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FRANCE

FRANCE IS THE FIRST EUROPEAN AND THE WORLD'S THIRD LEADING INNOVATOR AFTER JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES (TOP 100 "GLOBAL INNOVATORS" THOMSON REUTERS NOVEMBER 2016). **IT IS THE WORLD'S 4TH LEADING COUNTRY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS,**

thanks to the quality of its educational system (one of the world's most effective) and the national capacity for research and innovation which place France as the thirdmost popular destination for international students.

France's central government defrays a very large share of the true cost of education at public institutions thereby reducing the student's tuition burden.

In fact, tuition levels at France's public institutions are among the lowest in the world, making their high-quality degrees a remarkable value.

THOROUGHLY EUROPEAN, DISTINCTIVELY FRENCH: QUALITY OF LIFE AND UNRIVALED CULTURAL DYNAMISM!

- Students enjoy lower prices and special assistance in many aspects of daily life (housing, health, restauration...);
- The national health-care system is modern and accessible;
- Students pay discounted prices at museums, cinemas, theaters, music and sport events;
- Public transportation is efficient and affordable;
- Talk to the world : French is the official language of 32 countries on 5 continents.



The Campus France Web site

**IS A ONE STOP SHOP
FOR THE INFORMATION STUDENTS
NEED TO PREPARE FOR A PERIOD OF
STUDY IN FRANCE**

www.campusfrance.org/en

>Catalogs>Find your program

CampusFrance's online catalog, with its powerful search engine, enables users to find suitable programs from among more than 30,000 offerings at the Licence, Master, and Doctoral levels. Special searches are offered: for programs taught in English, for short academic programs/linguistic stays and for programs in Art.

>Programs Taught in English

>Short Courses in French

>Programs in Art /CampusArt

NOTE: Campus France catalogs on line are available for tablets and smartphones

INFORMATION ABOUT INSTITUTIONS

■ **Institutional profiles:** Summaries of individual institutions, including their fields of study, features, and degree of internationalization

■ **Student-support profiles:** Summaries of the support services offered to students at particular institutions

INFORMATION ON FIELDS OF STUDY

■ **Subject-areas profiles:** Summaries of higher education in a given discipline or field of study

■ **Degree profiles:** Summaries of specific degrees, such as the *BTS*, *DUT*, *Licence professionnelle* and *Titre d'ingénieur*



■ **Research profiles:** Summaries of current research in various disciplines, with information on the Doctoral departments and laboratories concerned.

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>Finance your program: the CampusBourses search engine

Campus France has developed a bilingual (English/French) search engine with more than 700 national and international grant and scholarship programs. Detailed descriptions of each program are also offered.

www.campusfrance.org/en**>Living in France**

The Web site offers practical tips on planning your stay, with information on application and admission procedures, visas, life in France, learning French, finding housing, preparing arrival in France.

www.campusfrance.org/en**>Resource Center**

Access by keyword search to all of the documents, profiles, data sheets, and thematic files available on the site.

> In about 40 countries where the «Études en France» procedure online is available, prospective students are required to use it to submit their applications for admission and to request a visa..



THE STRUCTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN FRANCE

One of the strong points of French higher education is the variety of degree programs available in any given discipline. Throughout France one finds institutions of very high quality in all fields. France's system of "national diplomas" ensures that degrees have the same value regardless of the institution that confers them.



> **73 public universities including 3 universities of technology**, are found across France, running the gamut of the disciplines and offering academic, professional, and interdisciplinary curricula. Two-thirds of all postsecondary students in France are enrolled in the nation's universities.

- Degrees are offered at all levels.
- Traditional academic and technical curricula lead to national diplomas: the *Licence* and *Licence professionnelle* (3 years of postsecondary study); Master and *Titre d'ingénieur* (5 years); and doctorate (8 years).

> **Research is an essential function of the universities**

- 270 doctoral departments award more than 13,000 doctoral degrees each year.
- 41% of doctoral candidates are from outside France
- More than 2,500 research laboratories welcome doctoral candidates.

