

ISIMA (School of Computer Science, Modeling and their Applications)

Presentation

L'ISIMA (*Institut Supérieur d'Informatique, de Modélisation et de leurs Applications*) is an engineering school specialized in computer science in the Auvergne region and part of Université Clermont Auvergne (UCA).

The school has been authorized by the French Commission for Engineering degrees, **Commission des Titres d'Ingénieur** (CTI), for 20 years. Each year it helps about 120 new students to attain a Master's Degree in Engineering.



Why to study at Clermont-Ferrand

✓ Central location of Clermont

- Paris (3.5h)*
- Lyon (1.5h)*
- Montpellier (3h)*
- Toulouse (3.5h)*
- Bordeaux (3.5h)*
- Barcelona (5.5h)*

*time journey by car

- ✓ Affordable and attractive student city (average rental cost for students: 366 euros/month)
- ✓ Quality of life (vibrant cultural life, no traffic jams, low pollution, human-size city, tram to campus)
- ✓ Amazing nature less than 30min away: largest chain of volcanoes in Europe, lakes, rivers, forests
- ✓ Beautiful region with delicious local gastronomy
- ✓ Spa Region: Royat at only 15min by car from the school, world-famous Vichy (1h) and more.
- ✓ Great unique outdoor activities: climbing, hiking in a crater, swimming in the lakes, paragliding, canoeing, speleology, paddle surf, bird watching, star gazing... Ski resorts only 45min away!
- ✓ Incredible sites to visit (castles, caves, medieval towns, many UNESCO world heritage sites)

More info at: <https://www.clermontauvergneturisme.com/en/>



Why to study at ISIMA

- ✓ Prestigious engineering school (UCA is top 15 of French universities in Shanghai ranking 2019)
- ✓ Great educational quality (ISO 9001)
- ✓ Member of future INP Clermont (Institut National Polytechnique) (starting 2021)
- ✓ French courses provided
- ✓ Buddy program and WorldTop ESN
- ✓ University Sports (SUAPS) with more than 30 activities + Clermont Rugby Culture
- ✓ Significant economic aid:
 - Eligible for internship at LIMOS laboratory with Bourse LABEX (4.400 eur/stay)
 - Erasmus Grants
 - Housing rental aid from French government (independent organ)

Check out the many other reasons at the website of UCA: <https://www.uca.fr/en/>

Get a taste of your experience at: <https://www.uca.fr/international/venir-a-l-uca/>

General overview of ISIMA

- © 1123 students (34% international), 327 graduates per year
- © 50+ co-op students
- © 42 faculty staff, 5 lecturers, 13 administrative staff
- © 10 different programs (2 in English)
- © 2 summer schools
- © 1000+ offers of (industrial / academic) internships per year
- © IMoBS3 LABEX scholarships
- © Governance board (6 members from industry)
- © 10 different programs (2 in English)
- © 17 student associations
- © Quality certification ISO 9001



Partnerships with companies

Some of our partners are:

Accenture, Agiir Network, Almerys Be-Ys, Alteca, ATOS, Braincube, Bosch (Germany), Capgemini, CGI, Coffreo, Crédit Agricole Centre France, Danone, Ericsson, Erst & Young (Germany) Fuji Electric, Datalyo, Ingerop, IRSTEA, Limagrain, MBDA, Michelin, Ministère des Armées, MODIS, Orange, Oxo Team, Siemens (Germany), Siemens Industry Software (Germany), Solutec, Sopra Steria, Thales Services, Valeo, W3+, Witekio and many more.

We receive about 1000 offers of internships per year for 400 engineering students.

Partnerships with international laboratories

- Bergen University (Norway)
- CERN (Switzerland)
- Cosmo Software (Singapore)
- Clemson University (USA)
- CSIRO (Australia)
- James Hutton Institute (Scotland)
- National Institute of Informatics (Japan)
- Oklahoma University (USA)
- Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)
- Universidade do Estado do Amazonas (Brazil)
- Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais UFMG (Brazil)
- Université de Laval- Labo (Canada)
- University College Dublin (Ireland)

ISIMA Program

ISIMA offers the Master's Degree in Computer Science with two different tracks:

- ISIMA Engineering Track
- International Computer Science Track

Master's Degree in Computer Science - ISIMA Engineering Track

• Module Languages (4 ECTS)

English (S1)

The third-year course includes the following orientations: Continuation of training in computer terminology; Drafting of scientific/formal abstract on the third year project; the professional environment and business world; Training in external language exams (TOEIC).

French as a Foreign Language (Annual)

Training to listening and reading skills at beginner's level, training to oral and written communication in everyday life, French civilization, intercultural differences

• Module Simulation (5 ECTS)

Discrete Event Simulation (S1)

Discrete Event Simulation is an imitation of the operation of a real-world system: it models the operation of a system as a discrete sequence of events in time, where each event occurs at a particular instant in time and marks a change of the state of the system. In this course, we discuss different types of dynamic systems, different modelling frameworks for such systems (queueing models, finite automata, vector addition systems and Petri nets), and why and how to perform simulations.

Stochastic simulation (S1)

This course is devoted to discrete simulation, and more particularly stochastic discrete event simulation. Students will learn the main concepts and they will also use and develop simulation tools. Implementation problems including concerns of parallelism will be discussed and practiced on a local computing grid.

High Performance Computing (P1)

High Performance Computing (HPC) has moved from a selective and expensive endeavour to a cost-effective technology within reach of virtually every budget with the arrival of many core processors. The purpose of this course is to present the main concepts of HPC: computing, storage and networking resources with their accompanying software and their deployment on various distributed architecture.

• Module Optimization and Logistics (6 ECTS)

Operations Research Techniques (P1)

Operations Research is concerned with the application of advanced analytical methods to complex decision-making or optimization problems. In this course, we present some theoretical background, some major optimization problems and several common techniques how to solve them. For that, we discuss how to model the problems in mathematical terms, present different solution strategies, and criteria to prove optimality of the obtained solutions.

Algorithms and Complexity (P1)

The lecture will be subdivided into three parts. A first part is dedicated to analysing complexity of algorithms (iterative and recursive). The second part shows how to define difficulty of decision/search problems. Finally, the third part suppose that that decision problems are not easy, and how to solve search problems using an oracle $P=NP$.

Case Studies in Operations Research (P2)

Operations Research is concerned with the application of advanced analytical methods to complex decision-making or optimization problems. Employing techniques from different mathematical fields such as mathematical modelling and mathematical optimization, the goal is to determine the maximum (of profit, performance, or yield) or minimum (of loss, risk, or cost) of some real-world objective. In this course, we discuss case studies for some real-world applications in transportation and telecommunication: we model such problems, present different solution strategies, and analyse the quality of the obtained solutions.

Manufacturing systems and logistics (Annual)

Opportunity to introduce supply chain concepts. Order winner, qualifier. We describe and explain the different production strategies Make To stock, make to order... to finally study the MRP 2 model and detail the business plan, S&OP, MPS, MRP. We finish with new supply chain techniques.

• Module Data Science (6 ECTS)

Database Management (P1)

The aim of this course is to provide an understanding of the main principles underlying the design and the implementation of database management systems. It focuses on the topics related to crash recovery, storage structure and indexing, database security and query optimization.

Information Integration (P2)

The goal of this course is to provide an understanding of the core concepts of the semantic web. After a general introduction to the semantic web fundamentals and technological components, it focuses on the issues related to web data modelling using RDF (Resource Description Format), web data querying using SPARQL and semantic reasoning with the family of OWL language.

Big Data Analysis (P2)

This module provides a current overview of Big Data analysis. It successively tackles the major issues of the field and presents the major advances of recent years, illustrating them through a new application. The content consists of an overview of architecture for Big Data analysis, the concept of scalability in learning (supervised and unsupervised), an overview of deep learning, an exploration and visualization of Big Data analysis, and an overview of tools (SPARK/FLINK, Tensor Flow, Scikit Learn).

Data Mining and Machine Learning (P1)

This course is an introduction to data mining and machine learning techniques. It introduces basic concepts, principles, methods, implementation techniques, and applications of datamining, with a focus on three major data mining functions: (1) classification and regression, (2) pattern discovery and (3) cluster analysis. The course develops skills of using recent datamining software for solving practical problems.

- **Module Networks and Mobile Systems (5 ECTS)**

Security Models (P2)

In this lecture, we present the different security models for analysing the security of the cryptographic primitives and also for the cryptographic protocols. We also give several examples of concrete systems. We also see how we can automatically verify the security of such protocols.

Mobile Application Programming (P2)

This course introduces development on mobile platforms and limitations belonging to such development. Design patterns learning and usage inside applications developed during practical works. Mobile network usage with poor liability and bandwidth is eventually introduced.

Information System Security (P1)

Nowadays security is one of the main concerns. In a first part we present historical and modern cryptographic mechanisms. After we describe existing models for evaluation the security of cryptographic primitives presented. Then we see how it is possible to use these primitives in order to ensure secure communication over unsecure channels and in a hostile environment, i.e. in presence of an intruder controlling the communication.

- **Module Project work (4 ECTS)**

- **MASTER'S THESIS with public defence or Five-Month Internship starting on April 1st (30 ECTS)**

Master's Degree in Computer Science - International Computer Science Track

General description

Students applying for the International Track of the Master Degree of Computer Science will be offered advanced fundamental courses in High Performance Computing, Algorithms, Operation Research, and Data Sciences in the first semester.

In second semester, they can choose for pursuing in one of the three specialties: Algorithms and Optimization, Data and knowledge and Network and Security.

The year ends with a Master thesis composed in two phases: one advanced research project followed by an internship of five months (from April 1st to August 31st). The Master thesis can be done under the supervision of a researcher in LIMOS lab

Common Courses

- **English (S1– 3 ECTS)**

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- **Operations Research Techniques (S1 – 3 ECTS)**

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- **Research Project (P1 - 6 ECTS)**

This research project consists of realizing a state-of-the-art study of some computer-science (or applied-mathematics) topic.

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One module to choose between the three following electives

- **Module #1: Algorithms and Optimization**

- o **Approximation Algorithms (P2 - 3 ECTS)**

In discrete optimization, the two classical resolution techniques are (i) exact resolution algorithms that, for numerous NP-complete problems, lead to non-polynomial methods and are unusable in practice and (ii) heuristics or meta-heuristics where the main question is to measure the quality of the solutions produced by these methods but in general, they offer no guarantee. To avoid these strong drawbacks, approximation algorithms have been proposed a few decades ago. The main idea is to relax the constraint of obtaining an exact solution to get an approximate solution in polynomial time. Approximation algorithms are polynomial time and space algorithms (some of them are "greedy style") and they offer analytically proven guarantees on the quality of the output produced compared to the optimal solution (even if this last cannot be constructed in polynomial time). Hence, they provide a theoretical and practical framework for addressing (some) NP-complete problems solving.

o **Combinatorial Optimization (P2 - 3 ECTS)**

In this course, we introduce polyhedral techniques to solve combinatorial-optimization problems. Combinatorial-optimization problems are defined, with examples. It is shown how these problems reduce to the solution of linear programs. In general, the system of inequalities is huge and not easy to describe. However, for particular objective functions, a partial description is sometimes sufficient. A cutting-plane algorithm is presented to find integer solutions to linear programs having a very large number of inequalities. This approach is based on solving separation problems that generate violated valid inequalities. It is applied to the maximum weight matching and the traveling salesman problems.

• **Module #2: Data and Knowledge**

o **Big Data Analysis (P1 - 3 ECTS)**

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o **Semantic Web (P2 - 3 ECTS)**

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• **Module #3: Networks and Security**

o **Internet of Things (P1- 3 ECTS)**

This course presents the key concepts of the Internet of Things. It briefly describes what is a connected/smart object and how the objects interact. The course presents various related domains: embedded systems, computer networks (including many low-power radio technologies), data storage, data analysis. The course also discusses recent challenges: interoperability, maintainability, lifetime, security, performance. Overall, the course is organized as a discussion around several case studies.

o **Information System Security (P1 - 3 ECTS)**

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THE “BIENVENUE EN FRANCE” RECRUITMENT STRATEGY

Improved international student services, a growing number of programs taught in English, and simplified administrative procedures are the centerpieces of the new recruitment strategy known as “Bienvenue en France.”

Details of the strategy can be found on the Campus France website:
www.campusfrance.org > Students > Studying
> Choose France

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THE “BIENVENUE EN FRANCE / CHOOSE FRANCE” strategy is based on a set of principles designed to make it irresistible for you to come to France and earn a degree.



WORLD-CLASS STUDENT SERVICES

The country’s postsecondary institutions are committed to improving support services for international students. The “Bienvenue en France” quality label has been put in place by Campus France to help institutions showcase the facilities and services they offer, letting students know what they can expect before, during, and after their stay. For more information on each of the forms of support outlined below, consult Campus France’s summaries of the services offered by institutions that have earned the quality label. The summaries are available on Campus France’s English-language site:

- > Resources center

■ Clear, reliable, and easy-to-access information

Labeled institutions pledge to adhere to certain criteria related to the quality and accessibility of information, student support facilities, educational support programs,

academic advising, housing, campus life, and post-graduation follow-up.

■ Services designed to make your stay in France a success

- > Clusters of institutions of higher education in some French cities have opened welcome offices to make it easier for you to comply with administrative requirements upon arrival. The offices employ a single-window approach that gives you access to multiple services in one place—among them banking, insurance, housing, and residency permits (if you are from outside the European Union).
- > Some institutions offer packages of services to meet you at the airport or train station and assist you in finding housing and complying with requirements.
- > Your institution may also organize orientation and integration activities before or during the academic year. Some services may be offered free, others for a fee. Ask your institution for details.

■ Individual support from a mentor or buddy

Sometimes it's possible to be put in touch with someone already living in France who will help you get things done, even before you leave home.

■ Educational offerings that meet your needs and expectations

Depending on circumstances, you can:

- > learn study skills and methods to help you adapt more quickly to your new academic environment
- > take courses in French as a foreign language
- > study in English
- > enjoy the advantages of a collaborative digital work space (bibliographic resources, for example, and instructional material and documents made available by your instructors)

To learn more about these and other resources and opportunities, consult the Label briefs available on the Campus France website

www.campusfrance.org

 > Resources center > Practical information for students and researchers

■ Help with housing

Some institutions offer **on-campus** housing or space in dedicated **student residences**. Others will help you find housing in a **variety of formats—e.g., rentals, shared rentals, or a room in a private home**.

France offers tools to help you find housing:

> **The Lokaviz platform**: available in French and English, this online resource publicizes vacancies and allows you to specify your search criteria: rent level, comfort level, location, and so on. www.lokaviz.fr

> **Garantie Visale** : This free security-deposit service widens your access to the private rental market. www.visale.fr

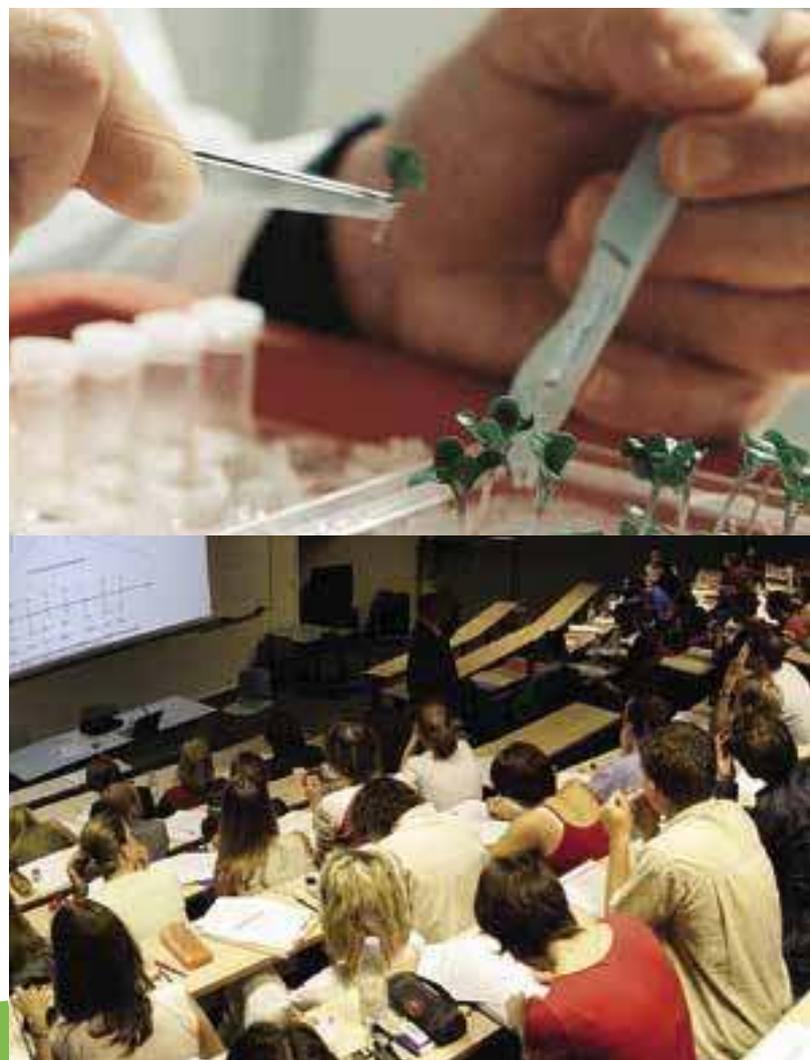
■ Help finding a job or starting a business

In some cases, your institution may provide assistance as you look for a job or internship. It may facilitate contacts in the professional world or support your plans to start a business.

■ Maintaining ties with France after graduation

Some institutions have developed their alumni networks over many years. If you attend such an institution, you will have favored access to former students who may be able to help you advance your career.

Join the 300,000 members of the France Alumni community. The network is more than an invaluable career accelerator; it's also the best way of maintaining contact with France and the other international students you met while in France. More information about France Alumni can be found on page 49.





FRANCE IS PERFECTING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE!



THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING A VISA HAS BECOME SIMPLER

- **The France-Visa digital portal** facilitates the application process, allowing you to upload required documents and even to complete your academic registration.
- **Once you're in France, provided you've obtained your visa, you will be able to validate it remotely**, saving you the trouble of visiting the French immigration office. www.ofii.fr

France's official visa site offers all the information you need in six languages to prepare for your academic stay in France:

<https://france-visas.gouv.fr>



DIFFERENTIAL TUITION FEES NOW APPLY TO STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN UNION

The purpose of this change is to ensure that France can continue to improve the services offered to international students.

Outstanding applicants from outside the EU may be exempted from tuition charges. Inquire at the French embassy or consulate in your country or the French educational institution that you wish to attend.

YOU NOW HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (FLE)

■ While still in your home country, you can take one or more units of FLE training, often through distance-learning courses offered by French institutions of higher education.

■ Once in France, particularly at the start of your first semester, certain institutions offer intensive FLE courses for students whose first language is not French. Ask about this option at the time of enrollment.

Complete information on learning French is available on the Campus France website:

> [Students](#) > [Getting organized](#) > [Learning French](#)

THE ARRAY OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS TAUGHT IN ENGLISH IS LARGE AND GROWING

You can elect to study in English. If this appeals to you, choose the program that appeals to you from among the 1,500 appearing in Campus France's catalog of Programs Taught in English. More than half of these programs lead to degrees. Some are taught entirely in English, whereas others enable you to take some of your courses in French. It's easy to choose what's right for you using the search criteria.

Explore our catalog, *Programs Taught in English*

www.campusfrance.org

> [Students](#) > [Studying](#) > [Programs](#)

> [Programs Taught in English](#)

Learn more at:

www.etudiant.gouv.fr

> [Étudiants internationaux / International students](#) > [Bienvenue en France](#)

For tips on how to live well as a student, visit:

> [Votre vie étudiante au quotidien](#)

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FRANCE IS PERFECTING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Learn more at the Campus France site: www.campusfrance.org > The "Choose France / Bienvenue en France" National Plan

IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES of living in France

A RENOWNED QUALITY OF LIFE

Students enjoy special rates and discounts in nearly all areas of daily life, ensuring a good quality of life: a modern healthcare system, an efficient public transportation network, housing assistance, university dining facilities, discounted access to cultural and athletic events, and more. Outside the cities you'll find an uncommon variety of landscapes, from seacoasts to mountain ranges, that offer every conceivable form of recreation.

