UNA Europa Partner Universities

The Université Paris 1 now has 10 partner universities in the UNA Europa alliance. Following the order on the UNA Europa website, these include:

The Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) set up in 1948 with American support, during the Cold War. It was a continuation of the University of Berlin, split up after the war, with the division of Germany, with its sister university in East Berlin becoming the Humboldt university. FUB has 12 departments, covering sciences, social sciences and arts. Entry is selective. In 2021/22, the university had 33,000 students. Tuition is free.

The Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna was founded in 1088 and is the oldest university in the western world. Overall, it has 85,000 students, making it one of Italy's largest universities. The university is composed of 11 schools teaching sciences, humanities and arts. Tuition fees are calculated on students' family resources, and may run to €24,500.

University College Dublin was first founded in 1854, and in 1998 became "University College Dublin – National University of Ireland, Dublin". Many UCD staff and students fought in the Irish War of Independence, and its alumni have much participated in Irish politics. The university offers courses in a wide range of sciences, arts and humanities. Basic entrance requirements are for students to have standard high school diploma. Current fees for a bachelor's degree in liberal arts or sciences are €7,220 per year. The university has more than 33,000 students.

University of Edinburgh. Founded in 1583, Edinburgh is one of the world's oldest universities. It hosts 40,000 students from 156 countries. It offers a wide range of courses in arts, humanities and sciences. The university is very selective and has a varied fee structure. Students from Scotland pay £1,820 per year for a standard bachelor's degree, whereas students from the rest of the UK pay £9,250, and students from the European Union (EU) must now pay £22,000, like all foreign students, following Brexit.

Helsingin yliopisto/ Helsingfors universitet. Originally founded in the city of Turku in 1640 as the Royal Academy of Åbo, the university moved to Helsinki in 1829, and is Finland's oldest university. In 2020, it had about 31,600 students, enrolled in 11 faculties and 11 research institutes. Entrance is particularly selective. The university is multilingual, with law courses taught in Finnish and Swedish, and many courses taught in English. The university is very selective, but EU citizens do not pay tuition fees.

Universiteit Leiden was founded in 1575 as a Protestant university by William of Orange. It is the oldest higher education institution in the Netherlands, and is a public research university based on a campus in the city and in The Hague. The university has 32,800 students, enrolled in seven faculties teaching a wide range of science, humanities and arts disciplines. Dutch and EU students pay a statutory tuition fee of €1,157 a year, for their first bachelor's degree, and more if they start a new programme. The university is reasonably selective.

Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie is a leading Polish higher education institution. Founded in 1364, it is Poland's oldest university, and has been viewed as a guardian of Polish culture. It is a comprehensive university, where excellence in research is combined with the highest quality education, innovation and responsible social engagement. There are more than 35,000 students. EU students following classes in Polish pay no fees, but fees range from €2,200 to €14,000 for courses taught in English (respectively ecology & evolution and medicine).

KU Leuven is a Catholic research university founded in 1834, though it traces its origins back to the Studium Generale Lovaniense, created in 1425. The main campus is in Leuven, but the university also has sites in nine other towns, including Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges. KU Leuven teaches a full set of disciplines. The university has around 50,000 students, including more than 10,000 international students. The standard liberal arts degrees have no tuition fee, although more specialised programmes do. Entry requirements vary according to courses.

Universidad Complutense de Madrid dates back to the 13th century. The original Ciudad Universitaria campus was founded in 1927 with the goal of merging education, science and culture. The University is home to over 86,000 students and also has institutions in the city of Pozuelo de Alarcón. The university offers courses in the full range of academic disciplines. Fees vary significantly from free tuition to up to €56,000 per year for certain master's degree programmes.

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne traces its history back to the Sorbonne founded 1253. It provides courses in three main areas: Economics and Management, Humanities, and Law and Political Sciences. Currently Paris 1 welcomes about 43,000 students. Entry is slightly selective, although essentially open to most students holding France's high-school diploma. Master's programmes are more selective. Like in all French universities, French and EU students only pay about €200 per year.

Universität Zürich (UZH) was founded in 1833, and with 28,000 students is Switzerland's largest university. UZH is a public research university teaching a wide range of disciplines in seven faculties (Philosophy, Human Medicine, Economic Sciences, Law, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Theology and Veterinary Medicine). Tuition fees are about €720 per semester (CHF720). Basic entry requires holding a regular high-school diploma.

Sources: UNA Europa website, university websites and Wikipedia entries for each university. For suggestions or errors, please contact me at nicholas.sowels@univ-paris1.fr