

Welcome to I.R.T.S Nouvelle Aquitaine

Incoming Students

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Hello, and Welcome,

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1. The I.R.T.S. Nouvelle Aquitaine

The History of the Institute

The Regional Institute for the Training of Social Workers and for Social Research in Aquitaine, IRFTSRSA, was created in 1973 with the merger of three social work training schools¹ as part of a politically motivated project with a strong notion of the function of social work. On 16 September 1974, René Lenoir, then Secretary of State for Social Action, inaugurated the new IRFTSRSA building, in avenue François Rabelais, Talence. By the decree of 22 August 1986,² it was approved as the *Institut Régional du Travail Social* (IRTS), the Regional Institute of Social Work.

By the declaration of 5 February 1999, the IRTS Aquitaine Association became the Regional Association of Social Work of Aquitaine (ARTS Aquitaine) which was now responsible for the governance of the Institute. As an active player in social policy-making, the Association has always been keen to adapt to changes in this sector.

During this period, the Institute became a member of two groups in succession.

In 1994, it joined the French National Group of Institutes (*Groupement National des Instituts* - GNI) with 15 centres for social work training, including the 12 national IRTS. The Institutes that subscribed to the GNI charter adopted a "philosophy of intervention with a view to decompartmentalising social work and opening it up, and including:

- integrated work-study courses
- research
- teaching based on the individual and their project
- new educational technologies.³

Next, as a result of the merger of the GNI and the National Union of Associations of Training and Research in the field of Social Work (*Union Nationale des Associations de Formation et de Recherche en Intervention Sociale* – AFORTS), UNAFORIS was created on 19 December 2008.

UNAFORIS is a group of professional training and research bodies in the field of social work and social intervention.

The group's mission is "to pool the skills, experiences and resources of the training and research bodies that it comprises to achieve: adaptation, transformation, innovation and constant improvement in initial and continuous education training in social work and social intervention, so that the issues they cover are always contemporary and readily available, especially for the students, professionals and volunteers who seek them out and who are actively involved" (Appendix 2).

UNAFORIS is defined as a player in the Social and Solidarity Economy sector.

An associative ethos, the values of the Institute⁴

ARTS Nouvelle-Aquitaine fully supports the idea that social work is both a professional activity and a multidisciplinary field. It affirms the belief that social work promotes change, social development, social cohesion, and gives individuals the power to act and to be autonomous.

It is based on principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversity. Based on theories derived from the humanities and knowledge of the environment, social work encourages people and organisations to meet life's challenges and to improve the well-being of everyone.

¹ Ecole du Colisée, Ecole de la Croix rouge and Ecole d'Albier

² The 1986 decree sets out the objectives (see Appendix 1)

³ GNI annual report 1997

⁴ Extract from the associative project of ARTS Nouvelle-Aquitaine, version 6 January 2016

Aims

By promoting initial and continuing training for social workers, **IRTS Nouvelle-Aquitaine**, which is accredited for its public service mission, **is a player in social policies, solidarity and social cohesion**, both in the Region and across France. By awarding degrees and diplomas in social work, it contributes to the qualification and promotion of professionals working in the fight against exclusions and abuse, in the prevention and compensation of loss of autonomy, disability or maladjustment.

Because ARTS is established locally alongside other social worker training bodies in the Region, its activities are based on complementarity and partnerships with others involved in training, in a spirit of openness, with the desire to develop cooperation more broadly, at an inter-regional and international level, especially within the European Union. IRTS Nouvelle-Aquitaine creates and maintains dialogue with all those involved in social work, and with political leaders to promote individual and collective advocacy and, more generally, to support and improve policies in favour of the most vulnerable.

Through its position, its links and the information it holds, ARTS ensures that the courses IRTS offers are constantly evolving, introducing new ones in response to perceived needs.

Values

ARTS Nouvelle-Aquitaine bases its values on the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and refuses any form of discrimination between people, in a spirit of secularism, openness and tolerance. It draws its inspiration from solidarity, associationism, the social and solidarity economy, and also from sustainable development. Its training mission depends on a willingness to pool and share resources, taking account of human, social and environmental realities.

Through the development of multidimensional knowledge, opening the way to an awareness of controversy, and by encouraging critical thinking, leading to a reflective mind, ARTS Nouvelle-Aquitaine contributes to improving society, notably through innovation and research.

Its aim is to achieve excellence in its activities, thus benefiting those they are training and the social work they will carry out in the course of their professional career.

It intends to develop a spirit of loyalty and responsibility in its management through openness and clarity in its projects and its results.