UNMATCHED CULTURAL DYNAMISM

Readings, movie houses, museums, theaters, operas, cafes, fine restaurants, fashion—all are right around the corner, evidence of France's major role in the cultural realm. Every season of the year features events and festivals that confirm that role and attest to France's receptivity and openness to the cultures of the world.

<http://francefestivals.com>

A LOCATION AT THE CROSSROADS OF EUROPE

Sharing borders with nine countries, France is an ideal spot from which to explore Europe. The proximity of cities like Amsterdam, Berlin, Brussels, Barcelona, Munich, and Milan should be all the inducement you need. Many French institutions offer degree programs, courses, or internships with a broad European perspective.

AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE

French is spoken by more than 300 million people throughout the world. In fact, it is the official language of 32 states on five continents. Along with English and German, it is a working language of the European Union. The Union's three capitals—Brussels, Luxembourg, and Strasbourg—are French-speaking cities. French is also the world's third most used business language and the second-most heard and read language of international news.



FRANCE IS THE WORLD'S #1 TOURIST DESTINATION

France's official tourism site
www.france.fr

Maps and more at French cartography
portal (IGN)

www.geoportail.gouv.fr/accueil

Local offices of tourism
and economic development
www.tourisme.fr



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IN 2018, France welcomed 343,000 international students who made up 13% of the student body.

HIGH-LEVEL RESEARCH

France benefits from a long tradition of scientific and technological research that accounts for the nation's strong performance in fields as varied as space, transportation, electronics, telecommunications, chemistry, biotechnology, health, and mathematics. The results of international competitions bear this out:

- France is 2nd in the world in Fields medals (mathematics).
- It is 4th worldwide in Nobel prizes.
- France's national research center, CNRS, accounts for more high-level scientific publications than all but one other institution in the world.
- CEA, the nation's center for atomic and alternative energy, is Europe's second-leading source of patent applications.

A WIDE VARIETY OF TOP-NOTCH POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

France has 74 comprehensive public universities, in addition to 200 schools of engineering, 150 schools of business and management, 120 public institutions offering training in art, 22 schools of architecture, and 3,000 more schools and specialized institutes in sectors such as social

work, allied health professions, tourism, sports, fashion, design, and the culinary arts.

Programs taught in English are becoming increasingly common. Already, more than 1,500 such programs are offered in nearly every field throughout France.

AFFORDABLE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

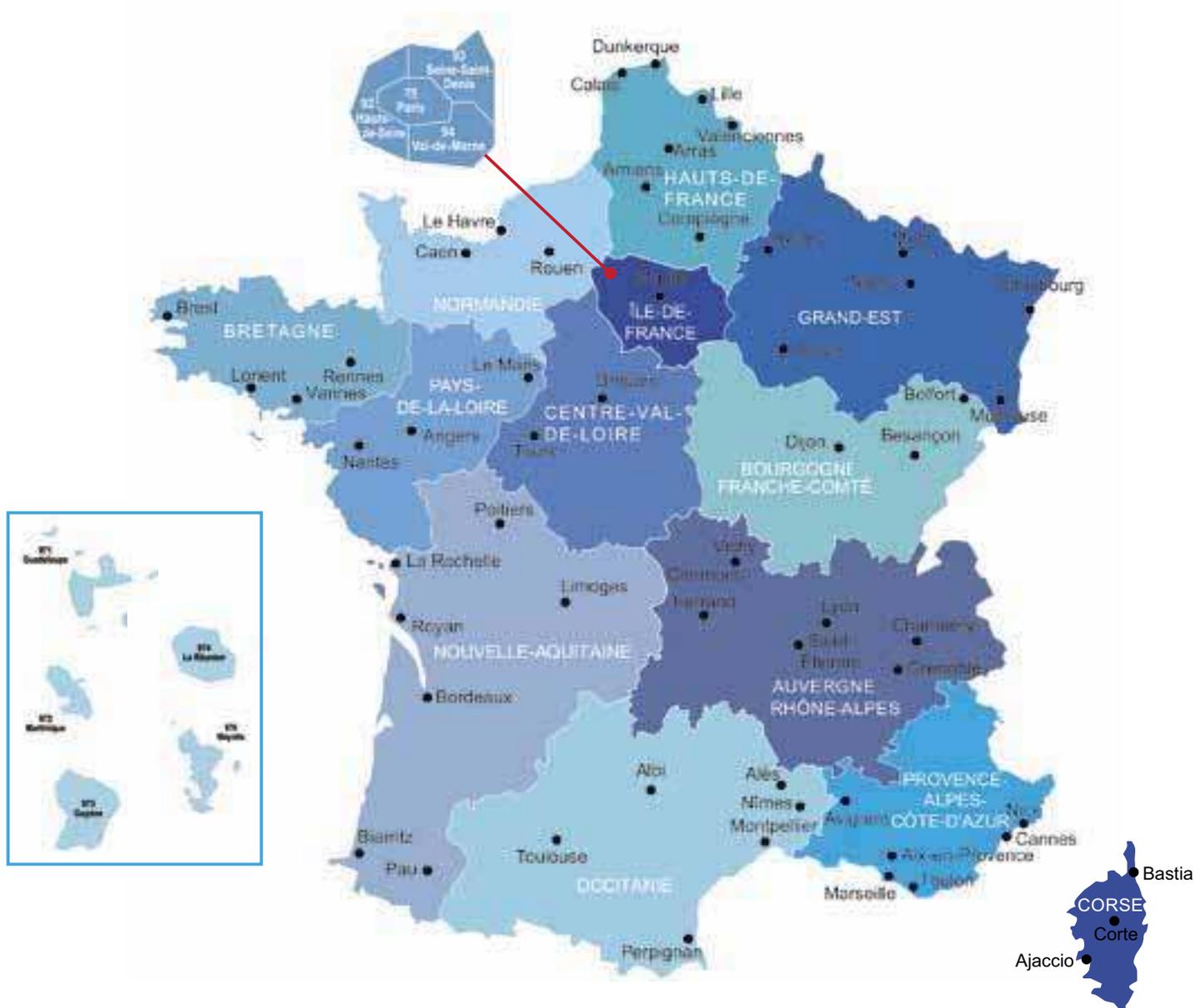
As a nation, France invests heavily in higher education: 6.7% of its 2017 GDP was spent for that purpose, well above the OECD average. **The government pays a very large share of the real cost of every student's education** (up to €15,000 per year per student). This practice keeps tuition levels at French public institutions among the lowest in the world, while also assuring the equivalence of the degrees offered by public institutions across France and enhancing their recognition internationally.

Except for the fact that students from outside the European Union pay slightly higher tuition than French and EU students, no distinction is made between French and foreign students. Admission requirements are identical, and the degrees conferred are the same _ regardless of the student's nationality.

EXPLORING YOUR OPTIONS

A STRONG SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The richness and diversity of French higher education ensure that any student can find a program closely suited to his or her needs, plans, and dreams. The sole prerequisite, whether at the bachelor, master, or doctoral level, is to clearly define the goals underlying your search for a program. Doing so will allow you to choose the right curriculum and the right type of school. A close fit between your stated goals (degree level and field of study) and your prior preparation will increase your chances of admission.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CAMPUS FRANCE'S WORLDWIDE NETWORK OF LOCAL OFFICES

Campus France operates more than 250 offices—called *Espaces*—in 126 countries. They all offer personalized service

The staff of the *Espaces* are there to answer all your questions about postsecondary education in France, from your initial inquiries right up to the moment you decide to enroll. They offer reliable, personalized assistance: listening to your study plans, helping you choose an appropriate program, presenting information on grant programs, analyzing financing requirements, compiling your application for admission, tracking admission decisions, and helping you prepare for departure.

www.campusfrance.org

>Where to find Campus France close to your place?

GET WHAT YOU NEED ON THE CAMPUS FRANCE WEBSITE

On the Campus France website you'll find the information you need to choose an undergraduate or graduate program, apply, seek financial aid, prepare your stay, and even complete your enrollment.

SEARCH ENGINES GIVE YOU ACCESS TO DETAILED INFORMATION

Consult the catalog of *licence* (bachelor) and master's programs

www.campusfrance.org

>What program are you looking for?



The online catalog of French degree programs contains more than 30,000 bachelor- and master's-level programs at some 3,500 institutions. A powerful search engine allows you to search programs at either level by keyword, field of study, and French region. It then provides summaries of the institutions you select and connects you to their sites. All this is complemented by profiles of the fields of study you've chosen and of the support services provided by institutions and regions.



GOOD CHOICES DEPEND ON GOOD INFORMATION

Campus France is with you from start to finish, providing information, facilitating online applications, and helping you prepare for departure.

Visit campusfrance.org and the Campus France office closest to you. They're there to help you.

www.campusfrance.org

>Where to find Campus France close to your place?

THE RESEARCH IN FRANCE PORTAL

www.campusfrance.org

>Researchers

A directory of doctoral schools



As your point of departure toward a doctorate, France's 265 doctoral schools organize and oversee doctoral training.

> Search by keyword, discipline, and region.

> Access complete information on every doctoral school: funded dissertation topics, research priorities, admission criteria and contacts, support services, funding opportunities, international links, and contacts in affiliated research facilities.

A search engine of funded dissertation topics, laboratory positions, and postdocs

> Academic research opportunities combined with a doctoral (employment) contract, opportunities to earn a doctorate while working in private labs (CIFRE), opportunities under programs funded by foreign governments

> Laboratory research assistantships that introduce students to the world of research

> Postdoctoral opportunities in French laboratories

The Campus France website includes a section dedicated to researchers that offers easy access to the research portal as well as other information about research in France.



PROGRAMS TAUGHT IN ENGLISH



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www.campusfrance.org > What type of program are you looking for? > Taught in English

The catalog contains more than 1,500 programs taught entirely or partially in English

Each entry describes the cost, course content, admission requirements, nature and accreditation of the diploma offered, and the share of courses conducted in English. It also specifies whether courses in French as a foreign language are available.

You can start your search by clicking on a map of France.

A few salient figures

- > 75% of the programs in the catalog are taught entirely in English; the remainder include some courses taught in French.
- > 80% of the programs are at the master level.
- > Offerings are especially numerous in the fields of business and management; engineering and technology; sciences, environment, and health; and law and economics.

The catalog is constantly updated, so be sure to check it often!

BIENVENUE EN FRANCE

FRANCE IS PERFECTING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The “Bienvenue en France” initiative includes a wide range of programs taught in English.

If your command of French is not yet sufficient to enable you to take courses taught in French, you may want to consider one of the 1,500 offerings in Campus France’s catalog of programs taught in English. Some are conducted entirely in English, whereas others include some courses taught in French. Almost half of the programs in the catalog lead to a degree. The catalog’s search criteria make it easy to find programs that meet your needs.



FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND OTHER SHORT PROGRAMS: AN ONLINE CATALOG...

<http://ecolesdete.campusfrance.org>

The catalog of short programs, both academic and cultural/linguistic

This trilingual catalog (French, English, Spanish) contains classes in French as a foreign language, as well as short academic programs offered by the member institutions of the Campus France Forum. Many of the programs carry ECTS credits.* Others award a certificate. Still others prepare students to sit for a test of proficiency in French.

Among the features of the catalog are:

- > An interactive map of France's regions
- > Searches by level of French proficiency or field of study
- > More than 500 athletic, cultural, and culinary opportunities

...AND AN APP IMMERSION FRANCE

Immersion France is a mobile application developed by Campus France to help students choose a short program in France combining language-learning and tourism.

It puts all of the power of a mobile application to work for students looking for a way to learn French while exploring the country.

- > Detailed program descriptions
- > An introduction to regions of interest
- > Links to sign-up sites

* ECTS = European Credit Transfer System, Europe's system of cumutable academic credit, transferable throughout Europe. See pages 22–23 for more information.

DO YOU HAVE TO BE FLUENT IN FRENCH TO STUDY IN FRANCE?

> Students from outside the European Union seeking to enroll in the first year of university study (L1) or in a school of architecture are required to follow a special procedure known as DAP (application for preliminary admission, p. 15). As part of the DAP procedure, they must demonstrate their proficiency in French, either by taking a test (TCF-DAP or TEF) or by earning a diploma (DELF/DALF).

> For enrollments in the second or third year of undergraduate study, in a master's or doctoral program, or in a *Grande École*, each institution is free to set its own requirements for proficiency in French.

> For certain programs taught in English, institutions may require a minimum level of proficiency.



www.campusfrance.org

- > Resources center
- > Higher Education and Research in France
- > Degrees > Tests and degrees in French as a foreign language

BEFORE COMING TO FRANCE

Practice your French at home with help from TV5 MONDE, which offers thousands of interactive online exercises in every field and at every level

<http://parlons.francais.tv5monde.com>

BIENVENUE EN FRANCE

FRANCE IS PERFECTING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The "Bienvenue en France" plan is expanding the number of students who will be able to benefit from an intensive program in French as a foreign language. In parallel, the range and depth of distance-learning options will grow to accommodate any foreign student wishing to complete one or more language-learning modules before arriving in France.



ENTERING

A FRENCH INSTITUTION

OF HIGHER EDUCATION

A 3-STEP ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Applies to all students in the following categories:

- > those from countries not covered by the "Études en France" process (see p. 15)
- > those from outside the EU and seeking to enroll in year 2 or 3 of undergraduate study or in a master's or doctoral program
- > those from an EU country seeking to enroll in year 2 or 3 of undergraduate study or in a master's or doctoral program

1> Receive letter of admission from institution of higher education

For non-EU students, this letter is required in order to obtain a visa.

2> Enroll to complete the admission process

Enrollment is done at your institution upon arriving in France. For enrollment to be effective, you must have paid your tuition and fees. A certificate of enrollment and student card constitute proof of enrollment.

3> Register for classes

The last step in the admission process is to select the times for your required courses, to choose your electives, and to finalize your exam schedule.

STUDENTS FROM WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Enrolling in L1, the first year of undergraduate study: PARCOURSUP

Students from EU countries intending to enroll in the first year of undergraduate study (L1) must apply through the Parcoursup process.

This mandatory online pre-admission process applies to foreign students (even those who hold a French secondary school diploma) seeking to enter the first year of French postsecondary education at certain selective institutions not covered by the DAP procedure (see p. 15). Those institutions include IUTs (university-based technical institutes), STSs (postsecondary vocational institutes), and CPGEs (courses to prepare for admission to a *Grande École*). Programs for which the Parcoursup process is required are listed here:

www.parcoursup.fr

Enrolling in year 2 or 3 of undergraduate study, or in a master's or doctoral program, is a 3-step process (see box opposite)

DID YOU KNOW? There is no official system of equivalence between foreign and French diplomas.

Foreign applicants must request recognition of their diploma at the time they apply for admission to a French institution. Determinations of equivalence may take into account the applicant's experience in the proposed field of study. **Decisions on admission and equivalence are the exclusive purview of the admitting institution.**

Evaluation of foreign diplomas:

- > Enic-Naric network: www.enic-naric.net
- > Enic-Naric France: www.ciep.fr/enic-naric-france

STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN UNION

COUNTRIES COVERED BY THE "ÉTUDES EN FRANCE" ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

Campus France's offices in 40 countries* administer an online application process that must be followed by students from those countries seeking to study in France. This special process begins in November of each year and follows a strict timetable. Student applicants receive a personal online space in which they:

- > prepare and present a single online application for submission to multiple institutions
- > track progress from the initial application through granting of their visa
- > dialogue with Campus France.

Campus France's assistance concludes with a personal interview in which the students can present their study plans and, if required, take a test of French proficiency.

The "Études en France" online process includes the DAP procedure (application for preliminary admission) required of students applying to enter the first undergraduate year at a university. It also includes the visa application.

www.campusfrance.org

>Students > Studying > Registration

COUNTRIES NOT COVERED BY THE "ÉTUDES EN FRANCE" PROCESS

Enrolling in the first year of undergraduate study (L1): application for preliminary admission (DAP)

Students who hold a foreign secondary-school diploma and wish to enroll in the first year of undergraduate study at a university must submit an application for preliminary admission (DAP) with the cultural section of the French embassy in their country of residence.

White forms are for enrollment in the first year at a university; yellow forms are for the first year at a school of architecture. In most countries, the DAP procedure opens in December and ends in February. Inquire at the French embassy in your country.

Exceptions: Applications to institutions that practice selective admissions (IUTs, STSs, and CPGEs, as described on p. 14) are not subject to the DAP procedure. To apply to a selective institution, students must use the Parcoursup process (see p. 14). www.parcoursup.fr

Enrolling in year 2 or 3 of undergraduate study, or in a master's or doctoral program is a 3-step process (see box on p. 14)

TUITION COSTS IN FRENCH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Tuition charges in French universities and other public institutions are among the lowest in the world, because a large part of the cost of education (between €10,000 and €15,000 per student) is subsidized by the French government.

Students from the European Union

If you are a national of France or another country in the EU, the European Economic Area, or Switzerland, the French government bears most of the cost of your education in a public postsecondary institution. Annual tuition charges for 2019/2020 are:

- > €170 at the *licence* (bachelor) level
- > €243 at the master level
- > €601 in engineering programs at institutions overseen by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation (MESRI)**
- > €380 at the doctoral level.

** Except for programs begun on or after September 1, 2018, at the Ecole Centrale de Lille, the Ecole Centrale de Lyon, the Ecole Centrale de Marseille, the Ecole Centrale de Nantes, or the Ecole des Mines de Nancy, where the annual tuition is €2,500.

Students from outside the European Union

You are subject to differential tuition under the following conditions:

- > you are enrolling for the first time in a licence, master's, or engineering program beginning in the 2019/2020 academic year
- > you are enrolled in a university or other institution overseen by MESRI

> you are not a permanent resident of France
In this case, the government pays about two-thirds of the annual cost of your program. You are responsible for the balance, as follows:

- > €2,770 at the *licence* (bachelor) level
- > €3,770 at the master's level
- > €380 at the doctoral level

Numerous grants, scholarships, and tuition exemptions are available. To learn more, consult the websites of institutions of interest to you or the Campus France website:

www.campusfrance.org >Students > Studying > Scholarship programs

Tuition is higher in private institutions. In schools of business and management, for example, it ranges from €1,500 to €15,000 per year.

* The complete list of these countries is available on the Campus France website: www.campusfrance.org > Students > Studying > Registration



GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FINANCIAL AIDS

THERE ARE MANY WAYS to finance a period of research or study in France—including scholarships, housing assistance, and travel grants.

Scholarships from the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE)

The ministry offers several types of scholarships covering a variety of costs: health insurance, living expenses, educational costs, travel expenses, and more.

www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en

- > Studying in France > Finance your studies
- > Scholarships

Scholarships from France's diplomatic posts abroad

French government scholarships are awarded for academic study, internships, and language learning in France. All candidates, regardless of their country of residence or program of study, must apply to the cultural service of the French embassy in their home country.

Specialized programs

■ **Eiffel Excellence grants** are available to fund master's programs or 10-month periods of mobility for candidates in dual-degree or jointly supervised doctoral programs. Candidates apply to their institution in France, which evaluates applications and makes recommendations to the MAEA.

www.campusfrance.org/fr/le-programme-de-bourses-d-excellence-eiffel

■ **Quai d'Orsay-Entreprises grants** are designed to encourage students from the top institutions in their home country to come to France in partnership with leading French firms.

