

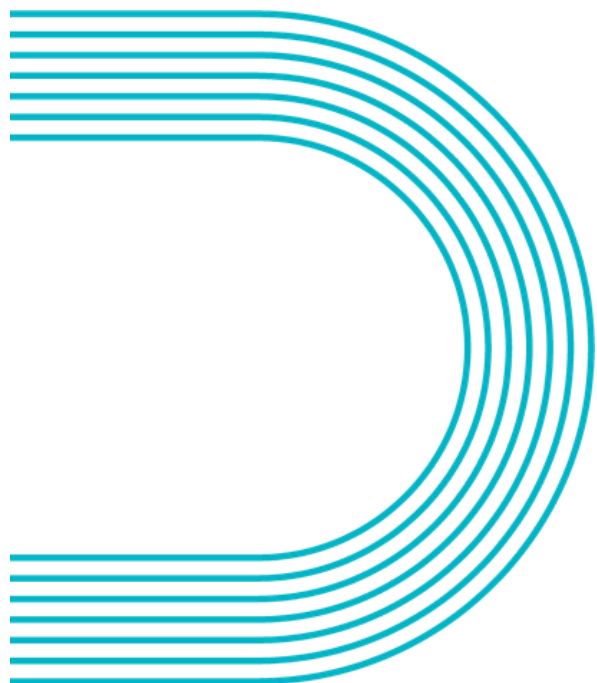


Pôle supérieur musique et danse Nouvelle-Aquitaine

Guide for international students 2026/2027



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RésoNAnces, higher education institution music and dance Nouvelle-Aquitaine was created in 2026 through a merger between of the PESMD Bordeaux Nouvelle-Aquitaine and pôle Aliénor. The school is located in Bordeaux and Poitiers (Nouvelle-Aquitaine region) and welcomes each year 200 students in its undergraduate programs.

Accredited by the French ministry of Culture, RésoNAnces trains performing artists, music teachers and dance teachers. It also supports professionals in their lifelong continuous training.

RésoNAnces' mission is embedded in regional, national, and international initiatives through numerous artistic partnerships (operas, orchestras, festivals, professional ensembles, national venues, contemporary music venues, etc.) and educational partnerships (universities, conservatories, and music schools, etc.).

Holder of the Erasmus+ charter for higher education (ECHE), the institution makes it a pillar of its international outreach.

Academic offer

- DNSPM (diplôme national supérieur professionnel de musicien) : bachelor in music performance
- DE (diplôme d'État): bachelor in instrumental and vocal pedagogy
- DE (diplôme d'État): bachelor in dance pedagogy (classic, jazz or modern)
- Master in early music “Music: research and ensemble practice” (*in partnership with university of Poitiers which delivers the degree*).



Study departments

Depending on your study field and/or instrument, you will be settled in Poitiers or Bordeaux.

Music

STRING INSTRUMENTS : violin, viola, cello, bass	POITIERS
WOODWINDS : clarinet, oboe, flute, bassoon	BORDEAUX
SAXOPHONE	POITIERS
BRASS : trumpet, horn, trombone, tuba, euphonium	POITIERS
PERCUSSIONS	BORDEAUX
PIANO	POITIERS and BORDEAUX
POLYPHONIC INSTRUMENTS : harp, accordion, classical guitar	BORDEAUX
EARLY MUSIC : all instruments, organ, singing	POITIERS
TRADITIONAL MUSIC : all instruments and singing	POITIERS
RYTHMIC MUSIC : all instruments, singing, and electronic music	BORDEAUX
GENERAL MUSIC EDUCATION	BORDEAUX
MUSIC / DANCE ACCOMPANIMENT	BORDEAUX

Dance

CLASSIC / CONTEMPORARY / JAZZ	BORDEAUX
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How to apply for Erasmus+ ?

1. Contact the international relations coordinator of your school for information regarding the programme requirements.
2. Fill out the application form
Send your required documents by email to : international@resonances-na.eu
3. Erasmus+ coordinator of the sending institution must nominate the student by e-mail to : international@resonances-na.eu

Note: *all applications are accepted, even if your sending institution is not a partner yet.*

Application deadlines :

- for Spring semester : October 15
- for Autumn semester and next academic year : April 15

Required documents

- Cover / Motivation letter
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Photo : a recent portrait photo for official use
- Study plan
- For performers applicants : link to a video recording, of approximately 15-20 minutes, attesting to the musical qualities of the student
- For general music education applicants : links to 2 pieces of music (max. 10 minutes) and 1 video of yourself in a teaching situation with children and/or adults (5 minutes)
- Transcript of Records : an official transcript with an overview of your completed courses and grades

Language requirements

Recommended language skills : **B1**. No certificate is required for admission. All the courses are taught in French, some courses may be given in Spanish (instrumental or chamber music lessons).

