VOCATIONAL BACHELOR’S DEGREE

PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR «PI»
INTRODUCTION

The «Private Investigator» Licence Professionnelle is an undergraduate degree designed to provide a framework for a rapidly growing profession. The University of Nîmes’ approach is to offer specialist training, with practical experience provided in partnership with the Institut de Formation des Agents de Recherches (Investigator Training Institute), the first institute in France to have registered the «detective, private investigator» diploma on the list of Level III accredited qualifications and diplomas, and the support of numerous private investigator firms.

OBJECTIVES

Year 2, Bachelor’s degree in Law or Social and Economic Administration Refresher modules in law are included for employees in further education.

SKILLS AND EXPERTISES

After completing the degree, further education interns will be able to:

• Master the field of application, legal environment, definition and precise determination of the responsibilities required of private investigators, in terms of expertise,

• Use tools and methods for gathering intelligence and producing evidence, in terms of interpersonal skills,

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates that have completed scientific studies at Bac + 2 level.
• Respond, within the professional ethical framework, to the legitimate needs of any citizen who feels they have suffered a civil, commercial or criminal wrong, in accordance with the laws of the French Republic.

As part of their training, students will learn how to:
• Carry out private investigation in order to produce evidence before the Court to justify compensation,
• Find and gather information in general.
• Carry out checks to prevent or avoid attempted fraud and breaches of trust suffered by private individuals and/or businesses,
• Find missing persons regardless of whether an offence, crime or accident has occurred,
• Carry out specific tasks and operations designed to fight counterfeiting and industrial counter-espionage,
• Ensure mitigation of security-related risks for financial bodies and businesses,
• Carry out counter-investigation as a last recourse for litigants,
• Write summary, shift and memo reports,
• Manage an agency, receiving, advising and assisting clients.
• Complete marketing and accounting tasks.

KEY FIGURES

93.3% of students graduated in 2017.

92% of graduates were employed 30 months after completing the Licence Professionnelle.

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

• In-house investigator
• Freelancer or agency director

Source: Ovie (Unîmes Student Life and Employment Observatory) surveys of graduates from 2012, 2013 and 2014
ECTS Credits: 180
Duration: 1 year
Level of studies: BAC +3

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
• Introductory course/further education
• Validation of prior experience (VAE)

INTERNERSHIP
• 14 weeks

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