■ **Major Excellence grants** fund study up to the master's level for foreign graduates of French secondary schools abroad. Applicants must have earned grades of *Bien* or *Très bien* on their final exams.

www.aefe.fr >AEFE >Dispositif Excellence-Major

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Under the "Bienvenue en France" plan, the volume of aid is increasing (in the form of scholarships or, for non-EU students subject to differential tuition, tuition exemptions). Explore scholarship offers on the Campus France site:

www.campusfrance.org

- > Students > Studying
- > Scholarship programs

The European Erasmus+ program for 2014–2020

Erasmus+ is the European Commission's mobility and cooperation program in the areas of education and training. Erasmus+ brings you the benefits of organized, structured travel within the framework of collaborative arrangements among higher education institutions in Europe and elsewhere in the world.

You receive a grant from the European Union to help defray the costs of mobility. The lump-sum grant is based on the cost of living in your destination country.

www.erasmusplus.fr

www.generation-erasmus.fr/

instagram @gen.erasmus

Twitter: @Erasmusplus.fr@gen_erasmus

Facebook: Génération ErasmusErasmus+

Youtube : Génération Erasmus

■ **Joint Erasmus Mundus master's programs** are set up by at least three institutions in three different countries. They cover all disciplines and award grants to excellent students and academics throughout the world. Programs involve periods of study in at least two institutions and lead to a joint degree, two degrees, or even more.

www.agence-erasmus.fr/page/masters-conjoints

Grants from the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie

The Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) offers grants for academic mobility between the agency's 944 member institutions in 116 countries. Priority is given to South–South mobility.

www.auf.org

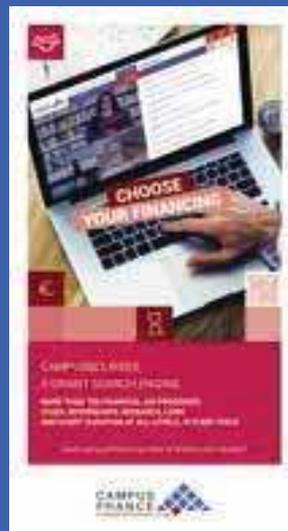
KEEP IN MIND...

The French government subsidizes a large share of the real cost of every student's education (between €10,000 and €15,000 per student per year), keeping tuition charges in France among the lowest in the world. In other words, international students in France receive direct financial aid from the French government.

CAMPUSBOURSES, A SEARCH ENGINE AVAILABLE IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH, SIMPLIFIES YOUR SEARCH FOR FINANCIAL AID

www.campusfrance.org

>Students > Studying > Scholarships



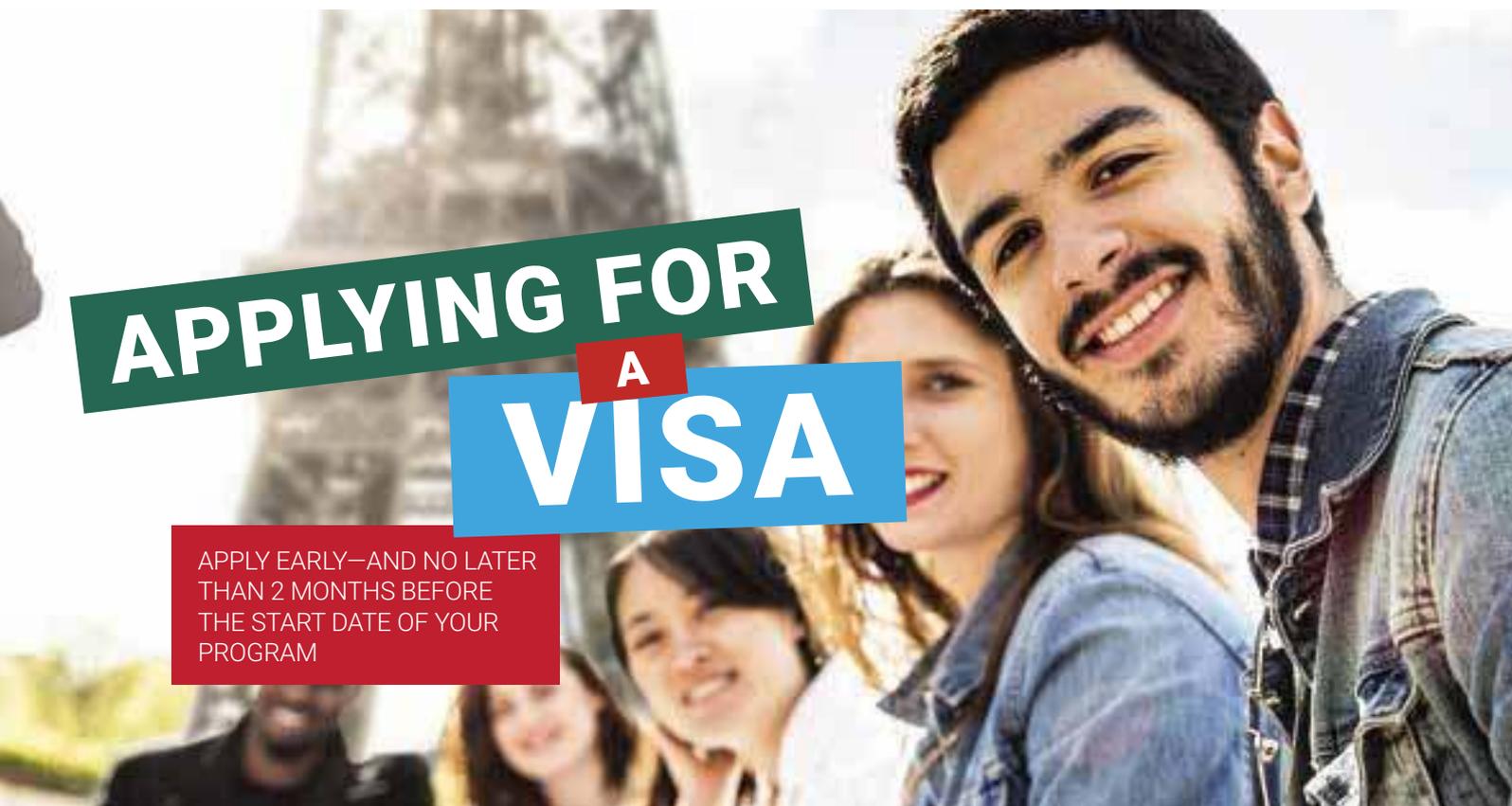
Accessible from

www.campusfrance.org,

CampusBourses allows multicriteria searches in French and English of nearly all the grant and scholarship programs available to international students and young researchers.

Nearly 700 national and international programs offered by French government agencies, France's regions, corporations, foundations, educational institutions, France's embassies, foreign governments and institutions, and international organizations are included in the database.

The option of searching by keyword or search criteria (nationality, level and field of study, type of aid) enables you to pinpoint programs that fit your profile. Complete information is provided on each program, plus contact information and a link to the sponsor's website.



APPLYING FOR

A VISA

APPLY EARLY—AND NO LATER THAN 2 MONTHS BEFORE THE START DATE OF YOUR PROGRAM

APPLY FOR YOUR VISA at the French consulate or embassy in your country.

Long-stay student visa (>3 months)

The long-stay student visa enables the holder to pursue studies in France for a period of 3 months or more.

There are two types of long-stay visa

> **The long-stay visa valid as a residency permit (VLS-TS)** allows you to stay in France for up to a year without having to apply for a residency permit. However, you must validate your visa within 3 months of your arrival in France.

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The “Bienvenue en France” plan simplifies the visa process:

- > Your visa application receives priority treatment at the consulate.
- > The France-Visa digital portal lets you upload your supporting documents and proceed with your enrollment.
- > Once in France, you'll be able to validate your visa remotely, without having to appear in person at a government office.

The validation is done online at:

<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr>.

> **The long-stay visa marked “carte de séjour”** (residency permit) must be applied for within 2 months of arrival in France. This visa is designed for Algerian nationals and for individuals who qualify for the “Talent/Researcher Passport,” among others.

For more information: <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/web/france-visas/visa-de-long-sejour>

Under some circumstances, a temporary long-stay visa (VLS-T) may be issued. It is not renewable and does not confer the same rights and privileges as the VLS-TS.

A special visa marked “Étudiant-mobilité” (student-mobility) is granted to students participating in EU programs, multilateral programs involving mobility in one or more EU member states, or programs governed by an agreement between two or more educational institutions in at least two EU member states.

For more information:

www.campusfrance.org

> Students > Getting organized > Visas

Upon expiration of your visa, you must apply for a residency permit if you wish to remain in France. (Within their first year, Algerian students must apply for their residency permit at police headquarters.)

KEEP IN MIND...

The visa application process begins once you have an offer of admission from an educational institution. A fee of €99 must be paid.

Nationals of EU member states, of the European Economic Area, and Switzerland do not need entry or residency visas.

Upon expiration of your VLS-TS student visa, you can apply for a multi-year residency permit to allow you to continue your education.

Students who are still minors must apply for a "visa pour mineur scolarisé en France" (visa for minor enrolled in France) and need not apply for a residency permit.

The short-stay student visa (<3 months)

> The short-stay Schengen visa

This visa for short stays within the Schengen area is defined in European regulations. It authorizes stays not to exceed 3 months. Holders of the visa are not required to obtain a French residency permit. It is ideal for students seeking language training or participating in other short-term educational programs.

> The short-stay "étudiant-concours" visa (student-examination)

This visa entitles the holder to enter France for the purpose of attending an interview or sitting for an entrance examination at an institution of higher education. Students who pass the interview or examination may apply for a 1-year renewable residency permit. They need not return to their country before doing so.

KEEP IN MIND...

Under no circumstances may a tourist visa be converted into a student visa anywhere in the European Union.

Stay in France after graduating

By obtaining provisional residency authorization (APS) you can stay in France after you graduate. APS is reserved for holders of a *licence professionnelle*, a master's degree (or equivalent), or another degree that prepares the student to start a business.

The circulation visa (or Schengen visa)

Students who earn a master-level degree from a French institution may apply for a circulation visa after graduation. The visa enables the holder to return regularly to France from their country of residence.

Student visas: Campus France answers your questions

Whatever your circumstances or nationality, the following articles on the Campus France website will answer your questions about student visas. For example:

> How do I validate my visa upon arrival in France?

> How do I renew my residency permit?

Find everything on the Campus France site:

www.campusfrance.org

> Students > Getting organized > Visas

40 COUNTRIES USE THE MANDATORY "ÉTUDES EN FRANCE" PROCEDURE

In these countries, an online process has been set up for students to use in applying for admission to a French educational institution. Use of the process is required in order to obtain a visa.

Following the admission interview and upon receipt of an offer of admission, the prospective student submits a visa application. The application is tracked by the local Campus France office.

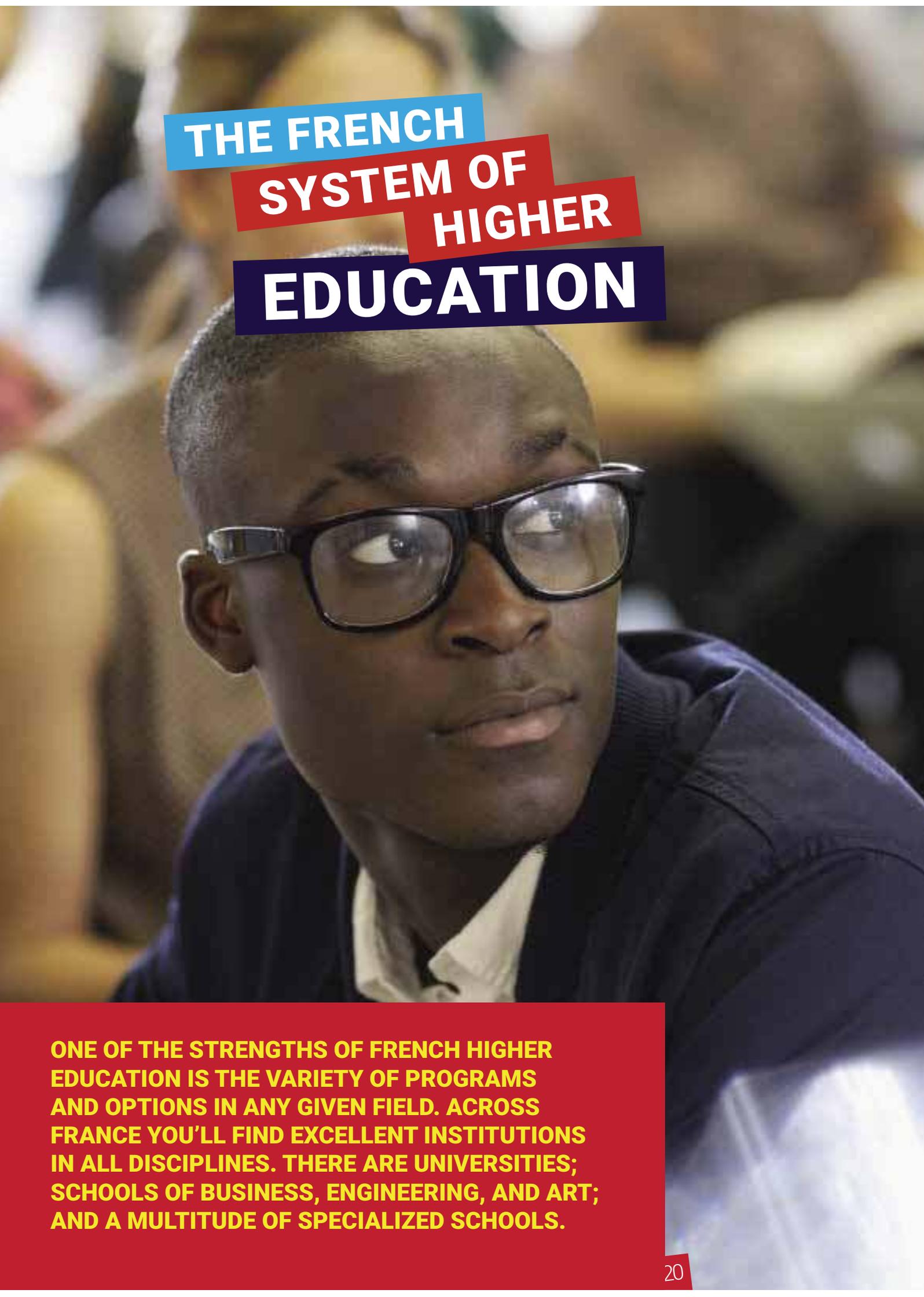
The list of the countries using the "Études en France" procedure is available on the Campus France website.

www.campusfrance.org

> Students > Studying > Registration

Visit the official French visa site to obtain full information on visa requirements:

<https://france-visas.gouv.fr/>

A young Black man with glasses is looking thoughtfully to the side. He is wearing a dark blue sweater over a light-colored collared shirt. The background is a blurred classroom with other students.

THE FRENCH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

ONE OF THE STRENGTHS OF FRENCH HIGHER EDUCATION IS THE VARIETY OF PROGRAMS AND OPTIONS IN ANY GIVEN FIELD. ACROSS FRANCE YOU'LL FIND EXCELLENT INSTITUTIONS IN ALL DISCIPLINES. THERE ARE UNIVERSITIES; SCHOOLS OF BUSINESS, ENGINEERING, AND ART; AND A MULTITUDE OF SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS.



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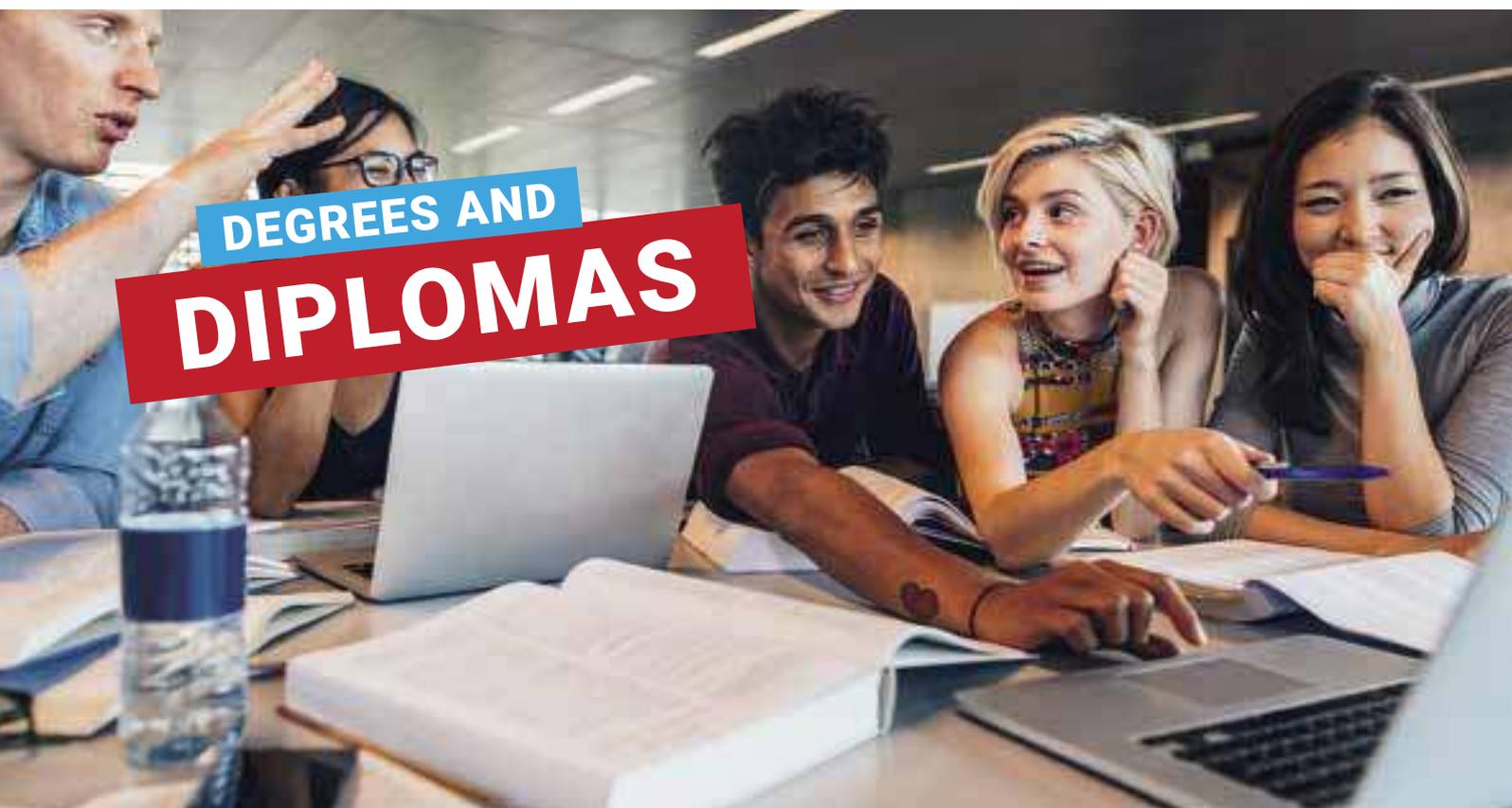
FRANCE IS PERFECTING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE



The “Bienvenue en France” label identifies institutions that are developing dedicated services for international students related to the quality and accessibility of information, student support facilities, educational support programs, academic advising, housing, campus life, and post-graduation follow-up.

The label is designed to help you identify institutions that will provide you the greatest possible support and assistance during your academic stay in France. Here are some of the services that attest to an institution’s commitment to student support: a welcome center to help you make living arrangements and comply with official regulations; a variety of courses taught in English, intensive courses in French as a foreign language, and study aids such as tutorials and pairing with a French student. Launched in 2018, the label is just one of the components of the “Bienvenue en France” plan. In 2019/2020 and subsequent years, a growing number of institutions will earn the right to display it.

