

DISCOVER THE UPVD

A MULTIDISCIPLINARY, LOCAL AND INNOVATIVE APPROACH



The University of Perpignan Via Domita is a modestly sized, multidisciplinary and dynamic campus. Involved in projects at local level, its influence also extends towards southern Catalonia and the rest of the world.

Every year, some 9500 students follow courses in a broad range of areas including literature, languages, human and social sciences, law, economics, management, exact sciences, sport and tourism.

In addition to the academic courses that it offers, the UPVD is also involved in renewable energies: it runs a Master's degree in solar energy, with support from the DERBI competitiveness cluster and has a "Renewable energies" department, SUP'EnR school.

The Catalan "Perpignan-Font Romeu" site has obtained both a Labex and an Equipex project, establishing it as a major international centre in solar power research.

The UPVD has developed expertise in a number of key areas at its various satellite campuses: sport in Font Romeu, tourism in Mende, urban planning law in Narbonne and Marketing techniques in Carcassonne. And finally, the high quality of life that this southern city offers – sandwiched between the Pyrenees and the Mediterranean, only one hour from Barcelona – should be emphasised.

660 YEARS OF HISTORY...

The first University of Perpignan was established in 1350 by King Peter IV of Aragon. Even then, it had a reputation as a multidisciplinary centre of learning – a reputation that has endured to this day. In 1979, the University of Perpignan became financially, administratively and educationally autonomous.

We are proud of our ancestral origins which date back to the 14th century and of our Catalan roots which are intertwined with our history and our identity. And at the same time, we assert our national and international outlook, which is inextricably linked with our French university status.

A PRAGMATIC UNIVERSITY

We are not just an establishment of prestige: the University of Perpignan has adopted the pragmatic approach of a centre for higher education and research that is focused first and foremost on helping its students gain a foothold on the job market. As they move about the campus, students will brush shoulders with company leaders, all professionals, experts and specialists from a wide range of socio-economic sectors.

A COMMITTED UNIVERSITY

The UPVD is also a committed university. Committed to the digital revolution and to providing its students with the very best of the technologies available: a whole department and building dedicated to digital technologies – PI@tinium+ – has been created and continues to expand across the campus. It is also committed to an ecological and energy transition, and to incorporating the principles of sustainable development into all that it does through training workshops and action plans targeting waste and energy usage and optimising the way in which building stock is used.

HOW THE INSTITUTION OPERATES

The University is managed by the president and three boards:



Fabrice Lorente
President of the UPVD

- the Administrative Board
- the Research Committee Academic Board
- the Training and Student affairs Committee Academic Board

The University is made up of three Training and Research Units (commonly referred to as Faculties) and three Institutes:

1. Faculty of Exact and Experimental Sciences
2. Faculty of Law and Economics
3. Faculty of Literature and Human Sciences

These faculties are managed by a dean.

1. University Institute of Technology
2. Institute of Business Administration
3. Franco-Catalan Border Institute

Each of these institutes is managed by a director, with the support of a board.

Elected student representatives sit on all of these boards. The 21 elected students that sit on the University's main boards together form the Student Board. Under the new law on the freedoms and responsibilities of universities, the Committee for Curricula and Student Affairs elects the Student Vice President.

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THE UNIVERSITY

9500 students, 2300 overseas students, 108 nationalities

440 teachers and professors

470 administrative and technical employees

€73 million budget in 2013

6 training and research sites: Perpignan, Narbonne, Font Romeu, Mende, Carcassonne, Tautavel

SPECIFIC AREAS OF TRAINING AND RESEARCH

Science, technology, health

- * Energy-related disciplines: solar, renewables
- * Life sciences, genomics, tropical and Mediterranean ecology
- * Geoscience and marine environment studies
- * Sport-related disciplines: Physical activity and sports science and technology in Font Romeu

Law, economics, management

- * Economic law: contracts, competition and consumption
- * Islamic law, comparative law
- * Urban planning and property law and management disciplines

Human and social sciences

- * Heritage studies
- * Prehistory and paleo-environment (Tautavel site)
- * Welfare and healthcare-related disciplines

Arts, literature and languages

- * Catalan studies
- * Classical and contemporary humanities literature
- * Mundus Master's courses