Université de Technologie de Compiègne (UTC), founded in 1972 as a new kind of public institution, combines the concept of a traditional university with that of a grande école specializing in engineering. UTC has an enrollment of 4,500, a faculty of 450, and an administrative and technical staff of 400. It is consistently ranked among the best engineering programs in France. UTC’s international orientation attracts students from every continent. Dedicated support services and special programs help international students adjust quickly to life at UTC.

**Main Programmes of Study**

UTC offers the following degrees:
- diplôme d’ingénieur
- research master
- doctorate (through UTC’s doctoral department)

Specializations in the engineering curriculum include:
- Bioengineering
- Computer engineering
- Mechanical engineering
- Process engineering
- Mechanical systems engineering
- Engineering of rural systems UTC also offers a cross-cutting program in the technologies and sciences of man.

**Research**

Nine research units form the core of UTC’s research endeavor. The research units operate in the exact sciences (mathematics), experimental sciences (mechanics, biochemistry, biology, computer science), and the humanities and social sciences (information and communication, economics, management, sociology). In support of these laboratories and the competitiveness clusters of which they are a major part (IAR and i-Trans), UTC has been selected by the French government for future-oriented investments, including an institute for low-carbon energy (known as IEED), a laboratory of excellence (Labex), two excellence teams (Equipex), an institute of technological research (IRT), and a corporation specializing in accelerated technology transfer (SATT).

**Strengths**

- A month before the beginning of each academic year students may elect to participate in a free, intensive 4-week course in French as a foreign language
- Housing at UTC is typically reserved for students in advanced through CROUS and ALES.
- Each student receives a customized welcome (taxi hired by UTC, welcome guide, help to open an account quickly and receive a no-fee bank card, facilities for acquisition of residency permits, special week-long program of activities)
- Help in locating internships

**Location**

Compiègne is a town of 43,000 inhabitants located 80 km north of Paris. Convenient to several airports (Paris Charles de Gaulle, Paris Orly, Paris Beauvais) and just 45 minutes from Paris by direct train or autoroute A1, a rich history and a national forest adjacent to the town provide a pleasant setting for this small university town.