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THE DEGREES AWARDED in French higher education reflect a common European architecture—*licence* (bachelor), master, and doctorate—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 =**

4 semesters = 120 ECTS

(*licence* or equivalent + 2 years)

Licence + master = 10 semesters = 300 ECTS)

■ **Doctorat =**

6 semesters = 180 ECTS

(Master or equivalent + 3 years)

Licence + master + doctorate = 16 semesters = 480 ECTS)

> The universities confer “national diplomas,” which have the same weight regardless of the institution that confers them

> The degree of *ingénieur*, equivalent to a master, is a national diploma. The schools that award it are accredited by the CTI, the French national commission on engineering degrees.

> A similar accreditation procedure exists for government-recognized schools of business and management. Their degrees are accredited by CEFMD, the commission on evaluation of management programs and degrees, or by international accrediting bodies.

> France’s schools of art and specialized schools also undergo national certification. Certified programs are listed in the RNCP, the national register of occupational certifications..

DON'T FORGET

From ENIC-NARIC centers, students who have already earned a degree in their home country can obtain a certificate of comparability that enables admissions officers in French institutions to evaluate the degree for equivalence in the French system. ENIC-NARIC network : www.ciep.fr/enic-naric-france

FRENCH POSTSECONDARY DEGREES CARRY A GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE

LEVELS
DEGREES

THE LMD SYSTEM

9	2 semesters (1 year, for a total of 9 years of postsecondary study)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State diploma of Doctor of medicine 		
DOCTORAL DEPARTMENTS				
8	DOCTORATE 6 semesters (3 years, for a total of 8 years of postsecondary study) 180 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>		
7				
6	2 semesters (1 year, for a total of 6 years of postsecondary study) 60 ECTS	<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 4 semesters (2 years, for a total of 5 years of postsecondary study) 120 ECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Master • Professional 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)
4				
3	LICENCE 6 semesters (3 years of postsecondary study) 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) • Art and design trades diploma (DNMADE) • Architecture diploma (DEEA)
2	4 semesters (2 years of postsecondary study) 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BTS, Brevet de Technicien supérieur Agricole - BTSA
1		Universities	<i>Grandes Écoles</i> Schools of business Schools of engineering	Schools of art Schools of architecture Other institutions (<i>lycées, specialized schools</i>)
Completion of secondary school + <i>baccalauréat</i> or equivalent (eligibility to enter higher education in home country) = access to French higher education				

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

www.agence-erasmus.fr/page/ects

DID YOU KNOW?

International students may apply for admission to a French institution of higher education in any discipline and at any level, provided they meet certain criteria. They need not have earned a French *licence* to enroll in the first year of a master's program or to have completed the first year of a French master's before applying to enter the second year. They do not even have to have been a student in France before beginning a doctorate.



**SHORT
PROFESSIONAL/VOCATIONAL
DEGREES ACCREDITED
AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL**

STARTING A SUCCESSFUL CAREER depends on the development of in-depth technical knowledge and operational know-how. To meet those requirements, France's system of higher education created bachelor-level degree programs that merge theory and practice to instill a high level of professional performance.

**Postsecondary technical certificates
(BTS, *brevet de technicien supérieur*)**

The BTS is a national vocational/professional qualification (120 ECTS) offered in 90 specializations in the plastic arts, industry, manufacturing, and services. The BTS requires 2 years of study. Most BTS programs are offered in the postsecondary technical sections of secondary schools, public or private. Upon graduation, students assume specialized technical functions.

List of BTS specializations:

www.sup.adc.education.fr/btslst/



16 additional specializations in agriculture and food science lead to the award of a BTSA, a postsecondary technical certificate in agriculture.

www.campusfrance.org/fr/vidéo-BTSA-collection-domaines-d-etudes

<https://chlorofil.fr/diplomes>

DON'T FORGET

If you hold a BTS, BTSA, or DUT (see p. 25) and are thinking of going on for a 5-year degree at a school of engineering, agronomy, veterinary medicine, or management, consider a 1-year prep course for holders of a 2- or 3-year technical degree. The courses are known as *prépas ATS*.

**THE LICENCE PROFESSIONNELLE
IS A BACHELOR-LEVEL DEGREE
THAT COMBINES THEORY AND
PRACTICE TO ENSURE STRONG
PREPARATION FOR THE WORK
WORLD**



University technical diploma (DUT, *diplôme universitaire de technologie*)

The DUT is a national vocational diploma (120 ECTS) offered by university-based institutes of technology (IUTs, *instituts universitaires de technologie*). The DUT involves 2 years of study in one of 25 technical and service specializations. With a mandatory internship, it enables students to begin work directly after graduation, though many choose to continue their training at a school of engineering or business, or to earn a professional bachelor (*licence professionnelle*).

113 IUTs throughout France: www.iut.fr



Professional bachelor's degrees (*licences professionnelles*)

After completing 2 years of higher education, students may elect to spend an additional year to obtain a *licence professionnelle*, which is a national diploma. Programs are offered in universities and IUTs.

Practical internships and guest faculty from the professional world make *licence professionnelle* programs one of the best options for students wishing to begin work immediately after graduation. 173 different programs are offered in a wide range of specializations and sectors: agriculture, business, manufacturing, management, services.

For more information on programs leading to a *licence professionnelle*:

www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr

> Enseignement supérieur > Formations et diplômes > Licence professionnelle

ONLINE CATALOG OF POSTSECONDARY PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS IN FRANCE



www.campusfrance.org

> Students > Studying > Programs
> Catalog of bachelor's programs

All BTS, DUT, and *licence professionnelle* programs can be found, with addresses and contact information, in the online catalog of French educational programs.

DEGREE DESCRIPTIONS



www.campusfrance.org

 > Resources center
> Higher Education and Research in France > Degrees

Each short description offers important characteristics of the degree, along with prerequisites and possible follow-on studies. You'll find descriptions of the BTS, DUT, *licence professionnelle*, IAE, and *mastère spécialisé*, among others.



UNIVERSITIES

FRANCE'S 74 PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES are located throughout the country. They grant national diplomas that guarantee uniform academic quality, regardless of the conferring institution. Private postsecondary education plays a much smaller role in France than in the major English-speaking countries.

The universities offer instruction in all disciplines

You can choose from the sciences (mathematics, chemistry, physics, biology, etc.), technical fields (information technology, engineering, electrotechnics, materials, etc.), literature, languages, the arts, the humanities, law, economics, management, health, and athletics. **Instruction is offered at all levels and capped by national diplomas: *licence* or bachelor (3 years), master (*licence* + 2 years, for a total of 5 years), and doctorate (master + 3 years, for a total of 8 years).** Consult the map of France's universities and other postsecondary institutions:

www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid88022/acces-aux-universites-par-carte-dynamique-dataviz.html

A comprehensive range of programs

- > **technical training** in university-based technical institutes, or IUTs
- > **3-year *licence professionnelle* degrees in 173 different areas**
- > **programs in management** at university-based institutes of administration, or IAEs
- > **political science and economics** at 10 institutes of political studies, or IEPs, including Sciences Po Paris
- > **university-based engineering programs**, which confer a fifth of the engineering degrees awarded in France

3,600 different master's programs and other national diplomas in 7,000 academic tracks

More than 600 master-level programs taught in English

<http://taughtie.campusfrance.org/>

THE UNIVERSITIES ACCOUNT FOR TWO-THIRDS OF FRANCE'S POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENTS: 65% OF THE COUNTRY'S 2.5 MILLION STUDENTS CHOOSE A UNIVERSITY

Research, an inseparable part of the universities' mission

As leading sites for research and the teaching of basic science, the universities ensure that educational programs incorporate advances in knowledge and technology.

265 university-based doctoral schools coordinate the work of more than 100,000 scholars and scientists, providing research training in liaison with some 1,200 research laboratories. The schools confer more than 14,500 doctorates each year.



KEEP IN MIND...

DUs, or *Diplômes d'Université*, are specific to the university that grants them, which distinguishes them from national diplomas like the *licence*, master, and doctorate. But they can allow students to acquire specialized knowledge or training in a rigorous academic setting.

Academic and scientific clusters

> **Academic and scientific clusters** coordinate educational programming and research agendas among neighboring universities, schools, and research organizations. In the form of 19 ComUEs (see below) and 7 associations, these clusters reinforce the synergies between academic actors and raise their international visibility.

> **France's 19 ComUEs, or communities of universities and institutions**, have the legal authority to award national diplomas. They exercise that authority predominantly at the master's and doctoral levels.

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> Resources center

> Practical information for students and researchers

Map of higher education, research, and innovation in France



PROGRAMS IN MEDICINE AND HEALTH

Medical studies

Integrated with the European degree system, medical education in France is organized into 3 stages of 3 or more years and offered at universities associated with one of the country's 32 regional university hospital centers, known as CHRU.

At least until the beginning of academic year 2020 (a reorganization of the system is ongoing), the common first year of health studies, or PACES, opens access to the various health professions:

- > **MEDICINE** = PACES + 9 years (general medicine), or PACES + 10–12 years (specializations)
- > **PHARMACY** = PACES + 6 years (retail or industrial), or PACES + 9 years (specializations)
- > **DENTISTRY** = PACES + 6 years (dentist, dental surgeon), or PACES + 8–9 years (specializations or research)
- > **OBSTETRICS** = PACES + 5 years

Alternatives to PACES are already in place:

> MODIFIED PACES

The "modified PACES" is a common first year, without the possibility of repeating the year but with a larger admission pool. In 2018/2019, this option was offered at 4 universities: Paris Descartes, Paris Diderot, Sorbonne Université, and Bretagne Occidentale.

> ALTER-PACES

Alter-PACES enables second- and third-year undergraduates to compete to move directly into the second year of graduate study in the health sciences. This path may be offered to

students who completed the modified PACES (see above) but did not make the cut in the final examination. In 2018/2019, this option was offered at some 20 universities.

> PLURIPASS

PluriPASS replaces PACES with a multidisciplinary curriculum blending life sciences, engineering, the social sciences, and the humanities. In 2018/2019, this option was offered at the Université d'Angers.



INTERNATIONAL ACCESS TO MEDICAL EDUCATION IN FRANCE

Foreigners interested in medical education in France who have not yet obtained a medical degree in their home country must, regardless of their level of prior study, complete PACES, the common first year of French medical education, and pass the final examination.

> For entry into the third and highest stage of medical education, France's embassies organize a special foreign residency in medicine.

> Programs leading to two specialized medical diplomas: the DFMS (*diplôme de formation médicale spécialisée*, 1–2 years), and the DFMSA (*diplôme de formation médicale spécialisée approfondie*, 6 months to 1 year) are open to candidates with foreign medical credentials. Details are available from France's embassies.

> All of these programs require a level of French proficiency of at least B2 in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.



> NURSING

The state nursing diploma is earned in 3 years in institutes for training in nursing (IFSIs). Specializations may require additional training.

> SPEECH THERAPY

Speech therapists are trained in 5-year university programs leading to a degree as a certified speech therapist.

> MASSAGE AND PHYSICAL THERAPY

Certified masseurs and physical therapists spend 4 years in a specialized institute after the common first university year. Graduates receive a state diploma in massage and physical therapy.

> OSTEOPATHY

Degrees in osteopathy are awarded after 5 years of study in special schools approved by the Ministry of Solidarity and Health.

Paramedical specialties and social work

Like programs in medicine and health, those in paramedicine and social work are selective and culminate in the award of a state diploma that is a prerequisite for professional practice.



PROGRAMS IN LAW

The universities are the principal locus of legal education in France. Integrated with the European degree system, training is divided into 3, 5, and 8 year segments. A 1- or 2-year master's degree (level M1 or M2) is required to enter the professional schools that prepare students for careers in law. Apart from these long and very selective programs, 2-year programs leading to a DUT (university technical degree) prepare students for careers in the legal system. After earning a DUT, students may study for a third year to obtain a *licence professionnelle*.

Dual-major *licence* programs

Selective and demanding, these undergraduate programs enable students to pursue two major subjects over the 6 semesters required to earn a *licence* degree. They combine studies of law and another field, such as biotechnology, political science, economics, social science, art history, or language (e.g., English, German, Italian).



DOCTORAL TRAINING

ANYONE holding a master or equivalent may apply for admission to a doctoral program. The typical training period is 3 years. Following successful defense of a dissertation, candidates are awarded a doctoral degree.

Doctoral training

Doctoral training takes place within host teams (*équipes d'accueil*, EA) or combined research units (*unités mixte de recherche*, UMR) affiliated with a doctoral school (*école doctorale*, ED). Candidates are supervised in their research by a dissertation director.

Admission to a doctoral program is by application to a doctoral school.

Financing your doctorate

Securing financing for your dissertation research usually a prerequisite for admission.

> DOCTORAL CONTRACTS

Lasting 3 years, doctoral contracts offer all of the benefits of a true employment contract, as well as a minimum monthly gross salary of €1,800.

www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr

>Enseignement supérieur > Formations et diplômes > Doctorat >Le financement doctoral

> INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENTS FOR TRAINING THROUGH RESEARCH (CIFRE)

The CIFRE mechanism enables doctoral candidates to perform their research in cooperation with a research team affiliated with a doctoral school. The candidate and a firm enter into an employment contract of a duration of 3 years. The firm pays the candidate a gross monthly salary of €1,957. www.anrt.asso.fr

> JOINTLY AWARDED DOCTORATE

Governed by an agreement between two educational institutions, 1 in France, 1 abroad, the jointly awarded doctorate enables candidates to prepare their dissertation in their own country and in France under carefully specified conditions. Financial aid is available to cover the costs of mobility. Successful candidates receive a doctoral degree awarded jointly by the two institutions.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ERASMUS+

ERASMUS+ is the European Union's program for education, training, youth, and sports. 77.5% of its €14.7 billion budget is devoted to education. As the successor to the original Erasmus program, ERASMUS+ is designed to be more efficient, innovative, and wider in scope, embracing doctoral study. www.erasmusplus.fr

**IN FRANCE,
42% OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES
ARE INTERNATIONALS**

JOINT UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS WITH PARTNER COUNTRIES

France is signing a growing number of agreements with countries in Europe and abroad for the creation of joint universities.

The oldest of these is the Franco-German University. Founded in 1997, the university awards dual bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees (graduates receive a French degree and a German degree) on the strength of exchanges among more than 140 postsecondary institutions in France and Germany. Currently, 180 integrated binational degree programs are offered.

Other universities have been set up along other lines, such as the University of Science and Technology of Hanoi, also known as the Université Franco-Vietnamienne.

Inquire at your nearest Campus France office to see if you might be able to take advantage of such an arrangement.

INTERNATIONAL DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS

More and more French universities and other postsecondary institutions are entering into partnerships with educational institutions abroad in order to offer innovative international training programs. Some lead to a single diploma; others to two or more diplomas (as is the case with the Erasmus Mundus program and its multilateral consortium).

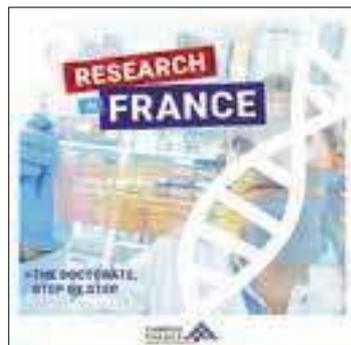
As programs of excellence designed for students contemplating a career with an international dimension, most dual-degree programs are at the master level, facilitating the subsequent pursuit of doctoral study in France.

Numerous interuniversity or interinstitutional agreements have already been signed, laying out terms of reference for training, supporting, and certifying participating students. Inquire at your home institution or via the websites of France's universities and other postsecondary institutions.

Information on research in France

 Visit the Campus France website for the following helpful resources:

- > **Profiles of French research efforts** in various disciplines, emphasizing areas of particular strength.
- > **"Research in France: The Doctorate, Step by Step,"** the complete guide to earning a doctorate in France.

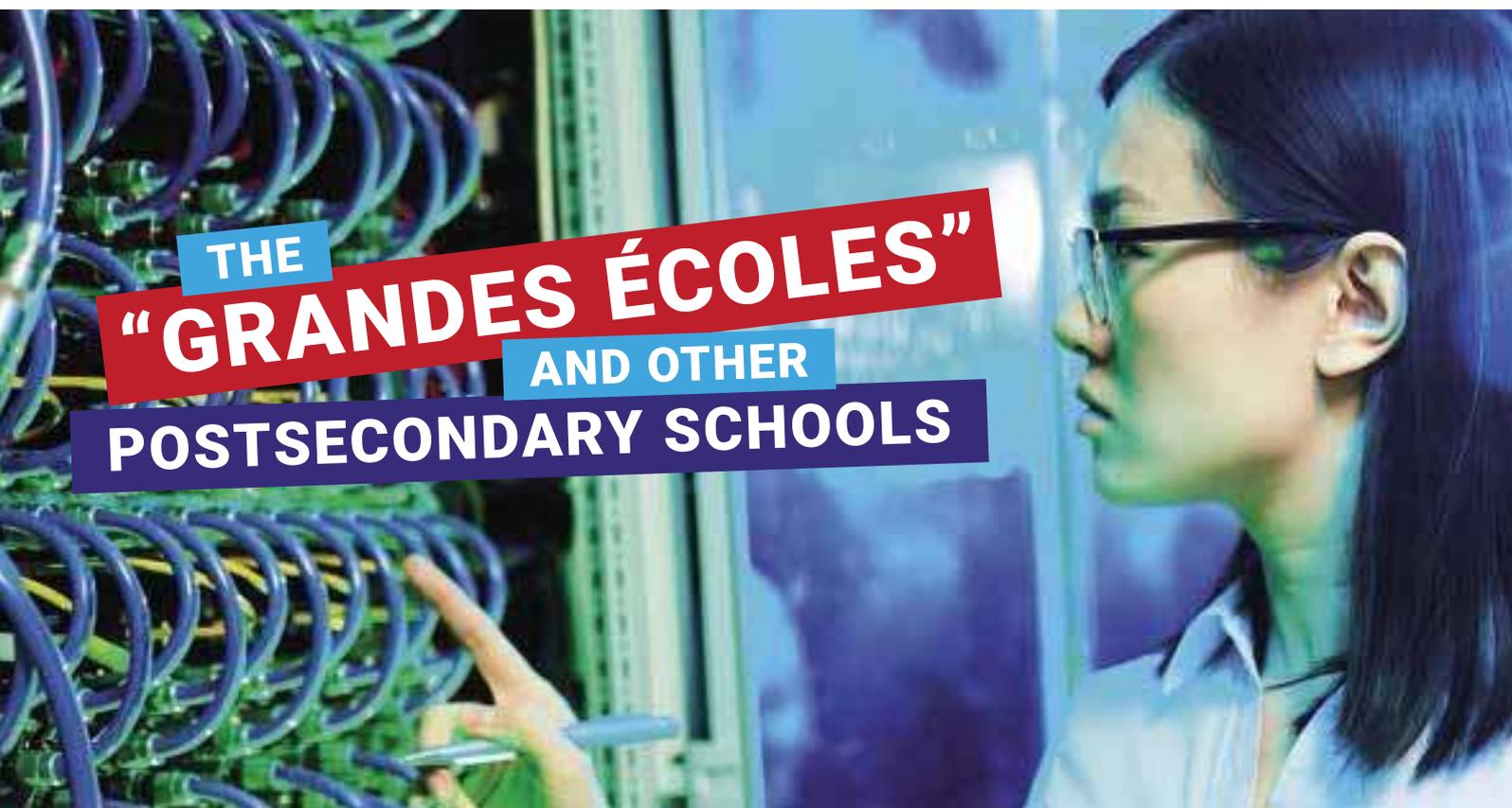


SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN FRANCE: A PRIORITY

- > 4th place globally in impact of publications (H-Index)
- > 5th in the OECD in domestic spending on research and development (€50 billion)

THE INTERNATIONAL HEART OF FRENCH RESEARCH

- > Large French research organizations maintain more than 250 facilities around the world



THE “GRANDES ÉCOLES” AND OTHER POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLS

UNIQUE TO FRANCE, the *Grandes Écoles* were set up in parallel with the university system in the early 19th century to provide advanced instruction in applied fields. The *Grandes Écoles* include schools of engineering, schools of management, the *Écoles Normales Supérieures* (ENS, originally designed to train teachers and professors for the public education system), national veterinary schools, the *École Polytechnique*, and the *École des Ponts ParisTech*. All are highly selective and provide rigorous training.