Prospects

ARTS must ensure that it makes optimum use of the means at its disposal, especially by developing mutualisation, cooperation and partnerships with all those involved in training, schools and universities, qualification sites, political and administrative decision-makers, and all beneficiaries whether they are students, interns, professionals, association volunteers, social policy beneficiaries, in response to perceived needs within its territory.

Achieving excellence requires not only a level of skill and a constant updating of knowledge, assuming that all those involved are open to change and to questioning the way training and management are carried out, but also the implementation of a dynamic approach to assessment and improvement.

As a key player in training social workers, ARTS must be active in the political debate in this field, paying particular attention to any change that tends towards the commodification of social work.

Publishing the actions of ARTS and its results, developing exchanges with those concerned, promoting a better knowledge of the social sphere and its various professions, assumes that there is clear and fulfilling communication driven by the commitment shown by everyone.

The Institute's Mission

The mission of IRTS Nouvelle-Aquitaine is defined by the following:

- The regulatory framework governing the qualification training and the awarding of State-recognised diplomas (Decree of 22 August 1986 on the creation of regional social work institutes and the Decentralisation Act of 13 August 2004 on local freedoms and responsibilities, Article L451-1 amended by Law no. 2014-288 of 5 March 2014 and L 451-2 of the French Social Action and Families Code - CASF),
- General law on lifelong training (Law of 24 November 2009 on Lifelong guidance and vocational training and the Law of 5 March 2014 on vocational training),
- The associative project.

Within this framework, our mission is as follows:

- To train and work towards qualifications for those in the social sector undergoing initial training, lifelong vocational training or validation of professional experience (VAE),
- To carry out studies and research,
- To participate in informing and directing regional professional bodies,
- To respond to requests for support or technical assistance from public or private bodies in carrying out their duties.

http://www.irtsaquitaine.fr/irts/irts_nouvelle-aquitaine.php

2. Application form for Erasmus student

Personal Data

Last name	First name
Date of birth (day/month/year)	Gender Male Female
Nationality	Passport / ID number :
Mailing address : Street :house, apartment number	Email :
Postal code	Telephone
Country	Do you have your driver license ? () Yes () No If yes : do you manage to come by car ?

Studies in your country

Home university (name / country)	Erasmus code (ask your international office)
Name of your Erasmus coordinator	Tél : Email :
Year of graduation :	Obtained diploma (educator, assistant in social work Are you now in the () 1 st year () 2nd year () /3 year of your studies

French language

Required at IRTS : B1 and C1 if work placement

Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
A1 <input type="checkbox"/> B1 <input type="checkbox"/> B2 <input type="checkbox"/> C1 <input type="checkbox"/>	A1 <input type="checkbox"/> B1 <input type="checkbox"/> B2 <input type="checkbox"/> C1 <input type="checkbox"/>	A1 <input type="checkbox"/> B1 <input type="checkbox"/> B2 <input type="checkbox"/> C1 <input type="checkbox"/>	A1 <input type="checkbox"/> B1 <input type="checkbox"/> B2 <input type="checkbox"/> C1 <input type="checkbox"/>

Your studies at IRTS

Required period From To	How many ECTS to validate :
Do you have to carry out a work placement ? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes : in which kind of establishment : Which people do you want to work with ?
For accommodation	See : information sheet of I.R.T.S. and below
Do you have the driving licence	do you plan to come by car ?

To be completed and send to l.zorrilla@irtsnouvelleaquitaine.fr (dead line the 30 of may or 30 of November for mobility period February to June)

Join at this application form : a CV, a covering letter, a photo.

Deadline for sending

autumn term/academic year : april 30 and spring term : September 30

Student :

Erasmus coordinator

Date and signature

home university

Date and signature



3. Housing / accommodation

September/October is a difficult period in Bordeaux to find accommodations, therefore you have to think of it, as soon as possible and before July for September

Students have to create a personal account with a personal password. :

<http://www.etudiant.gouv.fr/pid37913/vous-loger-hors-residence-universitaire.html>

to create your account :

<https://www.messervices.etudiant.gouv.fr/envole/enregistrement>

than /

⇒ <https://www.messervices.etudiant.gouv.fr/envole/> T

⇒ this password word permit you to check and find by private landlords : cf Chez particulier.



Others sites for accommodations :

<https://erasmusu.com/fr/>

<http://ww2.info-jeune.net/logement.html>

www.topannonces.fr;

www.mapiaule.com;

www.pap.fr;

www.leboncoin.fr

www.sudouest-annonces.com;

Other information for accommodation :

Housing assistance for students : <https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/logement-etudiant-en-France>

Providing a guarantor : once you have found a place to live, you must provide several documents to make your application. In order to access housing, it is compulsory that you are «sup-ported» by a guarantor. The guarantor is someone who puts up bond for the tenant, and

agrees to pay the rent and any service charges in the event of failure on their behalf. The guarantor drafts and signs a letter of commitment which may form part of the lease agreement or may be an annexe. In France, property owners do not accept guarantors who are resident abroad. You must therefore appeal to an organization to act as a guarantor for you.

