

**EMBARK ON A JOURNEY INTO THE PORTS OF THE FUTURE,
WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL
IN LE HAVRE – 15TH TO 19TH JUNE 2026**



Université Le Havre Normandie (ULHN) invites students from around the world to explore the future of ports: how they evolve, meet contemporary needs, preserve their heritage, and integrate principles of sustainable development and technological innovation. The programme is part of a strategic partnership led by the **Campus Polytechnique des Territoires Maritimes et Portuaires (CPTMP)** and is funded by the **French National Research Agency (ANR)** to support activities within the **EUNICOAST European Alliance**.

The Summer School "Ports of the Future" is completely **free**: both tuition and accommodation fees will be covered by the Campus Polytechnique des Territoires Maritimes et Portuaires.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL "PORTS OF THE FUTURE"

Physical Component: 15.06.2026 – 19.06.2026 | Virtual Component: 01.06.2026

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Coordinating institution: Université Le Havre Normandie (ULHN) alongside with **West Pomeranian University of Technology in Szczecin (ZUT)** and **Stralsund University of Applied Sciences (HOST)**

Language: English

Capacity: 30 students

Credits: 3 ECTS awarded upon successful completion of all components, subject to home university validation. Compatible with the Erasmus+ mobility scheme.

Total workload: 76 hours (38 contact hours + 38 hours independent work)

Dates and Format

Component	Date	Format
Preparatory module	1 June 2026	Online
Intensive week	15–19 June 2026	On-site, Le Havre

Eligibility Requirements

- Study level: 3rd or 4th year undergraduate
- English proficiency: minimum B2 (CEFR)
- Disciplines: social sciences (geography, history, law) or STEM (IT, robotics, AI)
- Proof of enrollment: Official certificate confirming current 3rd or 4th year undergraduate status
- Valid identification: Passport or national ID (valid for the full duration of the program)
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) in English
- Motivation letter in English
- Application form: Fully completed and signed
- Insurance coverage: Health and/or travel insurance valid for the program duration
- Parental/guardian consent: (if under legal age in host country)

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Days	Sessions	Main Topics / Activities	Format	Contact Hours	Independent Work	Total Hours
Virtual component (01/06/2026)						
Day 1	Preparatory Module	Introduction to port sustainability challenges and climate risks; team formation; assigned readings on maritime futures; breakout sessions for deliverable planning and collaborative frameworks.	Online lecture	03:00	15:00	18:00
Physical component (15/06/2026-19/06/2026)						
Day 1	Module / Field-oriented sessions	Ice-breaking activities and physical introductions; Opening conference on port futures; evening team-building.		05:00	03:00	08:00
Day 2	Module / Field-oriented sessions	Opening conference on port futures; ports and geopolitics module; Robotics and AI for smart ports; maritime security and shipping lines; Port of Le Havre field visit with HAROPA professionals.		08:00	00:00	08:00

Days	Sessions	Main Topics / Activities	Format	Contact Hours	Independent Work	Total Hours
Day 3	Module / Field-oriented sessions	Port actors and social interactions; City-port relations and waterfront redevelopments with AURH professional intervention; Musée de l'Armateur visit.		08:00	00:00	08:00
Day 4	Module / Field-oriented sessions	Organising globalisation; Energy-saving transportation technologies ; Guided City Tour and City Game Experience		08:00	00:00	08:00
Day 5	Student final presentations	Legal framework of Ports; Use of artificial intelligence in ports ; Maritime Ports and Historiography ; Final group presentations; peer discussion and collective synthesis; closing ceremony.		06:00	00:00	06:00
	Reflexive journal	Reflective journal completion;			20:00	20:00

PEDAGOGICAL REQUIREMENTS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion, students must demonstrate ability to:

- Analyse climate adaptation challenges facing European ports and evaluate flood mitigation and decarbonisation strategies
- Integrate multidisciplinary knowledge (geography, engineering, law, history, computer science) to address maritime sustainability challenges
- Apply emerging technologies (AI, robotics, blockchain) to smart port system design
- Collaborate in international teams to produce evidence-based, transdisciplinary deliverables
- Evaluate geopolitical, legal, and social dimensions of port governance
- Communicate complex research through creative formats adapted to diverse audiences

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Component	Format	Weight	Re-sit
Group project & oral presentation	Creative deliverable + 15-min pitch	60%	Yes
Reflective journal	Individual written reflection, 1,500–2,000 words	30%	No
Participation & engagement	Continuous observation	10%	No

- Group project is assessed on: transdisciplinary problem-solving, sustainability literacy, teamwork, communication, and intercultural competence.
- Reflective journal is assessed on: critical self-awareness, intercultural reflection, and lifelong learning disposition.
- Participation is assessed on: active engagement across all modules, field visits, and collaborative activities.

APPLICATION

Sending institutions may nominate up to five (5) students for participation in the Summer School, in line with the programme's academic and eligibility criteria. All nominations must be submitted to the following address: summerschool@univ-lehavre.fr.

Please note that the number of places available is limited. Submission of a nomination does not guarantee acceptance, and all nominated candidates will be subject to a final selection process by the host institution.

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