The *Grandes Écoles* confer institution-specific 5-year degrees, some of which are recognized by the French government as equivalent to the national master.

They also award intermediate diplomas and offer specializations: bachelor (3 or 4 years of study), MBA, Mastère Spécialisé (MS, requiring 1 year after the master), and master of sciences (MSc).

For more information:

www.cge.asso.fr/presentation-de-la-formation-labellisee-ms

www.cge.asso.fr/presentation-des-msc

The classic path of admission into the *Grandes Écoles* was through an entrance examination taken after 2 years of preparatory classes, leaving 3 years to be completed for the degree. Many schools now admit applicants directly from secondary school for degree programs lasting 3 or 5 years.

A parallel system of admissions for international students is based on the school's recognition of the applicant's prior training. In this case, international students complete 2–5 years at the *Grande École*, depending on the degree of recognition they receive.

Conférence des *Grandes Écoles* (CGE) :

www.cge.asso.fr



**3 FRENCH SCHOOLS ARE
AMONG THE TOP 5 MASTERS
IN MANAGEMENT**

(Financial Times 2018)

Engineering programs

France has more than 200 public and private schools of engineering that span the range of the engineering disciplines. The *diplôme d'ingénieur* is a national diploma officially recognized as the equivalent of the master. Holders of the national engineering degree are eligible to enroll in a doctoral program.

Some schools train generalists; others provide specialized training in agronomy, chemistry, biology, computer science, and many other fields. Annual tuition for a program leading to the *diplôme d'ingénieur* at a public institution starts at €610 (2019/2020 academic year).

CDEFI (the conference of directors of French schools of engineering): www.cdefi.fr

CTI (the commission on engineering degrees):

www.cti-commission.fr (list of accredited programs)



The title of "engineer" in France

www.campusfrance.org

- >Resources center
- > Educational and research programs
- > Degree descriptions
- > The "Titre d'ingénieur"

Programs in business and management

Some 150 schools of business and management enjoy one or more forms of recognition or accreditation:

> recognition by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation

> listing by the Conférence des Grandes Écoles

> recognition that the degree awarded by the school is equivalent to the national master

These schools of management propose an assortment of programs at various levels structured around international internships and exchanges.

A large majority of the schools hold a common entrance examination. Some recruit secondary school graduates directly and do not participate in the entrance examination process.

Most of the schools are private. Tuition ranges from €5,000 to €15,000 per year.

CEFDG (commission on evaluation of management programs and degrees): www.cefdg.fr

MANAGEMENT EDUCATION IN THE UNIVERSITIES: THE NETWORK OF INSTITUTES OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (IAEs)

University-based schools of management, organized into the IAE network, confer the *licence*, master, and doctorate as well as the MBA and institution-specific degrees in all fields of management and administration. An IAE education equips graduates to do research in these areas.

KEEP IN MIND

Accreditation of a school of management by EQUIS, AACSB, AMBA, or CGE signifies that the school or its degree meets international standards. Accreditation conveys international recognition.

FRANCE'S 4 ÉCOLES NORMALES SUPÉRIEURES

The mission of the nation's 4 Écoles Normales Supérieures—in Lyon, Rennes, Paris, and Paris Saclay (formerly Cachan)—is to prepare superb teachers, scholars, and researchers in literary and scientific disciplines.

Each school has its own procedures for admitting international students.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

France also has 4 national schools of veterinary medicine—in Paris (Maisons-Alfort), Lyon, Nantes, and Toulouse. They admit students at 4 different levels through common entrance examinations. Graduates obtain the state diploma of doctor of veterinary medicine.

GRANDES ÉCOLES ALSO EXIST

in the areas of public administration (ENA), defense, archives, and other specialized fields.



SCHOOLS OF ART

FINE ARTS, APPLIED ARTS, CRAFTS... France's postsecondary schools of art offer 2- and 5-year programs. Public or private, they stand out for their reputation among art professionals. All practice selective admissions based on an examination and portfolio. In the arts, a distinction between "applied arts" and "art and design" applies both to schools and to the degrees they confer.

Close to 50 public postsecondary schools of art grant national diplomas recognized by the French government. Private schools and schools affiliated with local chambers of commerce and industry (known as *écoles consulaires*) award certificates or occupational titles, some of which are listed in the national registry of occupational certifications (RNCP): www.rncp.cncp.gouv.fr All are selective, admitting students on the basis of an examination and portfolio.

Public schools of art and design: national diplomas

45 postsecondary schools of art and design, all overseen by the Ministry of Culture and Communication, admit secondary school graduates by competitive examination and offer programs leading to two national diplomas: the DNA (3 years) and the DNSEP (5 years). Transfers are accepted into the second and third years. For a list of these public institutions:

www.campusart.org

National schools of art: institution-specific diplomas

These very selective schools confer master-level diplomas in applied arts, plastic arts, visual arts, design/creation, textile design, industrial design, and photography:

- > École Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs (ENSAD), www.ensad.fr/en
- > École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-arts (ENSBA), www.ensba.fr/en
- > l'École Nationale Supérieure de la Création Industrielle (ENSCI - Les Ateliers), www.ensci.com
- > l'École Nationale Supérieure de la Photographie (ENSP), www.ensp-arles.fr
- > le Fresnoy - Studio National des arts contemporains, www.lefresnoy.net/en

Two schools admit applicants who have completed 2 years of postsecondary education to 2- and 4-year programs in film and theater:

- > l'École Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Techniques du Théâtre (ENSATT), www.ensatt.fr
- > la Femis - École Nationale Supérieure des Métiers de l'Image et du Son (ENSMIS), www.femis.fr

**FRANCE IS AN INTERNATIONAL
LODESTONE IN THE REALMS OF
ART AND CULTURE**

Public schools of applied arts

France's public schools of applied arts (ESAAs) grant national diplomas to students who complete programs lasting 3 years (DNMADE) or 5 years (DSAA) in a range of professionally oriented design fields, including graphics (media and multimedia), space (interior architecture, living environments, set design), fashion, textiles and environment, products and services, and crafts (textiles, jewelry, books, glass, ceramics, and more): <http://designetartsappliques.fr>

Private schools of art

Many private schools offer 3- and 5-year postsecondary programs, often costly. The diplomas they confer may be listed in the national registry of occupational certifications (RNCP), ensuring recognition.

www.rncp.cncp.gouv.fr

Schools of national historic heritage

3 public schools offer advanced training in the preservation and promotion of historic and cultural heritage. Graduates are trained in occupations linked to knowledge of cultural heritage (art historians, museum guides) or to preservation and conservation (conservators, restorers, architects).

> École du Louvre (EDL), Paris

www.ecoledulouvre.fr

> École Nationale des Chartes (ENC), Paris

www.chartes.psl.eu/en

> Institut National du Patrimoine (INP), Paris

www.inp.fr/en

CONSERVATORIES

Music, dance, dramatic arts...

France's conservatories work in partnership with the universities to offer degree programs based on the common European degree system.

List of conservatories:

www.culture.gouv.fr/Thematiques/Musique/Organismes/Enseignement-formation/Les-conservatoires-CRR-CRD-CRC-CRI



Degrees in art and culture

www.campusfrance.org

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www.campusart.org

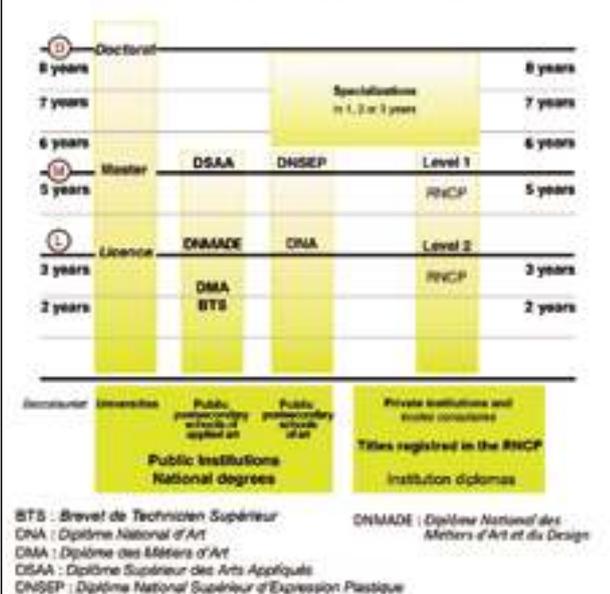


Apply online from a catalog of programs in art, fashion, design, music, 3D, architecture, and more.

The CampusArt network offers a choice of more than 550 programs at the *licence*, master, and post-master levels, as well as courses to prepare for admission to one of France's highly selective schools of art.

A single online application allows international students with prior training in art to apply to all institutions in the network and to track the application process all the way to the admission decision.

ART DEGREES WITHIN THE LMD SYSTEM



SCHOOLS OF ARCHITECTURE



ARCHITECTURAL TRAINING in France falls within the harmonized European system, which is based on the bachelor–master–doctorate ladder.

> The first 3-year phase of architectural training leads to a bachelor-level degree, the DEEA (*diplôme d'études en architecture*).

> The second phase (2 years) results in a master-level degree, the DEA (*diplôme d'état d'architecte*).

> The capacity to manage projects independently and to apply for a building permit requires a sixth year of study and an internship. This qualification is known as HMONP (*habilitation à la maîtrise d'oeuvre en nom propre*).

> The last major stage of education in architecture is capped by the DSA, a national diploma requiring 1 or 2 years of study depending on the field, or a DPEA specific to the school that confers it.

Some schools offer joint programs in architecture and engineering in partnership with schools of engineering. Graduates receive a DEA and/or the title of graduate engineer, depending on the program.

After earning a national master (or equivalent diploma), students may go on to prepare a doctorate in architecture (3 years) within a university doctoral school. There are currently about 300 doctors of architecture in France.

The 22 schools of architecture confer national diplomas or recognized equivalents. www.archi.fr

The two that offer recognized equivalents are:

> The public Institut National des Sciences Appliquées (INSA) in Strasbourg:

www.insa-strasbourg.fr

> The private École Spéciale d'Architecture (ESA): www.esa-paris.fr

Landscape architecture

Programs leading to the master-level DPLG (*diplôme de paysagiste*) are offered by 3 national schools of landscape architecture. Students who have completed 2 years of higher education are admitted through a common entrance examination. The DPLG is awarded after 4 years of study.

> École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture et de Paysage de Bordeaux (ENSAPB)

www.bordeaux.archi.fr

> École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture et de Paysage de Lille (ENSAPL) www.lille.archi.fr

> École Nationale Supérieure de Paysage Versailles-Marseille (ENSP) www.versailles.ecole-paysage.fr

Degrees in architecture

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SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTES

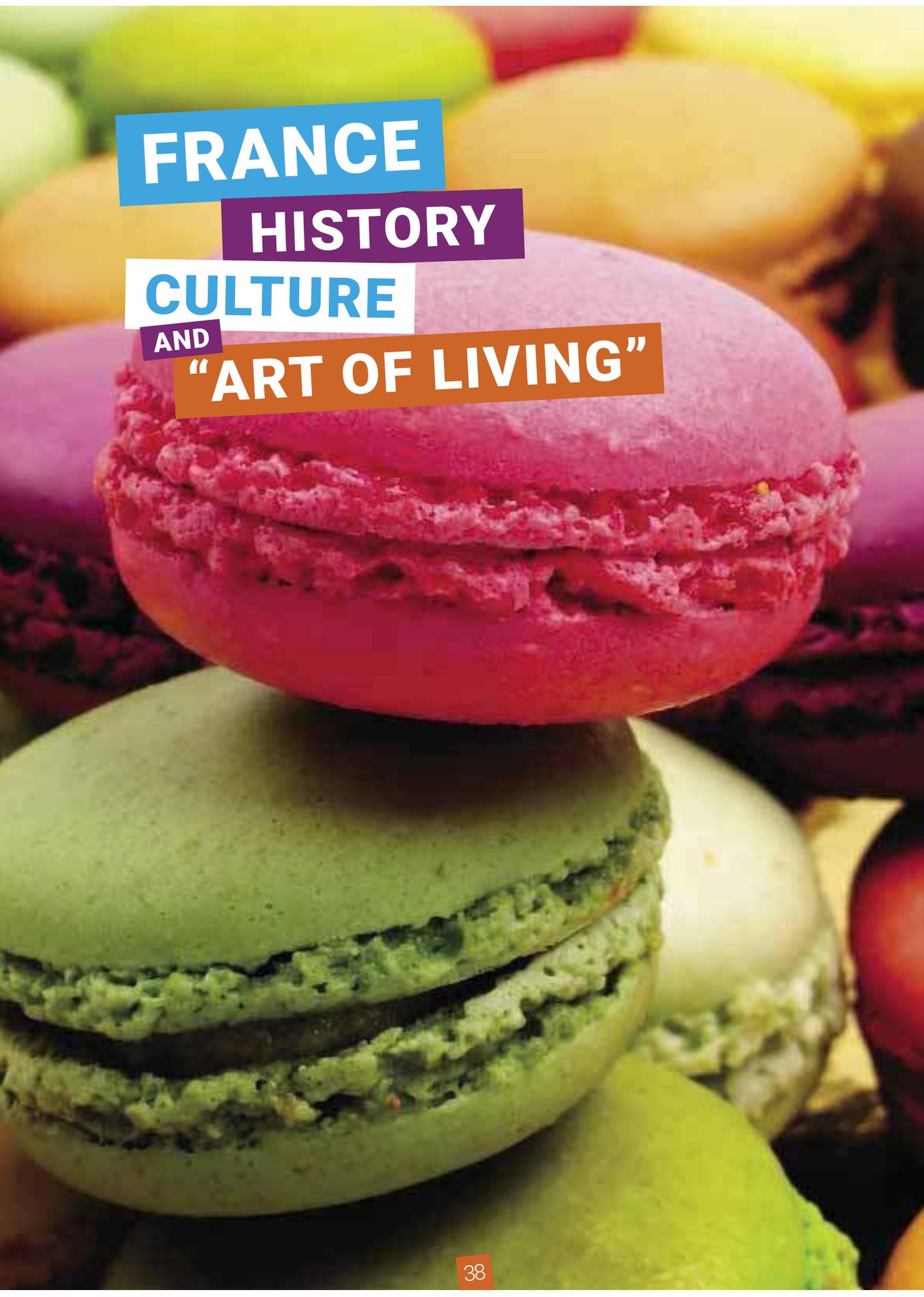
MORE THAN 3,000 specialized schools and institutes, public and private, round out the world of French higher education in specific sectors—among them paramedical studies, social work, tourism, culinary arts, and hotel management.

These institutions confer state diplomas and occupational titles appearing in the national registry of occupational certifications (RNCP), as well as institution-specific certificates.

Programs require 2–5 years of study. Admission is by examination or application.

www.rncp.cncp.gouv.fr





FRANCE

HISTORY

CULTURE

AND

“ART OF LIVING”



FRANCE, THE WORLD'S #1 TOURIST DESTINATION, also offers:

- > the rule of law and civil liberties
- > an excellent health system and health facilities
- > a pleasant environment
- > renowned—and varied—cuisine
- > a dense and efficient network of public transportation.

BIENVENUE

EN

FRANCE

FRANCE IS PERFECTING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The “Bienvenue en France” plan includes measures that deal directly with housing and student support services

LIVING IN FRANCE

STUDYING IN FRANCE also means living in France and rediscovering every day why France is famous for its culture and “art of living”



A SMOOTH ARRIVAL IN FRANCE

Help with administrative requirements and practical tasks

At the beginning of each academic year, France’s educational institutions and 13 regions set up welcome desks that bring together numerous services, facilitating students’ compliance with regulations and helping them find housing.

KEEP IN MIND...

Campus France maintains regional offices in Lyon, Marseille, Montpellier, Strasbourg, and Toulouse that help regional actors (educational institutions and governmental authorities) respond to international students’ needs for assistance with regulatory compliance, financial aid, housing, medical insurance, social services, and oversight of academic progress.

In France, international students, like their French counterparts, enjoy a wide range of discounts

University dining halls and residences, housing assistance, medical insurance, and discounts on public transportation and amusements (such as cinemas, athletic events, libraries, and student associations) make it possible to meet essential needs on a modest budget—while also enjoying daily life.

For €10 a year, the European Youth Card offers numerous advantages: www.eyca.org

For more information: info@cartejeunes.fr





Access to cultural and sporting events

Culture is a day-to-day affair in France's regions as well as in Paris. **All cultural sites offer student discounts and special pricing for multiple visits.**

Student status makes it easy to participate in sports, through discounts at athletic facilities and affordable access to the athletic clubs (gyms) and associations that play such a large part in French student life.

Many educational institutions are located in city centers, not far from museums, bookstores, cinemas, theaters, and coffee houses.



CAMPUS FRANCE HELPS YOU PREPARE FOR DEPARTURE AND IS AT YOUR SIDE UPON YOUR ARRIVAL IN FRANCE



Learn all of the details at: www.campusfrance.org > Resources center



STUDENT CHECKLISTS

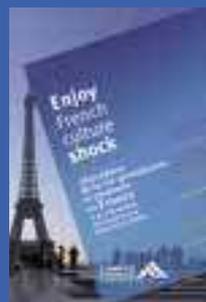
This collection of practical guides is organized chronologically. It enables you to identify and prioritize the steps you'll need to take, to spot critical points, and, in so doing, ensure that your arrival will be worry free.



CITY PROFILES

Practical information on major university towns: orientation and support services, transportation, housing, residency permits, medical insurance, language training, social and cultural life.

Enjoy French culture shock LIFE IN FRANCE FROM A TO Z



This pocket guide, organized like a dictionary, is available in French/English and French/Spanish editions. It explains common expressions, acronyms, and other facets of daily life as lived by students in France.



FINDING

HOUSING

BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR SEARCH for a place to live in France, you should identify the type of housing best suited to your family status, your means, and the length of your stay. The cost of housing in France is relatively high, but foreign students may apply for assistance on the same basis as French students.

University housing (Cité-U)

Located on campus or in town, university residences are managed by France's regional student service centers (CROUS). They offer furnished rooms 10–18 meters square, as well as studio apartments that are generally well equipped. The monthly charge ranges from €300 to €800 (net of any housing assistance for which the student may qualify). The quantity of university housing is limited, however, especially in Paris, and you may not be able to obtain space. Priority is given to needy recipients of French government scholarships and to students participating in exchange programs.

www.etudiant.gouv.fr >Vous loger

KEEP IN MIND...

Many *Grandes Écoles* and private institutions offer on-campus student housing.

Privately owned student buildings

Privately owned apartment buildings designed for students are found in major cities. They offer an alternative to the university housing operated by CROUS. The rent varies from €600 to €800 per month in Paris, and from €350 to €550 elsewhere in France. Again, these figures do not include any housing assistance for which the student may qualify.

Rentals on the private housing market

If you rent a room or apartment on the private market, you will be required to make a security deposit guaranteeing payment of your rent. In general, property owners will require you to prove that your monthly income is at least 3 times the amount of your rent. If you do not have a personal guarantor, you may be able to benefit from the French government's Visale program, which provides security deposits on students' behalf (see box on page 43).

Group rentals

When several people rent an apartment together, everyone signs the lease (or rental contract), giving all tenants equal rights to the unit. No special terms apply: lessor and lessees have the same rights and responsibilities as in the case of an individual rental. If you wish to apply for housing assistance, your name must appear on the lease.

Attention : A "joint and several" provision (clause de solidarité) is commonly added to the lease when several tenants will share the unit. Thus if one tenant does not pay his or her share of the rent, the property owner may demand payment from the others. The clause is valid for the duration of the lease.