How to apply for regular program ?

Foreign candidates must follow the same application procedure as French candidates, filling the [application form](#) on **www.resonances-na.eu**.

Application deadlines

Music programs : February 21, 2027

Dance program : May 21, 2027

Language requirements

Recommended language skills: **B1 for performance program and C1 for pedagogical program**. Language certificate is compulsory.
All the courses are given in French.

- Tuition fee for one program : €300
- Tuition fee for two programs : €500

Students with scholarships are exempted from tuition, but must pay the registration fee.

Campus visa

Which procedure you follow to enter a French institution depends on your nationality, the country in which you reside, and your educational plans.

- European students don't need a visa. The admission procedures are simple.
- Non-European citizen need to inform about the right procedure, on the Études en France [website](#)

Please note that non-European residents must contact RésoNAnces by December 15 for the next academic year.

Admission for Erasmus + IN

Once your application is confirmed, you will receive a confirmation letter by e-mail and useful informations to organize your mobility (see also the following sections about housing, health insurance, student life, ect.)

The introduction days (1st semester of academic year) are mandatory.

Individual meeting

Before the introductions days and the beginning of courses, an individual meeting with the Erasmus coordinator and the study coordinator is organized to welcome the student (courses, weekly schedule, digital environment, student guide, french courses ect.)

Registration fees : 130€. *Erasmus+ students don't pay tuition fees.*

Organization, course content, and assessment

Course content and assessment are determined by the learning agreement signed by both institutions before the start of classes.

Erasmus students are subjected to the same assessment rules as other students. If necessary, they may be granted adjustments to assessment procedures for reasons such as language proficiency.

Recognition of ECTS, validation of study period, grading system

A transcript of records using the institution's grading system is provided, along with a grading scale in English which allows the sending institution to perform the conversion.

All ECTS earned are validated by the sending institution, which delivers the diploma.

French lessons*

In Bordeaux you have 2 options for improving your French.

> The Department FLE of the University of Bordeaux Montaigne delivers several courses.

> Alliance Française has also a large selection of courses based on your level.

In Poitiers : The Centre FLE of the University of Poitiers delivers several courses.

**Please note that courses are paid by each student, but you get extra ECTS (only within Erasmus+ program).*

Living in France

Housing

RésoNances does not have specific student housing. All incoming students must make their own accommodation arrangements. The school provides several resources on how to find housing in Poitiers or Bordeaux (see page "usefull links").

Dormitories

- **Non-Erasmus international students**

(Master only, Poitiers):

Apply for available housing during the supplementary phase (July) via:

www.lescrous.fr | messervices.etudiant.gouv.fr

Housing benefit : Caisse d'Allocations Familiales (CAF)

After having signed your rental contract, you can start your application for housing benefit. More information here : www.caf.fr

Visa

Students from the EU and EEA do not need a visa to study in France. Non-European citizens residing in the EU must apply for a long-stay student visa in their country of residence before arriving, as their residence permit only allows a 3-month stay in France. Visa applications cannot be made after arrival. A 50€ stamp duty is required to validate the visa. france-visas.gouv.fr

Health insurance is mandatory for non-EU international students (excluding Erasmus) and registration with French social security is free. To cover additional medical costs, complementary health insurance is recommended, costing between 5€ and 34€ per month. More information : www.ameli.fr

Bank account

Think about opening a bank account in France, you will need it for nearly all administrative procedures. For that, you should go into any bank with your passport, visa, enrollment certificate and a proof of adress (e.g utility bill).



Inclusion



Disability

Any person with a disability may request accommodations for the training program they are enrolled in to compensate for their disability if it hinders their ability to participate in the program. (See Article 5211-2 et seq. of the French Labor Code.) Contact the disability coordinators Catherine Barbosa or Caroline Follana : referent-handicap@resonances-na.eu

Mentoring

Students wishing to receive support in their studies (organization of work, methodology, written work, etc.) can benefit from mentoring and be monitored by a student tutor throughout the year.

