Université Grenoble Alpes awarded the “Bienvenue en France” label for the quality of its international students’ welcome

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Committed to a quality process for welcoming international students, Université Grenoble Alpes was awarded the “Bienvenue en France 2 ©toiles” label at the end of May 2020, a label issued by Campus France and validated by an independent commission. UGA and its institutions therefore join the list of 89 labeled institutions among the 183 committed to the process. This label is in line with the international attractiveness policy developed by UGA.

“The international dimension is at the heart of UGA’s strategy, both in terms of training and research. The site welcomes more than 9,000 foreign students and 47% of doctoral students are international. The quality of the welcome given to these international students is one of our priorities, contributing to the attractiveness of our institution and, more generally, to France’s international influence. This label thus commits us to continue our action in conjunction with our partners to offer our international students the best conditions of welcome,” says President of Université Grenoble Alpes.

The labeling process launched by Campus France is anchored in the “Choose France” campaign, in favor of a national policy to develop the attractiveness of higher education institutions for international students. It responds to the commitments announced by Prime Minister Édouard Philippe on 19 November 2018. This strategy aims to improve the reception of international students and reach the goal of 500,000 students in France by 2027.
In order to obtain the “Bienvenue en France” label, Université Grenoble Alpes highlighted all the initiatives it has put in place, in particular its one-stop shop for international students: the International Students & Scholars Office (ISSO). ISSO informs, welcomes and accompanies international students (students, PhD students, researchers and families) on various aspects, in particular accommodation, administrative procedures and residence rights. The offer of training in French as a foreign language (FLE), intended to develop the level of French of the students hosted is also one of the actions promoted.

The quality of life on the campuses as well as the offer of housing reserved for international students thanks to our partnership with the CROUS Grenoble Alpes were also among the determining criteria.

The « Bienvenue en France » Label

The “Bienvenue en France” Label distinguishes French higher education institutions that have developed reception facilities dedicated to international students. As a sign of confidence, the label attests to the quality of the welcome and represents a promotional and outreach tool for the institution. The label provides information on the actions implemented by higher education institutions to meet the needs of international students in the following areas:

- Quality and accessibility of information
- Quality and accessibility of reception facilities
- Accessibility and support for teaching
- Housing and quality of campus life
- Quality of post-graduate follow-up

Criteria for awarding the “Bienvenue en France” label

The “Bienvenue en France” label is awarded at 3 levels depending on the number of indicators that the institution meets:

- First level 1 star: The institution satisfies more than 10 informed indicators, including 8 of the “Welcome package”.
- Second level 2 stars: The institution satisfies more than 15 indicators, including 12 of the “Welcome package”.
- Third level 3 stars: The institution satisfies all the indicators provided.

Find out more about the indicators of the “Welcome package”

Université Grenoble Alpes international in figures

- 9,000 international students
- 1 out of 7 students is international
180 different nationalities
47% of international PhD students
approximately 70 masters taught in English
20 languages taught
more than 800 partnerships with foreign universities
more than 150 countries covered by cooperation agreements
ISSO: personalized reception service for international audiences

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Relocation

The College and the doctoral schools (except Philo) moved on September 1st, 2020 to join the Maison Jean Kuntzmann at 110 rue de la Chimie 38400 Saint-Martin-d'Hères on the University Campus (Tram B and C, stops "Bibliothèques universitaires").

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