normandie** (National Schools of engineering) around a common objective: offering the highest level of excellency in research and Academic training.

[www.normandie-univ.fr](http://www.normandie-univ.fr)





## ...ESTABLISHING INTERNATIONAL VISIBILITY

Each year, UNICAEN welcomes about 2500 international students of 116 different nationalities.

About 550 UNICAEN students benefit from exchange and cooperation programs developed by the University with 250 partner institutions in 53 different countries worldwide.

UNICAEN signed the Erasmus University Charter in 1987.

### CARRÉ INTERNATIONAL, CENTRALIZING INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND GLOBAL EDUCATION

With *Carré international*, UNICAEN has set up a structure dedicated to implementing its international strategy. Located on the main campus in *Maison des langues et de l'international*, it's the central office for all international students and researchers registering at UNICAEN.

**LAURA, 21, APPLIED FOREIGN LANGUAGES  
MAJOR**

« I have been selected to complete a Bachelor's degree at Willamette University in Oregon, USA. As I have a passion for travelling and language exchanges in general, I immediately kept an eye on the various exchange programs provided by my University! This opportunity will be an occasion for me to develop my English-language skills and enjoy an enriching human experience, I just can't wait! »

## IN COMPLIANCE WITH UNICAEN DYNAMICS

The originality of *Carré international* lies in the combination of language training and mobility projects, while providing support to facilitate the academic and social integration of international students.

Emphasis is placed on supporting dual degrees, on encouraging academic training and research international interconnection, on developing further the actions undertaken with academic partners and on involving university researchers and staff in UNICAEN international dynamics.

## EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS :

**53**  
COUNTRIES

**271**  
PARTNER  
UNIVERSITIES

**425**  
EXCHANGE  
AGREEMENTS

**541**  
STUDENTS  
FROM UNICAEN  
STUDYING ABROAD

**2431** INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS  
STUDYING AT UNICAEN





# A MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITY

## COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, FROM DUT (VOCATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL 2-YEAR DEGREE) TO PhD

Academic trainings covers for main fields of studies:

- 1 **ARTS, LITERATURE AND LANGUAGES**
- 2 **LAW, ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT**
- 3 **HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**
- 4 **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH**

## ACADEMIC TRAINING IN SYNC WITH PROFESSIONAL CONTEXT AND SUPPORTED BY RESEARCH

Every five years, the University academic programs change to keep pace with professional and industrial developments. With a 90% employment rate after a Professional Bachelor or a Master Degree, UNICAEN help you build a successful future.

## A PROGRESSIVE SPECIALIZATION DURING THE BACHELOR

All the Bachelors have been reviewed to provide more flexibility for orientation and wider learning outcomes and professional opportunities.

## ENCOURAGING LIFELONG LEARNING

UNICAEN hosts more than 6000 vocational trainees. As a multidisciplinary institution, it provides lifelong training programs in several qualifying curriculum, at all levels of qualification, for both face-to-face training and e-learning.

## EXPERIENCE ACCREDITATION

The university offers several ways to accredit academic and professional achievements:

### ACCREDITATION TO ACCESS ACADEMIC TRAINING

- Validation of occupational achievements (**VAP**)
- Validation of studies (**VE**)

### ACCREDITATION FOR GRADUATION

- Validation of prior experiential learning (**VAE**)
- Validation of Higher education (**VES**)

### XAVIER, 35, MASTER IN HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

« After 8 years as a sales representative in the insurance business, I decided to change track and start a new career in human resources. I decided to take up a Master Degree in Human Resources Management at IAE Caen, UNICAEN School of Management. This year has been a highly formative one; I was able to acquire all the knowledge I needed to lay the foundations of my future »



# PUSHING BACK THE BOUNDARIES OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

## QUALITY EDUCATION THROUGH LEADING-EDGE RESEARCH

Integrative biology, Imaging, Health, Environment, Humanities, Science and Technology... Our interdisciplinary approach of research provides a solid ground for our Academic training.

Scientific activities are based on three main fields supporting the development of research programs and fostering a cross-sector approach. The social sciences and humanities research unit, the federative ICORE structure (cells, bio-organisms and environmental interactions) and the Research Center for Coastal Studies contribute to the organization of each one of these fields.

**8** DOCTORAL SCHOOLS

**7** FEDERATIVE STRUCTURES

**46** RESEARCH UNITS

**3** MAIN FIELDS OF RESEARCH

The doctoral studies combine research training and professional research experience.

## INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

The development of research activities for expansion and technology transfers is well established at UNICAEN and is an intrinsic part of the culture and philosophy of the institution.

## CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

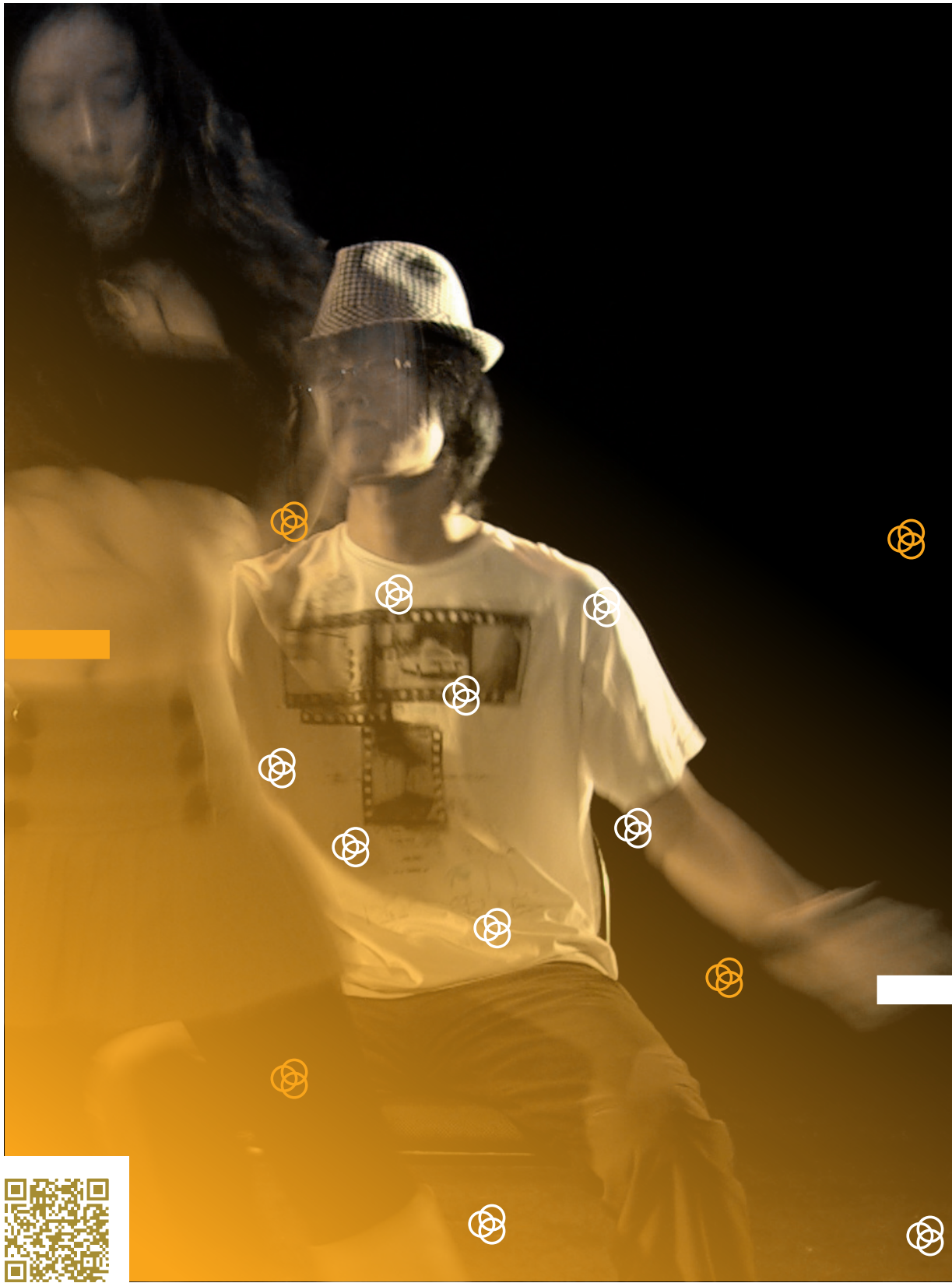
Enriched by its strong multidisciplinary approach, UNICAEN hosts many French and international researchers, expanding its scientific influence in France and throughout the world.