Student networks

Before their arrival, Erasmus students are paired with “buddy” students to help them find a potential roommate and to welcome them upon their arrival. Erasmus students are also encouraged to use [Erasmus Student Network](#) (ESN) and the [Erasmus+ app](#) during their stay.

In Bordeaux, the student association Synestezia purpose is to bring students together and energize them. Its goal is to organize events and projects among students or with professionals. The association also helps create a network of current students and alumni.

Contact : synestezia.pesmd@gmail.com

Prevention

Mental health

The institutions have established a partnership with the **Apsytube association** “Free access to psychologists for students”. It allows students to benefit from free online consultations with a psychologist. The procedure for scheduling an appointment is communicated to students at the beginning of the year and displayed in various locations.

The “**Santé Psy Etudiants**” program allows all students to receive 12 free consultations with a psychologist, with no upfront costs. These consultations are renewable each year. For more information about this program, to check your eligibility, and to choose a psychologist : [Santé Psy Etudiants](#).

Equity and non-discrimination

The institution is committed to combating gender-based and sexual violence and harassment : students can access the guide “Preventing and Addressing Gender-Based and Sexual Violence,” which was developed by the Ministry of Culture. It compiles essential information to help:

- Identify reprehensible acts;
- Raise awareness of the tools and resources available to students;
- Share best practices for taking statements;
- Clarify existing procedures.

This guide is available on the student cloud.

In addition, the French ministry of Culture has implemented a plan to prevent gender-based and sexual violence, available at the following link : [guide](#)

An awareness session on preventing and acting against VHSS is offered to students at least once during their program.

Students who are victims of or witnesses to reprehensible acts (discrimination, psychological or sexual harassment, sexist behavior, sexist or sexual violence or assault - threats or any other act of intimidation - domestic and interfamily violence), may:

- Contact the external reporting unit established by the Ministry of Culture.

This service is free, anonymous, and confidential.



Code d'accès
à rappeler: 1959

☎ **0801 90 59 10**
(numéro vert) du lundi
au vendredi de 9h à 13h

✉ signalement-culture
@conceptrse.fr

✉ Cabinet Concept RSE
Pôle tertiaire ECO WORK
2 ZI Chartreuse Guiers
38380 Entre-deux-Guiers

🐘 conceptrse.fr/signalement-culture ou en flashant le QR code ci-contre

- Notify the management team and/or the vigilance-bienveillance team (see below).

“Vigilance-bienveillance”

Ensuring students’ well-being during their studies is one of the school’s priorities. A monitoring and reporting procedure has therefore been established to provide prompt solutions to any difficulties students may encounter.

This procedure allows us to meet with students facing difficulties, listen to them, and refer them to professionals or resources regarding their needs. An email address has been set up to allow students to request a meeting, as well as to enable anyone (administrative staff, faculty, or students) to report a student they believe is in distress: vigilancebienveillance@resonances-na.eu

Student life in RésoNAnces

Studios, instruments, equipments

The institution provides pedagogical equipment such as instruments, audio or video, computers, instrumental practice places, scores, fully equipped dance studios designed to support your artistic growth and daily practice. These spaces are available to all enrolled students.

Student card

A student card is given with administrative registration. Student card allows being identified as a student and to benefit discounts in cultural locations (museums, cinemas, theatres, shops ect).

Resources

The school's documentary collection (scores, books, CDs, DVDs, theses, and teaching materials) is available throughout your studies. In addition, students also have access to external resources.

With their student card, students have access to Poitiers conservatoire's library and university of Poitiers musicology department's library. It is also recommended subscribing to François-Mitterrand media center of Poitiers with the student discount.

Students of RésoNAnces also have access to Bordeaux conservatoire's resource center with an extensive collection of over 15,000 musical scores spanning classical, jazz, and contemporary repertoire. The conservatoire complements these resources with a rich media library featuring more than 8,000 audio recordings and 2,500 video documents including concert archives and masterclasses.



