Campus France

Agence française pour la promotion de l’enseignement supérieur, l’accueil et la mobilité internationale

French agency for higher education system and international mobility

Training session, Serbia

Belgrade, April 18
Nis, April 19
Novi Sad, April 20
A wide and diverse array of programs

- 74 public universities
- 227 schools of engineering
- 220 schools of business and management
- 120 schools of art and 20 schools of architecture
- 3,000 specialized schools

Professional insertion strengthened

- Teaching professionnalisation (internships in companies, guest speakers, etc.)
- Doctoral contracts for researchers
- Provisional residence permit for 12 months

Circulaire du 30 juillet 2013 et nouvelle loi sur l’Enseignement supérieur et la recherche
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Higher education qualifications in France

Légende
- Diplôme ou Diplôme d'État
- Accès sur concours

Lexique enseignement supérieur

Source: ONISEP
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National and International recognition of French Diplomas

- Degrees are certified by the French government
- A unified European academic area
  - Academic year is organized into semesters
  - University programs offered at three levels: Licence (bachelor), Master, Doctorate
  - System based on transferable academic credit (ECTS)
- Degrees that fit with those of other higher education systems
  - The French system facilitates student mobility within Europe and around the world
  - Students receive a diploma addendum written in English

The degrees conferred in French universities and other institutions of higher education are certified by the French government.

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<th>YEARS OF STUDY</th>
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| 9              | 18 semesters (+ 3 years) | Universités
|                | • State diploma of doctor of medicine |
| 8              | 16 semesters (+ 8 years) | Doctorats / PhD |
| 7              | 12 semesters (+ 6 years) | Grande Écoles
|                | • State diploma of doctor of pharmacy |
|                | • State diploma of doctor of dentistry |
| 6              | 10 semesters (- 5 years) | Master's degree |
|                | • Research master |
|                | • Professional master |
|                | • Engineering degree |
| 5              | 300 ECTS | Écoles d'ingénieurs |
|                | • Maitre spécialisé (MS) |
|                | • Master of business administration (MBA) |
|                | • Engineer's degree |
|                | • Master of Science - MSC |
|                | • Business school diploma |
| 4              | 6 semesters (+ 3 years) | Licence |
|                | • Licence (bachelor) |
|                | • Licence professionnelle (professional bachelor) |
| 3              | 4 semesters (+ 2 years) | Licence technologique |
|                | • University technology diploma (UTI) |
| 2              | 2 semesters (+ 1 year) | Licence scientifique |
| 1              | 1 semesters (+ 1 year) | Licence technologique parcheminé |

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Advanced research

- Publicly supported research: a point of pride
  - Domestic R&D spending in France amounted: €45 billions in 2011
  - 5th in the OECD in R&D spending in 2009
  - 6th highest share of global scientific publications
  - 4th in the number of patent applications

- International prizes for French researchers
  - 13 of 52 winners of the Fields Medal, the world’s top prize in mathematics, have come from French institutions
  - Mathematicians from French institutions have won the Fields Medal more often than those of any other countries except the United States
  - One of the highest numbers of Nobel Prizes: 61 in total
  - Last Nobel Prize de Physique français: Serge Haroche (2012)
  - Last Nobel Prize d’économie: Jean Tirole (2014)

- 42% of doctoral candidates in French institutions are from outside France
Education and higher education: a priority

- 7% of France’s GDP is spent on education. OECD average is 6.1%.
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- “Investing in the Future” program: €22 billion devoted to higher education and research to meet France’s major challenges.
  - The Excellence Initiative: support of ambitious scientific projects that raise the profile of French science abroad, accelerate innovation and technology transfer.
  - Laboratories of Excellence: support laboratories at the highest level of science.
  - Operation Campus: upgrade university facilities and equipment.
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Accessible programs, with quality assured by the French government

◆ Each year, the French government spends €11,260 per student on postsecondary education

◆ As a matter of public policy, international students are treated the same as French students
  • All students pay the same tuition rates
  • Tuition rates in public institutions for the 2014–15 academic year:
    - 184 € for licence (bachelor’s) programs
    - 256 € for master’s programs
    - 610 € for programs leading to the Diplôme d’Ingénieur
    - 391 € for doctoral programs
  In private institutions, tuition ranged from €181 to €8,000

◆ All students enjoy the same benefits
  • Student health insurance
  • Housing assistance, Access to university dining facilities (Resto U)
  • Discounts for transportation, amusements

◆ Recommended budget for a student in France
  • Living expenses (including housing) in Paris: 700€ to 1000€/month
  • Living expenses (including housing) outside Paris: 500€ to 800€/month
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A higher education system endorsed by students and employers

- Number 3 in international student enrollments
  - The 1st choice among non-English-speaking countries, after the U.S., the U.K., and Australia
  - 295,000 international students enrolled in 2013, 12% of the nation’s postsecondary enrollments
- France’s academic system ranked the world’s 7th best
  Times Higher Education, 2008 ranking
- Of the world’s top 10 business master’s programs, 5 are in France
  Financial Times, classement 2011
- Grandes écoles : a system recognized by employers
  - 95% of graduates from France’s schools of engineering and management are employed within six months
  - Average gross salary is €34,200/year
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Renowned French institutions with campuses abroad

◆ Programmes outside its borders
  • Université Paris-Sorbonne > Abou Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
  • École Centrale > Pékin, China
  • Ecole de Management de Lyon > Shanghai, China
  • ESSEC et INSEAD > Singapour
  • Bordeaux École de Management > Dakar, Senegal
  • Université Paris-Dauphine > Tunis, Tunisia
  • HEC > Doha, Qatar
  • École Supérieure des Affaires > Beyrouth, Lebanon
  • ENI Metz > Nanjing, China

◆ Dual degrees signify the dynamism of French higher education
Higher education system relevance - current reforms

**Law 2013 : fundamental changes**

**For students**

- Opening of ESPE in universities;
- Better account taken of women-men equality;
- Authorization of teachings in foreign languages;
- Governance improvement;
- Improvement of welcoming students and researchers from abroad;
- Elaboration of a national strategy for higher education system (StraNES);
- Reinforced coordination MENESR with a co-supervision on the higher education trainings

**For universities**

- Anticipated and chosen orientation from highschools to higher education system;
- