Archives immersion week
(from 26th February to 2nd March 2018)

Discovering a passion for archives

Inspired by the model of the *chantier archéologique*, « Chantier d’Histoire » offered an intensive week of immersion in archives, to 22 students supervised by the ITEM research team. Core objectives of this fieldwork program where to discover the fascinating history and the *chartrier* of the Viscounts of Foix-Béarn & Kings of Navarre. This Chartes “treasure” is conserved in both the archives of Pyrénées-Atlantiques (Pau) and Ariège (Foix).

A collective research + a training project

In harmony with the ITEM laboratory research lines; the objectives were to:
- Promote the contact with valuable manuscripts (originals).
- Offer specialized conferences, and advance training in Paleography and Archival Science.
- Carry out comparative studies between rare series of ancient inventories (from 15th to 18th century), aiming to understand the different chartes.
- Transcript medieval and modern history manuscripts.
- Treat collected scientific data and carry out actions of research valorization.

Besides the working sessions, participants were offered to take a look behind scenes of both the Archives in Pau and Foix, and had the chance to discover first hand some of the most valuable documents stored in each location. In Foix, the group was accommodated at the *Centre Léo Lagrange* (most commonly known as « Le Léo ») where they shared moments of conviviality. The week finished with a guided visit of the *Château de Foix*, proud symbol of the Viscounts of Foix and ancient storage place for their archives.