LINKS TO HOUSING INFORMATION (LAWS, LISTS OF VACANCIES, HOUSING ASSISTANCE) APPEAR IN THE WEB SECTION AT THE END OF THIS GUIDE

Living with a French family

Renting a furnished room in a local family's home is often a good solution, particularly for short stays. The weekly cost in Paris ranges from €200 (including breakfast) to €300 euros (breakfast and dinner); costs are somewhat lower in other French cities.

Intergenerational housing

Some organizations pair students needing a place to live with older people who have a free room in the home they rent or own. The senior citizen must be able to provide a suitable space, furnished or unfurnished, and free access to common areas (kitchen, bathroom, living room). The student agrees to behave in a neighborly way and to help the older person with daily tasks, as well as sharing in common costs (water, power, maintenance).

To obtain the services of an organization offering intergenerational rentals, students generally must join the organization (paying annual dues of €100–350, depending on the type of housing found) and pay an application fee.

www.reseau-cosi.org

Housing assistance

International students are eligible for housing assistance on the same terms as French students.

There are 2 different assistance schemes, ALS and APL, depending on the type of housing chosen. The schemes cannot be combined. The amount of assistance provided varies with the rent and the student's circumstances. Students in group rentals may qualify for assistance as long as their name appears on the lease. Complete information and terms are available from the family assistance fund (CAF) serving the area in which the housing unit is located:

www.caf.fr > Accueil Allocataires > Actualités 2019 > Aide au logement étudiant

Additional information on accomodation

www.campusfrance.org

> Students > Getting organised
> Accommodation

** These prices do not include any housing assistance for which the student may be eligible.*

ONLINE PORTAL OF THE CROUS NETWORK: WWW.LOKAVIZ.FR

Some 60,000 students have found housing using the online platform of the CROUS network. Units bearing the Lokaviz label offer the assurance of a rental suited to students' needs.

Available in French and English, the platform lists available units, allowing users to filter results by rental amount, location, amenities, and other criteria.

VISALE: THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S ANSWER TO STUDENT SECURITY DEPOSITS

The Visale guarantee is a public mechanism that allows students who lack a personal guarantor to meet property owners' requirements for a security deposit. It is available in every academic region of metropolitan France (but not in Outremer).

For more information, inquire at your institution's international office.

BIENVENUE

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FRANCE IS PERFECTING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Educational institutions that display the "Bienvenue en France" label may be able to help you locate housing.

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

French educational institutions that have earned the "Bienvenue en France" label offer an additional level of service to international students. Learn about all of the services available to you:

www.campusfrance.org



> Resources center

> Practical information for students and researchers

WORKING

IN

FRANCE

While enrolled

Students who are citizens of the countries of the European Economic Area or Switzerland may work without restriction during their period of study in France. French law authorizes other international students to work under certain conditions. A residency permit marked “student” (whether conferred as part of a VLS-TS visa or separately) allows the holder to work while in school for up to 60% of the normal working year, or 964 hours, without prior authorization.

KEEP IN MIND...

Remunerated internships (i.e., internships lasting longer than 2 months) performed by students as an integral part of their studies (as specified in the internship agreement) are not counted toward the yearly limit.

France’s gross minimum hourly wage is €10.03 before mandatory withholdings of approximately 20%.

Student employment within educational institutions

International students may hold a student job. Students may work no more than 670 hours between September 1 and June 30, and no more than 300 hours between July 1 and August 31—within the overall annual limit of 964 hours.

www.campusfrance.org

>Students > Getting organized > Working while studying in France

See also :

> Students > And after? > Finding work in France
> Students > And after? > How to start a company in France

After graduation

■ European students

International students from a member country of the European Union, the European Economic Area, or Switzerland may remain in France indefinitely to seek employment after graduation.

■ Non-European students

Non-European students wishing to remain in France after earning their degree must have an offer of employment or employment contract specifying remuneration that is at least 50% higher than the minimum wage.

Non-European graduates who do not have an offer of employment may apply for a temporary (12-month), non-renewable residency permit marked “recherche d’emploi/création d’entreprise” (job search/business start-up). The applicant must hold a *licence professionnelle* or master’s degree, or have a plan to start a business.

Students from countries that have reached bilateral agreements with France receive special treatment with respect to grants of temporary resident status (APS). The countries in question are Senegal, Gabon, Benin, Tunisia, Mauritius, Cape Verde, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Lebanon, and India. Information on your particular situation may be obtained from the website of the French Ministry of the Interior or from the Campus France office in your country.

www.interieur.gouv.fr

www.campusfrance.fr >Countries/sites

The “Talent Passport” residency permit

The “Talent Passport” residency permit is available under certain circumstances, notably for the very highly qualified, those seeking to start a business or invest in France, and artists. It is valid for up to 4 years and is renewable.

www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16922

FRENCH LAW AUTHORIZES INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO WORK

INSURANCE

IN

FRANCE

Social security and medical insurance

■ France's **Social Security** system reimburses medical expenses. Participation in the system is **gratuite et obligatoire** for all students in France, French or foreign. International students should apply using the following dedicated website: <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr>

European students who possess a European medical insurance card valid for the duration of their study in France need not register on this website.

Students must choose a primary care physician who participates in the Social Security system. On average, the system reimburses 70% of illness-related expenses. House calls and appointments on weekends and holidays cost more.

Supplemental health insurance policies or student group policies may increase the reimbursed share. Students who will be studying for more than 3 months in a nonparticipating institution must take out an individual medical policy offered by a private insurance company. In France, the cost of such policies ranges from €150 to €550 per year.

Learn more at: www.campusfrance.org
> Students > Getting organized > Social security

The student and campus life contribution

A student and campus life contribution known as CVEC applies to French and foreign students entering a public or private institution of higher education. The contribution—amounting to €91

for academic year 2019/2020—funds student support services (social, health-related, cultural, and athletic) during their study period. The CVEC is entirely separate from Social Security requirements.

Find out whether CVEC applies to you and, if it does, how you should pay your contribution:

www.campusfrance.org

> Students > Getting organized > Student and Campus Life Contribution (CVEC)

ATTENTION Even if you are exempt from the CVEC contribution, you must register at www.messervices.etudiant.gouv.fr and then connect to the following dedicated site: <https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr>. From there, you will be able to download a statement of exemption, which you will present when you register for classes at your French educational institution.

Multirisk housing insurance

Under French law, all dwellings must be insured against theft, water damage, fire, and other risks. This form of insurance is obtained from private companies on a lump-sum basis. Multirisk housing insurance includes civil liability insurance, which covers harm or damage suffered on the premises by third parties.

KEEP IN MIND...

Additional forms of insurance are also available. Examples include automobile insurance, insurance for repatriation of remains, and insurance against athletic injuries.

CULTURAL LIFE

CULTURAL VITALITY makes its presence felt in countless places all across France, with every region playing a part in the creative effervescence. By coming to France, you will have a front-row seat at the cultural pageant, wherever your study site may be.

There are the regular festivals of music (Vieilles Charrues in Carhaix, Folle Journée in Nantes, Eurockéennes in Belfort, Jazz in Marciac, Transmusicales in Rennes), of film (Cannes, Deauville, Avoriaz, Cognac), dance (Biennale de la Danse in Lyon, La Part des Anges in Bordeaux...), theater (Avignon, Aurillac), and graphic novels (Angoulême), as well as a multitude of national events (Journées du Patrimoine, Fête de la Musique le 21 juin, Nuits Européennes des Musées). Get details at www.culture.fr

Museums and monuments

France's 8,000 museums are distributed all across the country. While the Eiffel Tower remains the most-visited monument, more than 40,000 other buildings are designated as historical monuments. Prominent examples are the chateaus of the Loire Valley, Mont Saint Michel, Château d'If, the arenas in Nîmes, and the port of La Rochelle.



Guides to national museums and monuments:

www.rmn.fr

www.monuments-nationaux.fr www.images-art.fr

Books

Livre de Poche's budget line puts books within everyone's reach, beginning at €5. Numerous book-related events throughout France—including long-running fairs and shows—attest to the French zest for reading.

**ALL CULTURAL SITES OFFER
DISCOUNTED ADMISSION FOR
STUDENTS AND FREQUENT
VISITORS**



Press

The French press is notable for its diversity. A plethora of daily, weekly, and monthly periodicals, broadcasts, and podcasts cover general and specialized interests at the national and regional levels. Every city and region has at least one newspaper that carries local, regional, national, and international news—for example, *Sud-Ouest* in Nouvelle-Aquitaine, *Ouest-France* in Brittany, and *La Provence* in Marseille.

Almost all newspapers and magazines also appear online. Subscriptions are available, of course, but many publications allow free access to certain articles as soon as they appear.

Libraries

France contains more than 3,000 libraries. By registering free at the library in your neighborhood, you gain access to all of the libraries in the city. An online digital library is accessible via Bibliovox:

www.bibliovox.com

University libraries

Every educational institution maintains at least 1 library. Hours vary, but most are open evenings and weekends. The 127 libraries of France's universities and other major educational institutions house more than 40 million volumes. Public libraries:

www.lexilogos.com/bibliotheque_municipale.htm

National Library of France:

www.bnf.fr <http://gallica.bnf.fr/>

Sports and athletics

In addition to the athletic facilities of educational institutions, there are many public sports complexes throughout France. For a modest cost, thousands of gyms and clubs give you access to training facilities and help you stay fit. The entrance fees at municipal swimming pools are low.

www.associations-sportives.fr

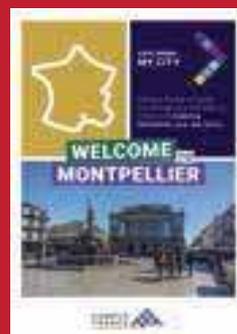
The Campus France website offers detailed information on cultural life in the city where you'll be studying. 38 cities have prepared short guides for incoming international students.

www.campusfrance.org



> Resources center

> Practical information for students and researchers > Student cities





CAMPUS LIFE

STUDENT CLUBS AND SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS are very active on French campuses. They enable students to come together for extracurricular activities like festivals, exhibitions, concerts, lectures, trips, hikes, weekend tourism, and evenings out.

Clubs involve students in a wide variety of humanitarian, athletic, economic, and cultural activities where they can play a variety of roles, such as chairing a festival, serving as treasurer of a student business, or coordinating communications for a cultural project—all of which can add depth to their CV. Alumni associations allow graduates to maintain ties with their institution and to build networks. Take a look at the directory France's student associations: www.asso1901.com

KEEP IN MIND...

In French postsecondary institutions, the **BDE** (*bureau des étudiants*, or office of students) is an association elected by the student body. BDEs organize extracurricular activities.

INTERNATIONAL MENTORING AND PEER PAIRING

Across France, civic associations, educational institutions, and municipalities have organized services to help smooth the arrival, orientation, and integration of international students. Campus France supports the buddy system set up by IxESN.

For more information: <https://buddysystem.eu/fr>

**MORE THAN 2 MILLION
ASSOCIATIONS ARE ACTIVE
IN FRANCE**

Universities

On university campuses, you may find dozens of special-interest associations—cultural, political, athletic, and service-oriented. Some are dedicated to welcoming new students and fostering the integration of international students. Still others are student cooperatives that operate coffee houses or distribute academic resources (e.g., coursepacks) or used furniture and supplies.

- > FSDIE (a fund for the development of student initiatives) was established to support student initiatives and group projects. In some cases it has helped students experiencing financial difficulties.
- > Animafac is a network for exchanges of experience and a resource center for more than 12,000 student associations: www.animafac.net
- > ESN is the international network of participants in the European Union's Erasmus exchange program: www.esn.org
- > FAGE is the federation of student associations in France: www.fage.org
- > UNEF is France's national union of students: www.unef.fr

KEEP IN MIND...

Campus France has prepared descriptions of the service packages offered by various educational institutions. These also present information on the clubs, associations, and special-interest groups active at the institution.

www.campusfrance.org >Resources center



JOIN THE FRANCE ALUMNI COMMUNITY

www.francealumni.fr

A rapidly expanding social network with a professional twist

Launched in 2014, France Alumni now numbers 300,000 alumni and 3,000 partner organizations, 750 of them business enterprises. The **worldwide network** has an international website and local sites in 100+ countries and 34 languages..

A space for exchange

France Alumni is designed for international students who are attending or have graduated from a French postsecondary institution. It enables those students and alumni to meet and communicate with others through participation in thematic groups (4,700 participants in 240 groups). Representative groups are devoted to careers in France after graduation, environmental and climate issues, French culinary arts, making connections with students who took the same academic path you did, and getting the most out of your training.

Cultural events

Campus France and its regional offices organize events to which members of the France Alumni network are invited. Examples include lectures, open houses, online courses, happy hours, tours of educational institutions, and outings.

Professional opportunities

Numerous partners (companies, educational institutions) post notices of job openings and internships in France and around the world.



EACH YEAR, MORE THAN 100,000 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH A DEGREE FROM A FRENCH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

HOW MUCH

DOES IT COST?



TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the many discounts students receive, the average monthly student budget is around €800 in the regions and €1,000 in Paris.

Food, meals

- > 1 baguette: €0.90
- > 1 coffee: €1-2
- > 1 camembert: €2
- > 1 croissant: €1
- > 1 kg of pasta: €1
- > 1 kg of potatoes: €1.45
- > 1 kg of rice: €1.70
- > 1 liter of milk: €1
- > 6 eggs: €1.50
- > 1 meal at a university dining facility: €3.25
- > 1 fast-food meal: €8
- > 1 dinner at a neighborhood restaurant: €10-20-
- > 1 sandwich : €3-8-

Health

Medical consultations

- > **General practitioner:** starting at €25 (€16.50 reimbursed by the national insurance system)
- > **Psychiatrist, neurologist:** starting at €39 (€26.30 reimbursed)
- > **Gynecologist, ophthalmologist:** starting at €30 (€20 reimbursed)
- > **Specialist:** starting at €25 (€16.50 reimbursed)
- > **Dentist:** at least €30 (depending on treatment)..



**THE COST OF DAILY LIVING
MAY BE UP TO TWICE
AS HIGH IN PARIS AS IN OTHER
REGIONS OF FRANCE.**



Culture, leisure

- > **Mobile phone service, Internet:**
options can be found to suit all budgets.
- > **1 movie ticket at student rate:**
around €9. Some theater chains offer unlimited admissions for about €20/month.
- > **1 museum visit:** €5–10. Some museums and national monuments are free for students under 26 years of age.
- > **1 swimming pool admission at student rate:**
around €2
- > **1 newspaper:** around €2
- > **1 budget paperback:** around €6
- > **1 night in a mid-range hotel:** starting at €70
- > **1 theater ticket:**
Prices vary widely depending on the show and the quality of the seat. Some theaters, particularly in Paris, charge people under 26 a flat rate of €10.

Transportation

- > **1 round trip airfare, Paris–Barcelona:**
€100–150
- > **1 round-trip Thalys train ticket, Paris–Bruxelles–Amsterdam:** €150
- > **1 round-trip Eurostar train ticket, Paris–London:** €100–150
- > **1 round-trip TGV ticket, Paris–Nice:**
€140 (if purchased far enough in advance, the fare may be as low as €50)
- > **1 monthly transport pass for Paris:**
€75.20
- > **1 liter of gasoline:** €1.50
- > **1 city bike rental:** around €1/day. Bike rental services are found in several large cities; prices vary.



ON THE WEB

- ◆ Campus France: information and assistance when planning a period of study in France:
www.campusfrance.org
- ◆ ENIC-NARIC France - Center for information on academic and professional recognition of degrees:
www.ciep.fr/enic-naric-france
- ◆ ERASMUS+, France, education and training:
www.agence-erasmus.fr
- ◆ ERASMUS+, the European program for education, training, youth, and sport:
<https://info.erasmusplus.fr>
- ◆ Europa, the portal of the European Union:
<http://europa.eu>
- ◆ Enrollment in the first year of university study for holders of a French *baccalauréat*:
www.parcoursup.fr
- ◆ French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs: steps involved in coming to France; locations of consulates, embassies, and branches of the Alliance Française; scholarships available to international students: www.diplomatie.gouv.fr
- ◆ French Ministry of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation:
www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr
- ◆ Institut Français:
www.institutfrançais.com
- ◆ Regulations, procedures, and services related to student life (housing, financial assistance, health, and more):
www.etudiant.gouv.fr

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

- ◆ Engineering programs
 - > CDEFI (conference of directors of French schools of engineering): www.cdefi.fr
 - > Concours Puissance Alpha (entrance examination for 16 schools of engineering): www.puissance-alpha.fr
 - > Concours Avenir (entrance examination for 8 schools of engineering): www.concoursavenir.fr
 - > CTI (commission on engineering qualifications):
www.cti-commission.fr
 - > EUR-ACE (accreditation system for engineering programs in Europe): www.enaee.eu
 - > FESIC (network of 26 schools of engineering and management): www.fesic.org
 - > Figure network of 27 partner universities:
www.reseau-figure.fr
 - > GEIPI POLYTECH (entrance examination for 34 public schools of engineering):
www.geipi-polytech.org
 - > n+i network of engineering schools: www.nplusi.com
 - > ParisTech, a network of Grandes Écoles specializing in science and technology: www.paristech.org
 - > Polytech, a national network of 10 university-based polytechnical schools of engineering:
www.polytech-reseau.org
- ◆ Schools of veterinary medicine
 - > École Nationale Vétérinaire d'Alfort (national veterinary school of Alfort): www.vet-alfort.fr
 - > École Nationale Vétérinaire, Agro-alimentaire et de l'Alimentation Nantes Atlantique (national school of veterinary medicine, food science, and food production): www.oniris-nantes.fr

- > École Nationale Vétérinaire de Toulouse (national veterinary school of Toulouse): www.envt.fr
- > VetAgroSup Lyon: www.vetagro-sup.fr
- ◆ **Écoles Normales Supérieures**
 - > ENS Lyon: www.ens-lyon.eu
 - > ENS Paris: www.ens.fr
 - > ENS Paris Saclay (ex Cachan): www.ens-paris-saclay.fr
 - > ENS Rennes: www.ens-rennes.fr
- ◆ **Conférence des Grandes Écoles:** www.cge.asso.fr
- ◆ **Labels**
 - > AACSB International (based in the United States): www.aacsb.edu/accreditation
 - > AMBA (Association of MBAs, based in the United Kingdom): www.mbaworld.com
 - > *Bachelor professionnel* (professional bachelor), a label awarded by ACFCI (assembly of French chambers of commerce and industry): www.cci.fr > **Formations**
 - > EQUIS (European Foundation for Management Development): www.efmd.org/equis
- ◆ **CCIP (Paris chamber of commerce and industry):** www.cci-paris-idf.fr
- ◆ **Art**
 - > CampusArt network: www.campusart.org
 - > Directory of postsecondary schools of art: www.andea.fr
- ◆ **Architecture**
 - > INSA de Strasbourg: www.insa-strasbourg.fr
 - > École Spéciale d'Architecture: www.esa-paris.fr
 - > Public schools of architecture: www.archi.fr
- ◆ **Fashion** (site of the union of textile industries): www.textile.fr
- ◆ **Agriculture**
 - > Agreenium (agronomic, veterinary, and forestry institute of France): www.agreenium.org
 - > Community for French agricultural education: www.chlorofil.fr
 - > Public institutions of agricultural education: www.educagri.fr
- ◆ **Health**
 - > ANEFMF (national association of medical students in France): www.anemf.org
 - > College of medicine of the hospitals of Paris: <http://cmhp.fr>
 - > CNCI (national center for residency examinations in medicine, pharmacy, and dentistry): www.cnci.univ-paris5.fr
- > DFMAS/DFMS <http://med.unistra.fr/fre/Formation/3eme-cycle/DFMS-DFMSA>
- > Diploma course in French for the health professions: www.centredelanguefrancaise.paris/tests-diplomes/diplomes-francais-professionnel-dfp/
- > École des Hautes Études en Santé Publique (school of advanced study in public health): www.ehesp.fr
- > French-language digital university of the health and sport sciences: www.unf3s.org
- > French Ministry of Social Affairs and Health: www.sante.gouv.fr
- > French National Academy of Medicine: www.academie-medecine.fr
- > Hôpitaux de France (hospitals of Paris): www.hopital.fr
- > Independent community of students of medicine and the paramedical professions: www.remede.org
- > National Order of Physicians: www.conseil-national.medecin.fr
- > Network of 32 university hospital centers: www.reseau-chu.org
- > Public assistance offered by Paris hospitals: www.aphp.fr
- ◆ **Professional and occupational certification**
 - > France Compétence (national authority for financing and regulation of professional training and apprenticeships): www.francecompetences.fr
 - > RNCP (national registry of occupational certifications): www.rncp.cncp.gouv.fr
- ◆ **Ministry of Sports** (programs in sports and physical education): www.sports.gouv.fr
- ◆ **Distance education, online courses**
 - > CNED (national center for distance learning): www.cned.fr
 - > Distance learning portal (10 specialized schools, 100 programs): www.formations-distance.com
 - > FUN-MOOC (online courses): www.fun-mooc.fr
 - > FIED (interuniversity distance learning federation): www.fied.fr
 - > ISPED (institute for public health, epidemiology, and development): www.isped.u-bordeaux.fr
 - > PLOTEUS (European portal on education and training opportunities in Europe): <https://ec.europa.eu/ploteus/fr>
 - > UNIT Foundation (the digital engineering and technology university): www.unit.eu