Clé Aquitaine (regional Council) the application form can only be completed online and you must request agreement from the property owner beforehand. This organization can act as a guarantor/endorser on your behalf. How? For students: the information and training unit is run by the CROUS: cle.aquitaine@crous-bordeaux.fr (N° AZUR: 0810 121 107).•For apprentices, vocational training interns, students in the paramedical and social sector, and post-doctoral fellows: the information and training unit is run by the SIRES: sires.aquitaine@wanadoo.fr (n° AZUR: 0810 005 677).

4. Other practical information

Health insurance

If you come to study in France, you are considered as residing for a temporary stay and should normally be registered with the health insurance scheme in your country of origin.

Before your departure, you should always verify that this scheme will cover your medical Expenses throughout the entire duration of your stay in France. If so, you can use your European health insurance card in France. If not, you should contribute to the French social security student scheme or take out private insurance.

• Foreign students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland are obliged to register with the social security student scheme if they meet the general conditions of membership Additional cover. If you want all or part of your costs to be reimbursed, you can take out additional cover. However, this cover is not compulsory.

<http://www.ameli.fr/>

http://www.info-jeune.net/tl_files/documents/WELCOME2013.pdf

<http://www.campusfrance.org/fr/page/le-systeme-de-sante>

Opening a bank account : If you wish to open a bank account in France, you only need to provide the chosen bank with proof of identity and proof of address (a residence permit is not required). In the event of refusal to open an account, you can take proof of the refusal to the Banque de France (www.banque-france.fr) who will refer you to an institution where you can open an account

<http://www.campusfrance.org/fr/rubrique/vivre-en-france>

Transport in Bordeaux



<https://www.infotbm.com/le-reseau-tbc/plans-et-cartes>
www.mappy.fr

Other tourism link :

www.bordeaux-tourisme.com : office de tourisme de Bordeaux

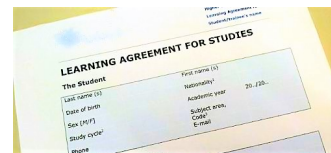
www.mairie-talence.fr : Mairie de Talence

5. Students association at I.R.T.S

You can contact the association :: **ELAN SOCIAL by mail**, asso.irtsaquitaine@gmail.com
http://www.irtsaquitaine.fr/atouts/elan_social.php

6. How to choose studies and complete the learning agreement

pour compléter le Learning agreement



The Calendar :

Winter semester : 15/9 – 30/01 (corresponding with semesters 1, 3 and 5)

Spring semester : 01/02 – 30/06 (corresponding with semesters 2, 4 and 6)

Since the academic year 2018/2019, there has been a reform of social work degrees
Then some courses could be modified
The learning agreement could be adapted after your arrival.

You can Have a look to

<http://www.irtsaquitaine.fr/offres/offres.php>

and

1. **Educator courses** = diplôme d'État d'Éducateur Spécialisé :
http://www.irtsaquitaine.fr/international/ECTS_ES.php

2. **Social assistant** = diplôme d'État d'Assistant de Service Social
http://www.irtsaquitaine.fr/offres/assistant_service_social.php

3. **Educator for Young Children** = diplôme d'État d'Éducateur de Jeunes Enfants
http://www.irtsaquitaine.fr/international/ECTS_EJE.php

4. **Educator for special technical** = diplôme d'État d'Éducateur Technique Spécialisé
http://www.irtsaquitaine.fr/international/ECTS_ETS.php

5. **Advise in voluntary and family sector** = Diplôme d'État de Conseillère en
Economie Sociale et Familiale
http://www.irtsaquitaine.fr/international/ECTS_CESF.php

Then tell us your choices and we verify if it could be possible.

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for more explanations about the courses and to help you for your learning agreement.

7. French courses

All of our programs are in French, therefore, you need sufficient knowledge to be able to attend them.

If you have to do a work placement during your mobility we recommend to have a level B2 or C1.

We don't offer French courses, but you can have possibilities with

<http://www.u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr/fr/formations/admission-inscription/francais-pour-non-francophones.html>

or with associations http://www.info-jeune.net/tl_files/documents/FLE%20Gironde.pdf

8. Confirmation of arrival

1 month before your arrival at Talence, we ask you to confirm your arrival date

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We organize an appointment with our international team.

9. How to come at I.R.T.S Aquitaine

<http://www.irtsaquitaine.fr/irts/acces.php>

We 'll be glad to see you soon

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