Cost of living in Bordeaux

Monthly budget

Housing

Private apartment	450-1000 €
Insurance	5-10 €

Food

Monthly grocery budget	250-300 €
1 meal at the university restaurant	3.30 €

Transport

Bus / tram pass	28 €
Bus pass per year	250 €

Other expenses

Telephone, Internet	30 €
Other	around 200 €

Total per month around 1000 €

N.B. For the first month try to anticipate monthly budget x3, because you will have to pay for all the subscriptions and insurances.

Keep in mind that your total can be different and can vary from 750 to 1200 €.



Why Bordeaux ?

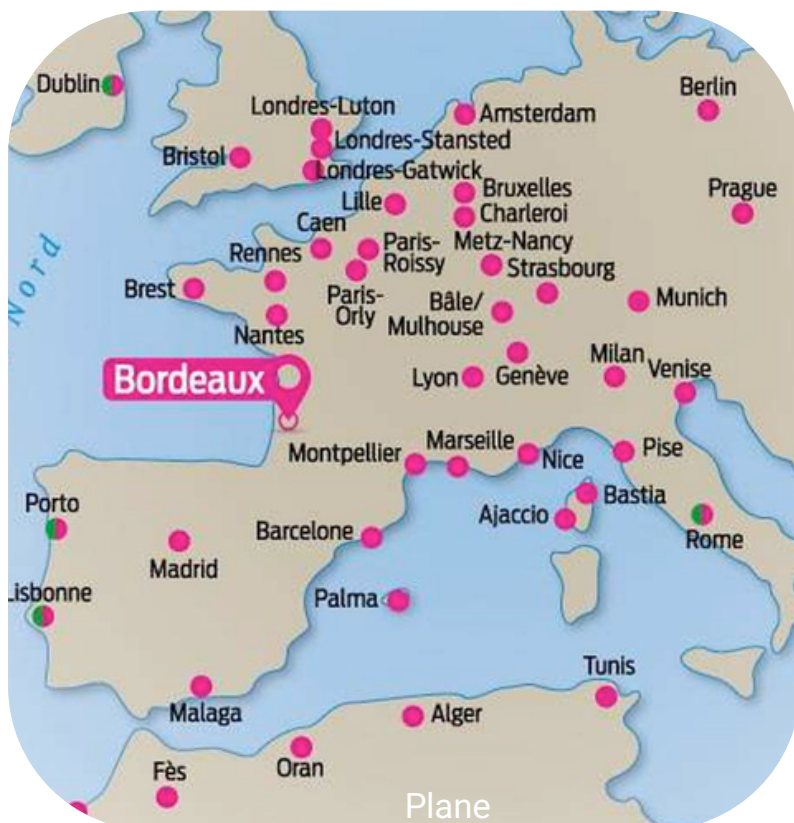
UNESCO World Heritage

Bordeaux's 18th-century golden stone architecture earned it UNESCO status, but the city pulses with modern student life. Stroll along the Garonne River to see the Miroir d'Eau fountain, urban art, cafés and over 50 museums.



Vineyards & Gastronomy

As the capital of wine, Bordeaux offers affordable tastings (Student tours in Saint-Émilion €15 with transport), local flavors and UNESCO vineyards. Try canelés (caramelized pastries) at Baillardran or fresh oysters at Marché des Capucins, don't forget to visit a unique Cité du Vin museum!



Big-city buzz, small-town ease

Bordeaux, France's sixth-largest city, masterfully blends the energy of a metropolis with the charm of a welcoming town, offering students the perfect balance between vibrant urban life and relaxed living.

When it's time to unwind, the Atlantic coast beckons—escape to Lacanau for world-class surfing or indulge in fresh oysters by the bay in Arcachon, both just an hour away.

Interesting facts about Bordeaux

A stage for every passion

Bordeaux's cultural landscape dazzles with diversity:

- Performing artists thrive at the Grand Théâtre (1780), home to the National Opera. The annual Bordeaux Métropole en Scène festival transforms the city into a free open-air stage each June.
- Visual creators draw inspiration from CAPC—a contemporary art museum housed in a 19th-century warehouse—and street art mecca Darwin ecosystem, where abandoned military barracks now pulse with murals and installations.
- Cinema buffs revel in Cinéma Utopia, an arthouse theater in a converted church, and the FIFIB festival spotlighting indie films.