**140** THESIS PRODUCED ANNUALLY

21 of its 46 research units conduct joint research with major research organizations (CNRS, INRA, INSERM, CEA). The research potential of UNICAEN relies on scientific cooperation with *ENSICAEN* (Caen National School of Engineering), *GANIL* (National Large Heavy Ion Accelerator), *CYCERON* (biomedical imaging platform), the University Hospital and François Baclesse Regional Cancer Center.

These partnerships foster the development of research programs and projects of excellence.





## A RICH AND DYNAMIC STUDENT LIFE

### SPORTS FOR EVERYONE AT UNICAEN



### SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

An office dedicated to facilitate the social and academic integration of international students and scholars.

#### SARAH, 25, MASTER IN CIVIL RIGHTS

« There's a lot going on campus here! There are exhibitions, conferences, screen projections, sports activities: there is something for every taste here. I am definitely a movie freak and I really enjoyed seeing the movies screened in *Pierre Daure* lecture hall. I also like going to the "*Cafés polyglottes*" club to chat because I can sit there and talk to students of all nationalities and languages »

### THE SOLIDARITY FUND FOR STUDENT INITIATIVES

#### • FSDIE

Funding a wide range of projects and students' associations.

**70** projects funded each year

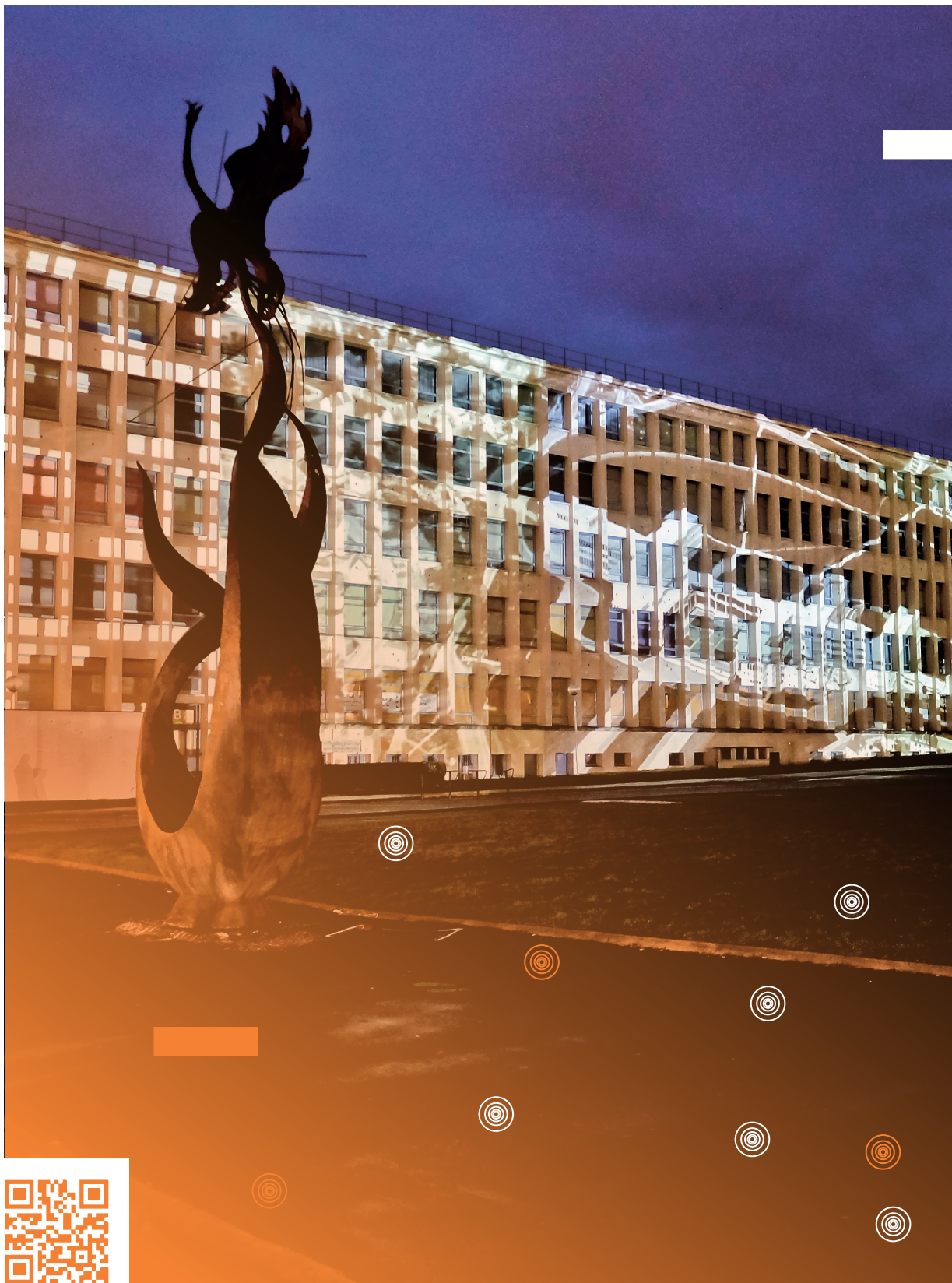
### COMMUNITY LIFE

About **80** student associations

Humanitarian, cultural, sports, social purposes, Academic oriented, students' unions... They can all rely on a dedicated coordinator at "*Maison de l'Etudiant*", UNICAEN-CROUS Student Center.

#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Housing & meals provided the *CROUS Caen Normandie* (National Student Services Agency)
