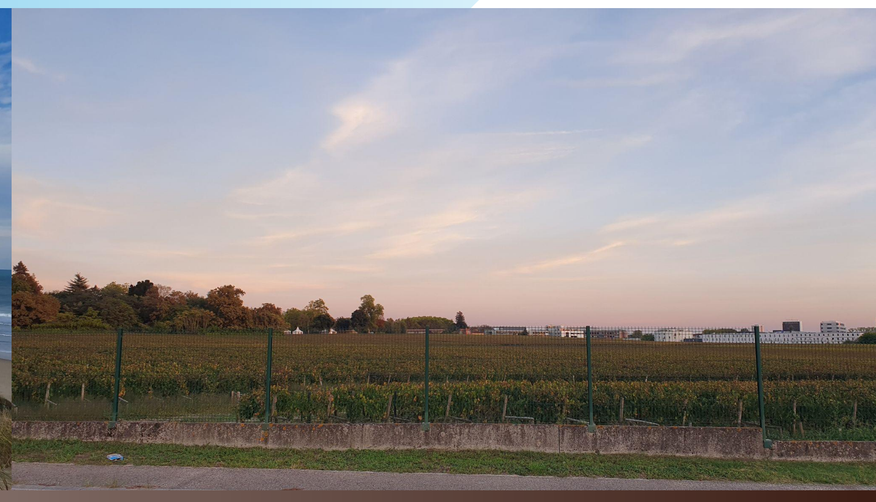
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MMath Mathematics

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Joint 9th in France (Times Higher Education 2024)

The Course

- ➔ I took a mix of 3rd year maths modules, 1st year master's maths and computer science modules, as well as a French class in semester 1
  - ◆ Level was a mix of 3rd and 4th year at Bath
- ➔ Had to provisionally decide 4th year modules in advance to check prerequisites
- ➔ Your average grade (in %) is taken as your grade for the year-long SYA module in Bath
- ➔ Alternative pathways:
  - ◆ International master's programmes in English (though the maths one seems quite advanced)
  - ◆ Any science module (in any year) is allowed on the Bordeaux end, but all choices must be approved by your coordinator in Bath
- ➔ Lectures are 1h20 long, tutorials are 3 hours long
- ➔ Lectures start at 8AM!





Accommodation/Visa

- ➔ Visa application is done in 3 steps:
  - ◆ Études en France, online visa form, in person meeting
- ➔ Accommodation will either be through CROUS (halls) or Studapart
- ➔ CROUS deadline is late June, Studapart still has listings right up until the start of term
- ➔ If using Studapart aim to find a place sooner rather than later, an address is needed to finish the visa application
- ➔ The campus is in Talence, with the tram B and many buses stopping there
  - ◆ Living in Talence or Pessac means you'll be close to campus
  - ◆ If not there, then try and live near a tram B stop
  - ◆ For example, Victoire is a studenty part of town with good tram B access



Bordeaux

- ➔ Amazing public transport (4 tram lines, many buses) run by TBM
- ➔ Plenty of pubs/bars/clubs/music venues
- ➔ Lots of history; a guided tour is a part of the welcome week for international students
- ➔ 1h by train, 2h by bus, from the bay of Arcachon (or Cap Ferret) - small seaside town with beautiful beaches, near the dune du pilat
- ➔ Good travel opportunities:
  - ◆ Close to Spain & Basque country
  - ◆ 2-3h to Paris on the TGV