WEB

RESEARCH

- > ABG L'intelli'agence (career development for recent doctoral recipients): www.intelligence.fr
- > ANDès (national association of doctors of science): www.andes.asso.fr
- > ANR (French national research agency): www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr
- > ANRT (French national research and technology agency): www.anrt.asso.fr
- > Bpifrance (France's public investment bank): www.bpifrance.fr
- > Campus France directory of doctoral schools and proposed dissertation topics: <http://ecolesdoctorales.campusfrance.org/phd/dschools/main>
- > CNRS (national center for scientific research): www.cnrs.fr
- > EURAXESS (research mobility in Europe): <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>
- > Kastler Foundation (hosting of foreign researchers in France): www.fnak.fr

TESTS AND DEGREES IN FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- > Alliance Française: www.fondation-alliancefr.org
- > Campus France brief on tests and degrees in French as a foreign language: www.campusfrance.org
 - >Resources center
- > CCIP (Paris chamber of commerce and industry), the TEF test and certificates in business and professional French): www.centredelanguEFRANCAISE.PARIS/tests-diplomes/test-evaluation-francais-tef/

- > France Éducation Internationale (TCF/DELFDALF): www.ciepf.fr
- > List of centers accredited with the "Qualité français langue étrangère" label: www.qualitefle.fr
- > Online simulation of the complete TCF on TV5MONDE: www.tv5monde.com/tcf

DISCOVERING FRANCE

- > Bibliothèque Nationale de France (search the catalogs): www.bnf.fr
- > France's official website: www.france.fr
- > French overseas territories: www.outre-mer.gouv.fr
- > IGN (maps of France): www.geoportail.gouv.fr/accueil
- > Investir en France – Business France: www.businessfrance.fr/investir
- > Regional and local offices of tourism and economic development: www.tourisme.fr

FRENCH AS AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE

- > AUF (Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie): www.auf.org
- > France 24 (international news in French, English, and Arabic): www.france24.com
- > Latitude France (news about French as used around the world): <http://latitudefrance.diplomatie.gouv.fr>
- > OIF (Organisation internationale de la Francophonie): www.francophonie.org
- > Radio France Internationale : www.rfi.fr
- > Radio France (public service radio channels): www.radiofrance.fr
- > TV5MONDE (the international French-language channel in your country, to familiarize you with French language and culture): www.tv5monde.com

LIVING IN FRANCE

LOGEMENT

◆ Information

- > ANIL (information and contacts related to the right housing in France): www.anil.org
- > CAF (national family assistance fund): www.caf.fr
- > Criteria for access to the Loca-Pass program: www.actionlogement.fr
- > Housing page of the French government's student portal: www.etudiant.gouv.fr >Vous loger
- > Lokaviz (the online housing platform of the CROUS network): www.lokaviz.fr
- > Rooms for rent in private homes: www.cidj.com
- > UNCLLAJ (notices of vacancies from the national union of local committees for autonomous housing for young people): www.uncllaj.org

◆ Student housing (networks and associations)

- > Adele (association for the economic development of student housing): www.adele.org
- > CEP Entraide Étudiants (access to housing in the Paris region for students aged 18–26; 20 € at registration + 25 € once the housing is found): www.logements-etudiants.org
- > UNME (national union of student residences): www.unme-asso.com

◆ Privately owned student buildings in Paris and the regions

- > Cap'Études: www.cap-etudes.com
- > Fac-Habitat: www.fac-habitat.com
- > Groupe Réside Études - Les Estudines: www.estudines.com
- > ICADE Résidences Services: www.icade-immobilier.com
- > Nexity Studéa: www.nexity-studea.com
- > Mgel housing: www.mgellogement.fr
- > Résidences OSE: www.leclubetudiant.com
- > Stud'City (Clermont-Ferrand only): www.studcity-clermont.com
- > Studelites: www.studelites.com

◆ The private rental market

- > Student housing in the Île-de-France region: www.lokaviz.fr
- > www.pap.fr
- > www.entrepaticuliers.com
- > www.paruvendu.fr
- > www.petites-annonces.fr
- > www.seloger.com

◆ Group rentals

- > www.appartager.com
- > www.leboncoin.fr
- > www.pap.fr/annonce/colocation
- > www.colocationfrance.fr
- > www.macoloc.fr
- > www.okroommate.com (in English)

◆ Sublets

- > www.souslouer.com

◆ Housing with families or senior citizens

- > COSI network: www.reseau-cosi.com
- > Séjours France Familles: www.sejoursfrancefamille.fr

CULTURE

- > Center for national monuments: www.monuments-nationaux.fr/Trouver-un-monument
- > France's national museums: www.rmnm.fr
- > France's official website: www.france.fr
- > French federation of international music festivals: www.francefestivals.com
- > French Ministry of Culture and Communication: www.culture.gouv.fr
- > Paris Philharmonic: <http://philharmoniedeparis.fr/fr>
- > Pompidou Center: www.centrepompidou.fr
www.centrepompidou-metz.fr
- > Univers Sciences (the science and technology portal of the Cité des Sciences et d'Industrie, Palais de la Découverte): www.universcience.fr
- > Works of art: www.images-art.fr

WORKING

- > CIDJ (center for youth information and documentation): www.cidj.com
- > L'Étudiant : <http://jobs-stages.letudiant.fr/>
- > Portal of the French public service: www.service-public.fr
- > Student job central: www.jobaviz.fr

HEALTH

- > CPAM (France's national medical insurance fund): www.ameli.fr
- > Emevia (a federation of regional student insurance plans): www.emevia.com
- > La Mutuelle des Étudiants (student group insurance plans): www.lmde.fr
- > Smerep (student group insurance plans): www.smerep.fr

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Trained in agri-business management in Burgundy, Hariyo now operates a vineyard.



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An advocate of the right to education, Sandra studied international management in France.

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A designer of the airplanes of tomorrow, Junghwa chose France for her cutting-edge research.



PANKAJ (INDIAN)

Start-up artist Pankaj studied innovation and entrepreneurship in France.

RODICA (MOLDOVAN)

Rodica works internationally in robotics after earning a joint degree in the United States and France.



ISABELLE (BRAZILIAN)

An ethically aware fashion designer, Isabelle chose France for the quality of its training in the fashion industry.

WEI

A designer of sustainable energy solutions, Wei received his doctorate in chemistry in France.



LEAH (US AMERICAN)

Leah, a linguist specializing in rare sounds, studied linguistics at a French university.

KRISTINA (RUSSIAN)

Now doing research in artificial intelligence, Kristina took her master's at a French university.



MARWAN (JORDANIAN)

As a water-management specialist, Marwan chose France for further study in his field.

SAMIR (ALGERIAN)

An architect, Samir chose France for further training, earning an international master in historic preservation.



THIERNO (SENEGALESE)

A proponent of sustainable food, Thierno earned a French degree in agricultural engineering.



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WHY CLERMONT-FERRAND?



City of Clermont-Ferrand



Clermont-Ferrand is a city located in the centre of France. It is the capital of the Puy-de-Dôme department and is the historic city of Auvergne.

 www.clermontauvergneturisme.com



The city of Clermont-Ferrand remains on a human-scale. Distances are short and most key places are within easy walking distance. The cost of living remains inexpensive in comparison with other large student cities in France and Europe and the monthly budget is estimated at between 600 € and 800 €, depending on your lifestyle. You will enjoy the city's friendly atmosphere and the vibrant student life generated by the presence of 36,000 students.

To the West, Clermont-Ferrand is overlooked by a granitic plateau (800 m on average) on which is the Chaîne des Puys, the largest chain of volcanoes in Europe. North of the agglomeration lies the fertile plain of the Limagne bathed by the Allier, the second cereal plain of France, rich of its volcanic residues accumulated over 400 000 years.

Clermont International Short Film Festival



The Festival du Court Métrage is organized annually in Clermont-Ferrand around the start of the year. It is the largest festival in the world for short films, and the second largest in France for films in general (just behind the well known festival in Cannes). If you are around at this time of year, then do not miss it. For about 5-15 euros you can watch multiple short films in different cinemas all over the town.

 clermont-filmfest.org

Music, concerts and festivals

The Coopérative de Mai (for short “la Coopé”) is the music stage of Clermont-Ferrand. There are about 130 concerts a year by varied artists.

 www.lacoope.org



Europavox is an annual music festival that takes place each summer in Clermont-Ferrand. It promotes a diverse range of music from all over Europe. The music genres that typically appear are Pop, Rock, Variété, Hip-Hop, Rap, Electro, Dance, Reggae, Folk, World, etc.

 www.europavoxfestivals.com/



Clermont Rugby Culture



Rugby is for many people in Clermont-Ferrand a real culture. It comes as no surprise that they typically finish high in the top 14 league. They were national champions in 2010 and 2017.

Even if you're not a rugby fanatic, it is very much worth going to a rugby match at the Michelin Stadium. We have the UE STAR classes, and you have the opportunity to see a rugby match at the stadium. Just so you know who to cheer for in the stadium: ASM is the name of the rugby club in Clermont-Ferrand. You can find tickets and information on their website.

 www.asm-rugby.com

Cheese and Wine

Clermont-Ferrand and its surrounding region are well known for their unique types of cheese, such as Saint-Nectaire and Fourme d'Ambert. Saint-Nectaire is a young type of cheese with a soft taste and Fourme d'Ambert is a blue cheese that tastes so great it might even change your opinion about blue cheese in general!



Then there is also the unique wines of the region. Clermont-Ferrand used to be one of the largest wine producers in all of France at the start of the last century. Even though much has changed since then, the quality of the Clermont wines prevails.

Discover the Auvergne

Clermont-Ferrand is surrounded by the largest natural park in France, the Auvergne Regional Park of Volcanoes. This area of outstanding natural beauty with its extinct volcanoes, lakes, rivers and forests is within a 15-minute drive from the city's old historic centre and offers an extensive choice of outdoor sports activities for enthusiasts.

 [auvergne.travel](https://www.auvergne.travel)



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History of the University

In the 12th century-time of the rise of knight-hood- the first Université d' Auvergne was founded in the town of Billom. In its heyday, the University numbered around 2000 students. They were taught civil law, canon law, humanities, and theology. It closed down at the end of the 15th century due to a lack of students and resources.

A few decades later, in 1518, Thomas Duprat, bishop of Clermont, patron of arts and sciences created a University in tis hometown: Issoire. In the light of Charles de Bourdon's and the University of Paris' protests, François the 1st proceeded to have it closed in 1520.

In 1681, Louis XIV, the "Sun King", authorized the creation of a medical college in Clermont-Ferrand. In 1806, Napoleon Bonaparte officially established a medical school at Hotel Dieu. Subsequently, the College of Literature was established in 1810. It taught Philosophy, Latin literature, Eloquence, French poetry and Greek grammar.

In 1815, with the return of the monarchy, the faculty of Clermont was closed.

In 1854, under the second empire, the College of Liberal Arts reopened. This reopening was

accompanied by the establishment of the College of Science, and then in 1864 a "University Palace" was built. In 1896, these colleges were merged into one university.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, the university continued to grow and gradually opened up to young women. In 1908 they already represented a quarter of the students of the Faculty of Literature.

After WW2 the University expanded in the city centre and slowly spread to the Cézeaux area. The events of May '68 and the enforcement of the Faure act on the universities revealed high political tensions related to different perceptions on the University management.

The crisis accelerated up until the beginning of the 70's and culminated on March 16th, 1975 in the partition of the University into two establishments: Université Blaise Pascal and Université d'Auvergne.

For a number of years the two Universities maintained very little relationships but then they gradually started working together again, got closer and then merged on January 1st, 2017 to create the Université Clermont Auvergne.

About us

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We offer scientific French language courses and specific courses in English to all our Erasmus students which provide credits and are specially adapted to them.

The university has a “buddy system” and ensures specific coaching for local students engaging as “buddies”. This close relationship between students improves the integration of incoming students to the local student’s community. Each international student who wishes to participate in this programme is teamed up with a French student, a “buddy”, throughout his semester /year of study at Clermont-Ferrand.

Moreover, we created a “rendez-vous” around the international student community which is called “Petits déjeuners de l’international”. It helps students meet regularly and share a multilingual and multicultural breakfast.



Professor Mathias Bernard
President / Rector



International relations office

It is our responsibility to prepare our students to play a major role in a multicultural society in helping them become the global citizens of tomorrow.

Because knowledge ignores boundaries, we believe that creating links with foreign institutions not only provides our students with intellectual skills but also with social and cultural qualities that will help them succeed in an open world and in a globally integrated job market. It also makes them capable of understanding others better by adopting an open-minded attitude.

Historically Europe is at the crossroads of civilizations and France is the 4th country in the world which welcomes the most important number of international students.

Our University which was recently created – January 2017 – is the merging of two international universities (Blaise Pascal University and University of Auvergne). It strongly believes that welcoming international students is an immeasurably cultural richness for its campus life. We have decided to invest in the development of teaching and research partnerships with more than 300 Erasmus partners and with about 200 other foreign universities around the world. Each year we welcome around 800 international students who come to study under the terms of these agreements.

But our international student community is even larger than that as we must not forget the 400 students who come to learn French in our French as a Foreign Language Centre (FLEURA Centre) and the 3000 students who come individually to follow one of our 200 diplomas. On the whole, we reach a community of roughly 5000 international students which represents 13% of our 38 000 registered students. Join them!



Professor Anne GARRAIT-BOURRIER
Vice-president in charge of international relations

International relations office

For any help concerning housing or moveon registration you can contact Brigitte Meilleroux, whose contact information is below.

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International office advisors

Each department has a team of both academic and administrative staff dedicated to assisting outgoing and incoming students. If you have questions about :

- your classes, meet with the academic advisor in your department.
- your enrolment and registration, turn to your administrative advisor

If you need informations regarding your enrollment and registration, turn to your administrative advisor.



★ International Central Office - Villa Blatin

- 1 Centre des Langues et du Multimedia
- 2 5 École d'Économie
- 3 5 École de Droit
- 4 5 École Universitaire de Management
- 6 École Universitaire de Physique et d'Ingénierie
- 7 ESPE
- 8 UFR de Médecine et des Professions Paramédicales
- 9 Faculté d'Odontologie
- 10 Faculté de Pharmacie
- 11 Institut d'Informatique
- 12 IUT d'Allier (Montluçon, Moulins, Vichy)
- 13 IUT de Clermont-Ferrand (Clermont-Ferrand, Aurillac, Le-Puy)
- 14 Observatoire de Physique du Globe de Clermont-Ferrand

- 15 Polytech Clermont -Ferrand
- 16 UFR Biologie
- 17 UFR Chimie
- 18 UFR Langues, Cultures et Communication
- 19 UFR Lettres, Culture et Sciences Humaines
- 20 UFR Mathématiques
- 21 UFR Psychologie, Sciences Sociales et Sciences de l'Éducation

- 22 UFR STAPS
- 23 Sigma
- 24 VetAgro-Sup
- 25 École Supérieure de Commerce
- 26 École Supérieure d'Art de Clermont Métropole
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Visa procedures



- European students

Students from Europe (European Union countries, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland) are exempt from visas and temporary residence cards. Only a valid ID card or passport is required.

- Non-European students

Students who are nationals of a country outside Europe and who register for the first time in a French university must obtain a long-stay visa if they are staying for more than 3 months in French territory.

- If you are a national of a CEF procedure country (see table), you must go through the application «Études en France».

Algeria	Argentina	Benin	Brazil	Burkina Faso	Cameroon	Chile
China	Colombia	Comoros	Congo	South Korea	Ivory Coast	Egypt
United States	Gabon	Guinea	India	Indonesia	Iran	Japan
Lebanon	Madagascar	Mauritania	Mali	Morocco	Mauritius	Mexico
Peru	Russia	Senegal	Syria	Tunisia	Turkey	Vietnam

More information on the government website :

 pastel.diplomatie.gouv.fr/etudesenfrance/dyn/public/authentication/login.html

- If you are a national of a country not listed previously, the consulate or the French Embassy in your country of origin will tell you how to proceed.

You can also obtain information on the following websites :

 www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/studying-in-france
www.ofii.fr/venir-etudier-en-france

National medical insurance scheme

- European students

Before you arrive, you must apply for a European Health Insurance card (= EHIC) from the healthcare coverage system in your home country. This card will enable you to be reimbursed in France for your medical expenses under the same conditions as locals.

- Non-European students

As from 1 September 2018, the affiliation with the student Social security is abolished. Foreign students have the choice:

- To be affiliated with a public or private foreign health insurance and to present a certificate translated into French or English, which covers the duration of their stay at the UCA.
- To apply for a French social security affiliation (as soon as they are enrolled in the university and after 1 September 2018) on the CPAM website.

 etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr

- Québec students

Due to an agreement between France and Québec, you will benefit in France from the same conditions of care as the French.

Please fill the form SE 401-Q-106, which will exempt you from joining the student Social security plan.

In any case, if you are affiliated with a public or private foreign health insurance, you must have a certificate translated in French or in English.

Students with a disability

Students with disabilities who wish to study or have an internship mobility at the UCA are invited to read the information below and contact the special needs students(SUH) in order to have details to prepare their arrival at the UCA

University service for special need students (SUH)

This is a service provided by the UCA for students with disabilities. You can contact them by phone or get more information on their webpage.



Bâtiment de la Maison de la Vie Etudiante
Campus Universitaire des Cézeaux
7, place Vasarely
CS 60026
63178 AUBIERE CEDEX
Tel. 00 33 (0)4 73 40 75 95

 www.uca.fr/international/venir-a-l-uca/mobilite-et-handicap

ERASMUS

The Erasmus program offers assistance for students with disabilities, more information on the following website :

 www.agence-erasmus.fr/docs/2426_flyer-abilympics.pdf





Please contact your administrative advisor to know the steps to follow upon your arrival and the measures that have been provided for you (suitable accommodation, assistance with daily life, pedagogical assistance, special arrangements for exams etc.).