More about the events : <https://www.bordeaux.fr/culture>

Your artistic playground

- Join the Bordeaux Swing Festival (Europe's largest) or jam with jazz musicians at Caillou des Jalles.
- Exhibit at pop-up galleries in Saint-Pierre, where medieval arches frame avant-garde exhibitions.
- Discover some extraordinary performances in National Opera of Bordeaux.

Nightlife and student life

When the sun sets, Bordeaux thrums with creative energy. Sip natural wines in candlelit Saint-Pierre cellars, discover electro beats on Iboat's floating dancefloor, or catch jazz jams at Caillou des Jalles. Pro tip: Wednesday nights offer student discounts at most clubs, and the Miroir d'Eau becomes a magical gathering spot for midnight picnics when the summer heat lingers.



Cost of living in Poitiers

Monthly budget

Housing

Private apartment	350-600 €
Insurance	5-10 €

Food

Monthly grocery budget	200-250 €
1 meal at the university restaurant	3.30 €

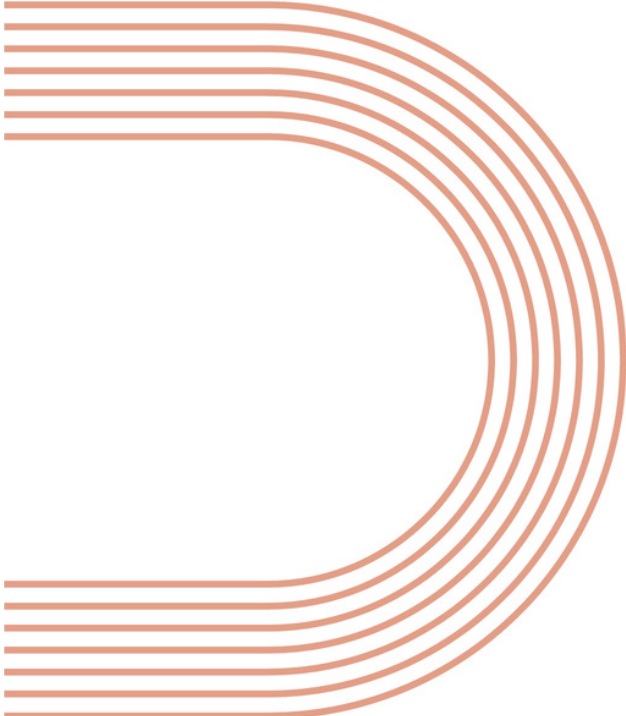
Transport

Bus / tram pass	27 €
Bus pass per year	200-230 €

Other expenses

Telephone, Internet	30 €
Other	around 200 €

Total per month around 900 €



N.B. For the first month, try to anticipate monthly budget x3, as anticipation for paying subscriptions and insurances.

Keep in mind that your total can be different and can vary from 600 to 1000€.

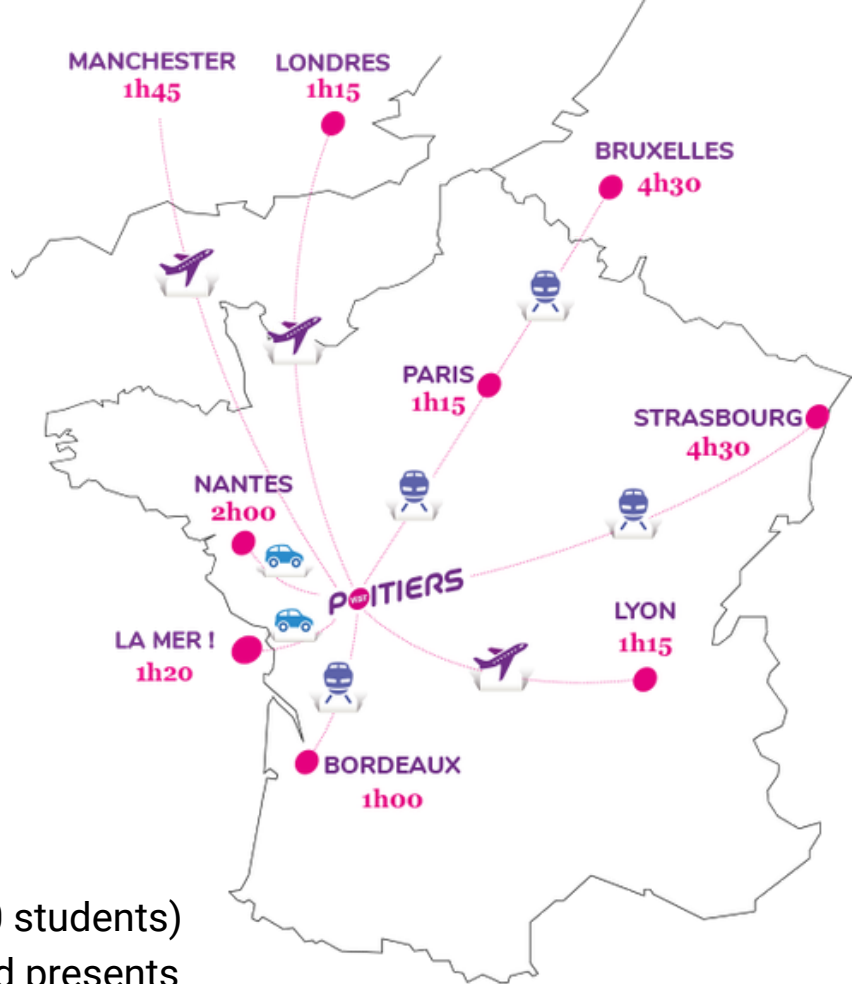
Why Poitiers ?

