

Student Life



The student union

The Polytech student union is a non-profit organization (association formed under the 1901 French law).

Its aim is to facilitate student adaptation to life at University and Polytech by improving the student life both in a practical and a functional way and also to encourage social cohesion and interaction.

This student union in Polytech is composed of students from all the various specializations of the graduate school of engineering.

The board consists of twenty members, and thirteen different clubs; each club representing a project or activity.

The student union (BDE) works towards offering the students the opportunity to meet, mix and participate in leisure/sporting/ social activities in a wide variety of areas.

Activities include: sporting afternoons, barbecues, a telethon, blood donations, "galette des rois", bowling parties, concerts, Christmas eve party, lazer games etc.

They have also created "BDE" products such as t-shirts, glasses, sweat-shirts - all in the colour purple, the "BDE" colour.

They organise events such as: fund raising, inter-university sporting events, inter-university challenges etc;

The BDE-Student body is the heart of student life in our graduate school of engineering, whether as an organiser or a participant.

The BDE clubs:

- Sports office
- Polytech Tours Gala
- Cafeteria club
- Mechanics Club
- WEA
- Art & design club
- Music club
- Theatre club
- ARFIT (Robotics)
- Polytech Eco marathon Shell
- CAVE (Computing club)

Life in Tours

Tours is a human-sized city . With 300,000 inhabitants, the city of Tours has the characteristic to have 40% of its people being under 30 years old. The presence of 22,000 François-Rabelais university students is no stranger to this young population, who likes to be at the heart of the «vieux» Tours, place Plumereau.

At 55 minutes from Paris by TGV, Tours has also an airport with a daily service to London. City of the «good life», its advantages are many: the sweetness of the Loire river, its many parks and public gardens, sports clubs, cultural and associative structures as well as its historic heritage.

Touraine is also the land of castles of the Loire: Amboise, Azay-le-Rideau, Chenonceau, Villandry and its gardens, the Clos Luce...

Names associated with the history of France, with its kings, from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance (Louis XI, Charles VIII, François I.), but also St. Martin, Leonardo da Vinci, Diane de Poitiers, Catherine de Médicis, Ronsard , Rabelais, Descartes, Balzac, Bergson.

Touraine, the garden of France, also has a renowned vineyard with wine cellars and restaurants whose cuisine is in the tradition of «Gourmet meal of the French», officially registered since 2010 in the list of intangible cultural heritage of the UNESCO. Already in 2000, UNESCO chose to make the Loire Valley an area of major heritage by including over 250 km, as a cultural landscape, alongside the world's largest sites.

Housing

Polytech Tours is situated in the area "2 Lions", a growing area in the south of Tours city on the Cher River. This area has developed a large network of student housing. The CROUS is the organisation which deals with finding lodgings for students. They have several residences available: Student housing: Technopôle and Grandmont.

Sports Pack

Pack'Sport is the University student pass that gives students access to the University's sporting facilities (lessons, events, workshops competitions...)
It also gives reduced rates to certain sporting partner organisations.
The Sports club, (bureau des sports) is the sporting club of Polytech Tours, which offers a variety of activities, training sessions etc.