> **The *Grandes Écoles* and *Écoles supérieures***, which are unique to France, offer education principally in engineering and management.

- Applicants must pass a rigorous entrance examination
- The schools award a diploma recognized as the equivalent of the national (and European) Master
- Many specialized postgraduate programs are offered to students who successfully complete the 5-year curriculum.
- Students may transfer between the schools and universities at various points, notably to enter doctoral programs.





> The **Titre d'ingénieur (Master's degree in Engineering)** is a national diploma, and the schools that confer it are accredited by the CTI, the French national commission on engineering degrees.

> The degrees awarded by schools of **management** enjoy specific forms of official recognition, as well as international labels and accreditations.

> In the fields of **art, architecture**, and certain other fields (paramedical fields, social work, hospitality), specific forms of national certification attest to the quality of educational programs.

DEGREES

The degrees awarded in French higher education reflect a common European architecture. The LMD system—for Licence (bachelor), Master, and Doctorate—is based on the number of semesters completed after leaving secondary school and their equivalent in European credits under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)*.

- **LICENCE** = 6 semesters = 180 ECTS
(Baccalauréat or equivalent + 3 years)
- **MASTER** = 10 semesters = 300 ECTS
(Baccalauréat or equivalent + 3 years)
- **DOCTORAT** = 16 semesters
(Baccalauréat or equivalent + 3 years)

France's universities and other educational institutions do not distinguish between international students and French students. Both groups face identical admission and tuition requirements; both receive the same degrees.

***Crédits ECTS** (European Credit Transfer System) : Credits earned under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System are recognized throughout Europe. A full year of academic work represents 60 ECTS credits.

<http://www.agence-erasmus.fr/page/ects>



LEVELS DEGREES

THE LMD SYSTEM

9	18 semesters (+ 9 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State diploma of Doctor of medicine 	DOCTORAL DEPARTMENTS	
8	DOCTORATE 16 semesters (+ 8 années) 480 ECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctorate <p>Doctoral degrees are conferred by doctoral departments affiliated with France's universities to successful candidates who have previously earned a French master's degree or the equivalent.</p>		
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6	12 semesters (+ 6 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State diploma of Doctor of dental surgery • State diploma of Doctor of pharmacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mastère spécialisé</i> (MS) • Master of Business Administration - MBA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMONP (professional credential for independent practice of architecture)
5	MASTER 10 semesters (+ 5 years) 300 ECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master • Engineering degree (<i>Titre d'ingénieur</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering degree (<i>Titre d'ingénieur</i>) • Business school diplomas • Degrees from the <i>Grandes Écoles</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art school diploma (DNSEP) • State architect's diploma (DEA) • Diplomas of specialized schools (health, social work, tourism, etc.) • Applied arts diploma (DSAA)
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3	LICENCE 6 semesters (+ 3 years) 180 ECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Licence</i> (bachelor) • <i>Licence professionnelle</i> (professional bachelor) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art school diploma (DNA) • Architecture diploma (DEEA)
2	4 semesters (+ 2 years) 120 ECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University technical diploma (DUT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission to the first year of a <i>Grande École</i> program • Preparation for admission to <i>Grandes Écoles</i> (CPGE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art school diploma (DMA) • Postsecondary technical certificate (BTS) • Postsecondary technical certificate in Agriculture (BTSA)
1		Universities	Grandes Écoles Schools of business Schools of engineering	Schools of art Schools of architecture Other institutions <i>(lycées, specialized schools)</i>

Completion of secondary school + *baccalauréat* or equivalent (eligibility to enter higher education in home country) = access to French higher education



WELCOME TO FRANCE

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE FROM CAMPUS FRANCE'S LOCAL OFFICES

- Experts and caring assistance to students engaged in the serious business of planning a period of study in France.
- Our staff will listen to your plans and help you investigate appropriate programs. They will even help you submit your applications for admission and track those applications through to the admission decision, prepare your arrival in France.



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