Connections

The city of Poitiers, settled in the North of the Région Nouvelle Aquitaine, is connected with big European major cities (Paris, Bordeaux, Brussel, London...) by the TGV railway.

History

Poitiers (90 000 inhabitants + 28 000 students) has a rich 2 000 years old history, and presents a prestigious architectural patrimony. The University (founded in 1431) is one of the oldest in Europe; the presence of so many students promotes a very creative and diversified cultural



Innovation

Poitiers is a city that embraces innovation. With Futuroscope leading in digital and immersive experiences, and a strong network of research centers, startups, and university partnerships, it offers a dynamic environment for students interested in development, science, and creativity.



Interesting facts about Poitiers

Nightlife on Thursdays

Many bars and clubs host special events, often at discounted prices, allowing students to unwind after a week of classes. Theme parties, live music, and DJ sets are among the most popular events. Don't miss the chance to experience the festive atmosphere of the city!

Poitiers' cultural offer

The city offers over 50 cultural activities. You can attend a performance at the TAP-scène nationale Grand Poitiers, La Blaiserie, the Beaulieu Center, and many other venues. For film lovers, head to CGR Cinema, Le Dietrich, or TAP Cinema. You can also explore local art and history at the Sainte-Croix Museum. And don't miss the chance to experience unique festivals like À Corps, Filmer le Travail, or Bruits de Langues.

TIP : get a Culture card for free and enjoy reduced prices :

www.cartculture.org

Cafés and social spots

The city is filled with cozy cafés where you can meet other students and locals, chat over a coffee or pastry, or even work on your projects. Some of these cafés also organize events like quiz nights or open-mic evenings, adding a fun twist to Poitiers' social scene. Some ideas : Mimosa café, La Locomotive bar.

Emergency

All emergencies: **112** - free call; **114** – free texts

Firefigthers : **18**

Police : **17**

Operators in France: Free, SFR, Orange. You could purchase a new SIM card online and/or at an agency.

Corep printing and copying services (on site)

Useful Apps

Poitiers :



Vitalis - bus service caters

Note: Apply for a one year bus pass at city hall

Bordeaux :



TBM - public transport



Pony - shared bikes & scooters



Uber - taxi



Bolt - taxi



SNCF - rail transport



FlixBus - affordable bus travel



Citymapper - public transport navigation app



Doctolib - online medical appointment booking



Leboncoin - ads for rentals, second-hand items, cars ect.



Vinted - second-hand clothing marketplace



Too good to go - buy unsold food at reduced prices

Useful links

Private housing and shared accomodations

- www.lokaviz.fr
- www.leboncoin.fr
- erasmusplay.com

Housing benefits www.caf.fr

French health insurance etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr

Official visa information www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits

French courses

1. university of Bordeaux defle.u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr
2. university of Poitiers cfle.univ-poitiers.fr

Culture card in Poitiers www.carteculture.org

Youth card in Bordeaux www.cartejeune.bordeaux-metropole.fr/

Tourist offices

- www.bordeaux-tourisme.com
- visitpoitiers.fr

Info Jeunes - organisation helping young people infojeunes-na.fr

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