HOUSING



University residences

Contact for housing

Mme Brigitte MEILLEROUX

Tel. 00 33 (0)4 73 40 64 39

 E-mail: brigitte.meilleroux@uca.fr

Depending on availability we may offer some rooms in the university residences from the CROUS but only for exchange students and depending on the total number of rooms that we have every year. If you want to apply for accommodation, please use the application form available during the application process. Please be aware that home insurance is compulsory in France even in rooms in university residences and you will be required to have it on your arrival.



 usine.crous-clermont.fr/logements

RÉSIDENCE DU CLOS SAINT-JACQUES

 25 rue Etienne Dolet

63000 Clermont-Ferrand Cedex 1

Tel. 00 33 (0)4 73 34 44 00

RÉSIDENCE AMBOISE

 11 rue d'Amboise

63000 Clermont-Ferrand

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RÉSIDENCE PHILIPPE-LEBON

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63000 Clermont-Ferrand

Tel. 00 33 (0)4 73 43 72 58

RÉSIDENCE DES CEZEAUX

 35 rue Roche-Genès

63170 Aubière Cedex

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BE CAREFUL: After booking the room, it's important to make an appointment with the landlord to receive the keys and sign the "état des lieux".

Other accomodation facilities



Locaviz is the official website for student accommodation in France (CNOUS). It is certified by the French National Education Ministry. We strongly advise you to read the information on that website!

 www.lokaviz.fr

LES LAUREADES Clermont Centre Jaude (centre ville)

 9 rue Giscard de la Tour Fondue
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LE RABELAIS (proche du campus des Cézeaux)

 23 boulevard Pochet Lagaye
63000 Clermont-Ferrand
Tél. 00 33 (0)4 73 91 11 05
 <https://residences.clubetudiant.com/properties/residence-rabelais/>

Les Estudines Georges SAND

11 rue de Médicis
63000 Clermont-Ferrand

Les Estudines Les Cézeaux

44 rue des Meuniers
63000 Clermont-Ferrand
Tel. 0033(0)6 03 36 72 19

Les Estudines Sarah Bernhardt

4 Boulevard Claude Bernard
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 <https://www.estudines.com/>

SUITÉTUDES - Le Parc Belvédère

 68 avenue de l'Union Soviétique
63000 Clermont-Ferrand
Tél. 00 33 (0)6 35 13 50 59
 www.suitedudes.com/

STUD'CITY

 9 boulevard Pochet Lagaye
63000 Clermont-Ferrand
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 45 rue Saint Dominique
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Good to know if you want to rent a private room/flat in France

Deposit

A security deposit is an amount of money that is given temporarily as security against loss of or damage.

This may be required during check-in. This can't be more than one month worth of rent and has to be written in the lease.

Locative insurance certification

Before the signature do not forget to get a proof of locative insurance. In case of absence of this document, the owner is allowed to cancel your lease agreement.

Guarantor

It is sometimes necessary to have a guarantor if you rent a room in France. A guarantor is the person or the organization (your bank for instance) who/which commit itself to the owner in paying the renting debts of the tenant.

- The owner is not allowed to refuse the guarantee of a person who doesn't have French citizenship and who lives in a foreign country.
- The owner is not allowed to ask for a guarantee if he already has a locative risks cover or a private insurance.



Flat sharing

Interest

Living with roommates allows you to live in a larger accommodation while paying less. (Roommates have to fairly share services charges and rent). It's often quite difficult to live alone in a whole new city or country.

Thus living with roommates enables you to make friends and helps you to face the troubles of everyday life.

But living together can't only be reduced to funny moments as flat-sharing implies sharing the space, chores, and expenses and adapting yourself to your roommates' own habits.

Thus it's quite useful and necessary to establish rules as soon as you move in, in order to live in a "peaceful cohabitation".

Useful links

 www.info-jeunes.net/consulter-ou-fres-recherche-de-colocation

 www.appartager.com

 www.portail-colocation.com

How does it work?

Either there are several rental contracts (that is to say as many lease agreements as roommates). In that case every roommate has to individually sign a contract with the owner. This gives an exclusive enjoyment of certain rooms of the flat and a common access to kitchen or sanitation.

Or there is only one rental contract signed by all the roommates. In this case the owner let the roommates organise themselves in regards to the sharing of the rented space.

The flat-sharing lease agreement may include a solidarity clause binding the roommates. This clause entails that every roommate is responsible for the whole lease agreement' obligations (for instance the owner could ask to single roommate for the whole rent). Thus if one of the flat-sharers doesn't pay its part of the rent, the owner is allowed to claim this sum from the other roommates.

Be careful: If your lease agreement included a solidarity clause, in case of the departure of a flat-sharer, he or she can still be held accountable for the rent until the end of the lease agreement.

Housing Aid (CAF, APL)

The Family Allowance Fund (CAF) offers housing assistance. Financial aid only starts from the second month of rent. To benefit from CAF you must complete an application on the CAF website. You will also need to provide an excerpt from your birth certificate translated into French. The translation must be provided by an approved translating agency.

The APL (aide au logement) is a financial support for accommodation. For more information, visit the CAF's website:

 www.caf.fr

Before beginning your application you absolutely need to have the following documents in your possession:

- your tax return or tax assessment
- your lease agreement
- a rent receipt or a rent certificate
- your bank account details (RIB)



Be careful: You can't change this information once it is validated.

If you need assistance with the application, the Espace Accueil Etudiant is here to help you :

 usine.crous-clermont.fr/cnous/lespace-accueil-etudiants

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ON YOUR ARRIVAL



Buddy program

This programme has 2 objectives:

1) to welcome you on arrival and to give you practical assistance (housing, banks, enrolment...)

2) to help you participate in the life of the university by introducing you to other French students and showing you the highlights of student life in Clermont-Ferrand.

Each international student who wishes to participate in this programme is teamed up

with a French student “buddy” throughout the semester or year of study in Clermont-Ferrand. The international student agrees to maintain regular contact with the French student in a relationship of mutual exchange.

To sign up for the buddy program, contact **Marion GIRARD**

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WorldTop ESN

World Top ESN is an association for the reception and accompaniment of international students. They organise a weekly " Café des Langues" where you can meet local students as well as international students in a multilingual atmosphere.

You can also contact them if you wish to meet a family from Clermont and build great memories with the welcoming Clermontois !

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Save the date: welcome days

Please note that every student wishing to come to UCA will have to come to the information meeting called "Welcome Day".

There is one for the fall semester in September and another one for the spring semester in January. It's the opportunity to get to know the university and the first steps to take in order to sign up for classes etc...

Each department will also organise a local meeting for you to get more detailed information.



Student Reception Office (EAE)

Born of the common will of the local higher education institutions, the Crous Clermont Auvergne, the city of Clermont-Ferrand, and the prefecture, to improve the reception of students, in particular newcomers and foreign students. The reception area welcomes you at the beginning of the school year to help you discover your new university life.



2019/2020

> **Du 27 août à déc.**
du lundi au vendredi **de 10h à 19h**

> **De janvier à juillet**
lundi, mardi, jeudi **de 9h à 17h**

INFOS

VIE ÉTUDIANTE

RENOUVELLEMENT

TITRE DE SÉJOUR

30 RUE ETIENNE-DOLET CLERMONT-FERRAND

ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS



Application process

Selection at your home university

First of all, you have to contact your home university international office in order to ask them how to apply for an exchange program. Be aware that a **B2 level of French** may be required to follow some classes. The university will help you to register for French as a Foreign Language (FLE) classes if needed. The FLE classes are free for Erasmus students coming to the UCA.

Application Form

Once you are selected by your home university, you will have to complete our application form online using the Moveon application form on our website. You'll receive the exact link by e-mail.

Deadlines are:

- Fall semester : May 15
- Academic Year : May 15
- Spring semester : November 15

You will need to upload the following documents :

- Your Learning Agreement signed by the professor in your university who is responsible for your exchange,
- Your room reservation form if you are interested in a room at the CROUS (see page 30),
- A copy of your ID or passport
- An education mobility certificate from your home university

Confirmation

We will send you the letter of acceptance and a confirmation of reservation if you apply for a room in our university residences.

Please note that every modification or cancellation of stay must be notified both to your home university and to us!

Registration, tuition fees and student card

The registration is done by your administrative advisor in your host faculty. You don't have to pay any tuition fee. If you want to contact them, please turn to page 19.

Registration at the University will allow you to be identified as a UCA student, and to get your student card. The student card will allow you to :

- Pay at the university restaurants,
- Receive discounts in lots of places such as restaurants and cinemas,
- Borrow books and documents from the university libraries,
- Use the intranet (ENT)...

 www.izly.fr

Learning agreement and European credits transfer system(ECTS)

A learning agreement (L.A) for each semester is required for all incoming exchange students. It is a formal agreement between the student, the home university and the host university. All the courses that the student wishes to follow have to be written in the L.A.

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a standard for comparing the study attainment and performance of students of higher education across the European Union and other collaborating European countries. For successfully completed studies, ECTS credits are awarded. One academic year corresponds to 60 ECTS (30 ECTS per semester). Please note that ECTS credits won't be awarded if the student doesn't attend the class and does not undertake the assessments.

 [www.uca.fr/international/venir-a-l-uca/etudier-en-programme-d-echange/
construire-son-contrat-d-etudes](http://www.uca.fr/international/venir-a-l-uca/etudier-en-programme-d-echange/construire-son-contrat-d-etudes)

Classes, exams and resits

Exchange students may take courses only in fields which have been included in the agreement of cooperation with their home university. The list of courses provided by the pedagogical contact in each school or faculty. They will be able to advise foreign student on which courses are most suitable for them. During the first weeks in Clermont-Ferrand, students have to choose their courses and complete their Learning Agreement in accordance with the requirements of their home institution.

A student who follows a course is required to take the corresponding exam. The courses chosen can be changed during the first weeks (if courses turn out to be different from the student's expectations or if there is a problem with the agenda during the academic year). If there is any change in the

courses taken, the student will have to change his learning agreement and have it signed by both home and host universities. This document has to be signed by each party during the exchange period so that a Transcript of Records may be delivered at the end of the program (ToR).

For students whose grade is under 10/20, a resit exam may be organised at his or her request. The new grade will replace the old one if it is better. If the student misses the exam he or she will not be permitted to take the resist unless he or she provides a doctor's certificate or has a very good reason for missing the exam.

Transcript of records and UCA grading system

The transcript of records will be directly transferred by your contact in the school or faculty within 5 weeks after the publication of the results. The grading system at UCA is out of 20 points.

ECTS Scale	Definition	Percentage of successful students normally achieving the grade	UCA Grades Equivalents
A	EXCELLENT - outstanding performance with only minor errors	9,96 %	16 to 20
B	VERY GOOD - above the average standard but with some errors	9,80 %	14 to 15,99
C	GOOD - generally sound work with a number of notable errors	10,43 %	13 to 13,99
D	SATISFACTORY- fair but with significant shortcomings	26,31 %	11 to 12,99
E	SUFFICIENT - performance meets the minimum criteria	16,84 %	10 to 10,99
FX	FAIL - some more work required before the credit can be awarded	12,13 %	8 to 9,99
F	FAIL - considerable further work is required	14,54 %	0 to 7,99



UNIVERSITY COURSES



French as a foreign language

An adequate knowledge of French as a foreign language (FLE) may be required as classes are mainly taught in French. However, some faculties propose classes in English. The university also offers, but only for Erasmus exchange students, classes of French as a Foreign Language for free. Students will have to register as soon as they arrive in Clermont-Ferrand.

Level A1-A2

Oral expression and comprehension: 30 hours - 3 ECTS

Written expression and comprehension: 30 hours - 3 ECTS

Level B1-C2

Language practice: 36 hours - 3 ECTS

Option: 24 hours - 3 ECTS

Centre FLEURA : Français Langue Etrangère et Universitaire en Région Auvergne

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www.uca.fr/international/venir-a-l-uca/apprendre-le-francais/le-centre-fleura



U.E. Star: Studying the Auvergne as a Region

This « UE libre » aims to offer a vast cultural panorama of the Auvergne Region to all foreign students registered (for at least one course). All classes are all taught in English. Each module will be proposed during the first (S1) and the second semester (S2). Students are invited to register until the deadline during the "Welcome Day", in principle on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each student will have to confirm his/her registration to Olivier KAJFASZ at the Service Commun des Langues Vivantes (SCLV).

CLM

✉ 34, Avenue Carnot

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📧 Contact: Olivier KAJFASZ

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First group (maximum 24 students)

- The local cultural scene
Instructor: Miranda DICKENSON, Service Commun des Langues Vivantes
- Mammoths, volcanoes and thousands of years of history
Instructor: Frederick SURMELY, History of Art department
- Volcanic Auvergne and Clermont-Ferrand a City on a volcano
Instructor: Benjamin VAN WYK DE VRIES, LMV - Department of Geology
- An insight into some regional brands, Thiers: a history of knife craftsmanship and Michelin : a company in Clermont's DNA
Instructor: Gilmour FONTAINE, Service Commun des Langues Vivantes

Second group (maximum 24 students)

- Justice and Law in Auvergne
Instructor: Christine BERTRAND, School of Law
- Sport in Auvergne
Instructor: Cécile BERNARD-TARRADE, International Office
- Community life and Associations: organising local events
Instructor: Christophe AURINE, English Department
- Tourism
Instructor: Catherine MORGAN-PROUX, Culture Department

Courses taught in English

An adequate knowledge of the French language may be required as classes are taught mainly in French. The University also proposes a vast range of courses taught in English. The exchange students can enroll for classes in English in the following departments :

Management School



POLYTECH - Engineering graduate School



Law School



Institute of Computer Science



School of Economics



Faculty of Letters, Culture and Human Sciences



Faculty of Languages, Cultures and Communication - International Business with French



Faculty of Languages, Cultures and Communication - European Studies in English



Faculty of Languages, Cultures and Communication - Information & Communication



Faculty of Languages, Cultures and Communication - Applicable foreign languages



Faculty of Science and Technology of Physical and Sports Activities



More infos here

 www.uca.fr/international/venir-a-l-uca/etudier-en-programme-d-echange/courses-taught-in-english/

Libraries

The library BU (Bibliothèque Universitaire) of the UCA is a network of 14 University libraries. Its purpose is to satisfy the documentary needs of teacher-researchers, researchers and University students. It plays a part actor in the diffusion of digital uses and scientific culture.



It consist of :

- 14 University Libraries and 1 Digital Library,
- 1 on-demand scanning service,
- 1 Virtual Library,
- 1 Online catalogue
- Electronic resources,
- More than a million documents,
- Training in Documentary Mastery,
- A place of debate, of meetings, of knowledge
- Scientific videos, cultural programming and virtual exhibits,
- A one-stop shop for your online questions,
- A Facebook page,
- Extended hours,
- Staff at your disposal.



DAILY LIFE



Transport

Buses and tramway: T2C (Transports de Clermont)



The tram goes across the city from the North to the South and serves around 31 stops. The ticket is valid for buses and tram, it costs 1.40€ and remains valid for 70 minutes. If you're intending to use public transport all year long it's advisable to buy the T2C yearly season ticket. Students aged under 26 benefit from a 40% discount.

Trains: SNCF (Société Nationale des Chemins de Fers/ National Society of railroads)

 www.oui.sncf



The SNCF has two stations in Clermont-Ferrand; one situated next to the city centre while the other one is in the zone of la Pardieu. SNCF offers specific discounts for students such as the carte Jeune 12-27.

Flights : Aulnat (CFE) Clermont-Ferrand Airport

 www.clermont-aeroport.com

The airport is situated at the periphery of Clermont-Ferrand. You can book international flights from Clermont. The airport is accessible via car, train or bus.

Carpools

 www.blablacar.fr

Offers the opportunity to travel at a low price and meet people at the same time.

Taxis

 www.taxiradio-clermontferrand.fr

 www.taxi63.fr

Taxis are available but contrary to the Anglo-Saxon system, the price is often very expensive...

How to open a bank account?

Why do you need to open a French bank account?

If you plan to stay in France for more than three months, it's highly recommended to open a bank account in a French bank. Indeed, many organisations such as the CAF or the French Health insurance (Sécurité Sociale) only grant you money via bank transfers. Furthermore, opening a bank account allows you to get a cheque book or/and a debit card.

Opening conditions

In order to open a bank account it is imperative that you supply the following documents:

- A valid identity card or a passport
- A residence permit or a receipt (except for European students)
- A proof of domicile (electricity bill, a receipt for rent payment, proof of residence)

How to find a bank?

Before following any procedures, inquire at your main bank in your home country if they have a partnership with a French bank which would simplify your arrangements. If it's not the case, be careful to compare the differ-

ences between various banks. Indeed some of them offer preferential rates to students (half price services, loyalty points). Once you've made your choice, contact the bank and make sure to deposit at least 15€ in your new bank account. You generally get your cheque book and debit card a few days after the opening of your account.

French characteristics

The debit card is not free (you have to pay between 15€ et 40€ per year). Cheque books are often free but some banks can make you pay for it. Cheques are sometimes necessary to pay your rent, bills, deposit etc. Make sure to always keep another means of payment on you.

How to find a job?

Legislation and principles

Foreign students are allowed to find paid employment regarding their visa. Make sure your visa permits you to work while in France, by contacting the préfecture.

The contract of employment between the student and the employer must be in writing and must be signed at the latest on the first day of work.

Student jobs

You can go directly to organisations that specialise in student job offers such as.



 www.ucapro.fr



 www.info-jeunes.net



 www.jobaviz.fr



 www.pole-emploi.fr

University Health Service (SSU)

The "Service de Santé Universitaire" (SSU) offers free consultations in the following fields: general medicine, gynaecology, infirmary facilities, vaccination services, free tests for HIV and hepatitis C, psychological help, psychotherapy for any student in distress...

This service is free of charge (medicine preventive)

 25, rue Etienne Dolet
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 sante.clermont-universite.fr



University Sports (SUAPS)

For this new academic year, the SUAPS is ready to welcome you and offer you a multitude of leisure sports activities and outdoor outings. You can sign up for two activities until the end of September and from the month of October, you will be able to add activities.

A team of teachers : Ten teachers of physical and sports Education and many individual contractors are responsible for organising and framing the proposed sports activities.

A service : Service available to the students but also to the staff of the universities.

A panel of sports activities : More than thirty proposed activities. Varied practice times (evening, day, lunch, weekend)



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University Culture Service (SUC)

The cultural Service of the UCA & Associates, is an area of artistic practices, workshops and internships, aimed primarily at students.

It implements the university cultural policy for singular encounters with art. It is also a place of passage from the Act to reflection. Interface between research, teaching and creation, it is involved in the cultural life of the city through a network of partners and actions.



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More good reasons to choose University of Clermont Auvergne on www.uca.fr

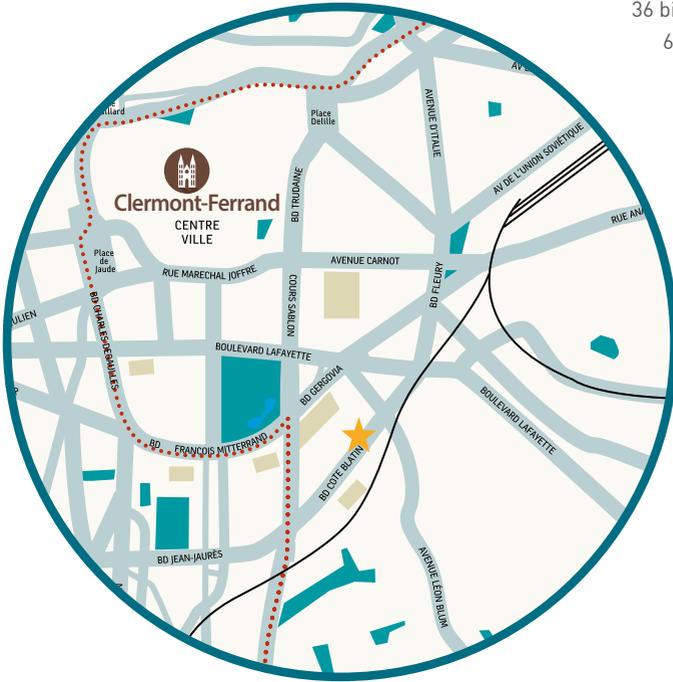


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