The HCS centre aims at bringing together the HSS laboratories of the three Norman universities, the art, architecture and business schools in all their diversity around a common scientific project to reinforce Normandy’s academic prestige. Human and Social Sciences, which include the Humanities, involve subjects and areas of research that work together while maintaining the very specific features that are required for an understanding of the objects of knowledge. The HCS centre combines nearly all of the subjects in the Human and Social Sciences and Humanities sector in Normandy to offer a very broad and full range of research and training options. The organisation and structuring of the centre is the shared responsibility of PRSH from the University of Le Havre Normandy, IRIHS from the University of Rouen Normandy and MRSH from the CNRS and the University of Caen Normandy.

SUBJECT AREAS

- History
- Law
- Literature
- Sociology
- Languages
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Digital
- Information and Communication Sciences – Educational Sciences
- Economic sectors: Tourism, Publishing, Culture, Heritage
- Linguistics
- Anthropology

HCS CENTRE KEY FIGURES

- 966 PhD Students
- 365 HDR
- 29 Laboratories
- 1 Labex (Laboratory of Excellence): FCD Finance and Growth
- 2 Equipex (Teams of Excellence): BIBLISSIMA, MATRICE
- 2 TGIR: Humanum, PROGEDO
- 3 Major infrastructures: CIREVE, GAMA, Leocnum

AREAS OF RESEARCH

In line with national and international research funding objectives, the HCS Centre is structured around multidisciplinary research projects across the full range of human and social science disciplines and issues linked to common digital themes and objects and is thus able to build large-scale research consortium.

- HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
- INTERDISCIPLINARY HSS PROJECTS
- DIGITAL HUMANITIES

All these research areas form strategic objectives for structuring research at the Norman level and are promoted through scientific niches of excellence to raise the profile and level of attractiveness of research at a national and international level. The different centre members offer a broad, complementary range of scientific expertise that is used in mutually supportive ways in large-scale collaborative projects.

Examples of these are innovative projects such as SANTPE, run by the University of Le Havre Normandy in partnership with the universities of Nantes, Toulouse and Grenoble, which focuses on health issues in in SMEs; Géo-Seine project coordinated by the University of Le Havre Normandy, ENSA and ESADHAR, which takes a geocritical approach to the Seine and aims to create an innovative system, the “connected reading bench”; NUMNIE and CORNUM projects which reinforces the smart digitisation work done under the supervision of MRSH Caen; POLAL project which is dedicated to analyse the innovations and reconfigurations of government action concerning food policies, of which the University of Le Havre Normandy (IDEES Le Havre) is a partner...
TRAINING

Innovative training schemes

The research carried out in the HCS centre provides a wide range of training and educational opportunities in terms of both subjects and levels: IUT, Vocational degrees, Sandwich courses, Continuing training, Bachelor’s/Master’s/Postgraduate degrees. The link between research and training is reinforced through innovative training projects (bilingual law course at the University of Le Havre Normandy, Master in series action centred around the GUEST Normandy research programme. Master in literary creation run jointly by University of Le Havre Normandy and ESADHAR and supplemented by programmes of combined arts and literature workshops on the Seine, digital humanities degree and creation of a Postgraduate degree in art run by all the universities and art schools from Normandy University.

Four doctoral schools attached to the centre structure the training and the supervision of PhD students in the human and social sciences:

- ED 558 History, Memory, Heritage, Language (HMPL)
- ED 556 Man, Societies, Risks, Territory (HSRT)
- ED 98 Normandy Law (DN)
- ED 242 Normandy Economics-Management (EGN)

PARTNERSHIPS

With the aim of building a centre of excellence rooted in an attractive territory, the HCS centre has developed a wide range of scientific, institutional and political partnerships based on the strong links forged between the federative structures, the competitive clusters and the Public and Scientific Interest Groups.

Competitiveness clusters

- TES
- VALORIAL
- HIPPOLIA

Scientific Interest Group (GIS) and/or Public Interest Group (GIP)

- GIS IdA (Institute of the Americas)
- GIS IdG (Institute of Gender)

Federative research structures

- Human Sciences Research Centre (PRSH), University of Le Havre Normandy
- Human Sciences Research Unit (MRSH), University of Caen Normandy
- Institute of Interdisciplinary Research into Man and Society (IRIHS), University of Rouen Normandy

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