- Community life with *Maison de l'Etudiant*
- Sports activities with *SUAPS* (UNICAEN Department for Physical and Sporting Activities)
- International student support by *Carré international*





# UNICAEN: A PLACE FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

All year long, culture spreads its wings over UNICAEN: movie nights, dance, drama, concerts...

All the different faces of culture are represented at UNICAEN and are open to all publics!



## MUSIC

- Tremplin Phénix Live
- University Choir and Orchestra
- Fête de la Musique (World Music Day)



## CINEMA

Each week, the Pierre Daure lecture hall turns into a movie theater, with movie sessions organized by *Lux and Café des Images*, Caen independent movie theaters. Each movie is usually followed by a debate with a cast member.



## DRAMA

- Performing Arts conferences
- Festival *Les Fous de la Rampe*



## EXHIBITIONS

- Permanent and temporary exhibitions



## HAPPENINGS

- Seminars, debates

## INTENSE CULTURAL SEASON

All artistic fields are represented and all new proposals by student associations are carefully considered and, whenever possible, produced.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to the many representations, each year has its own highlights:

- Cultural Season Inauguration in September in collaboration with all the regional cultural partners,
- National Heritage Days in September
- Arts and Culture Days in March.

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UNICAEN has a long and rich past and has decided to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its reconstruction all year long.









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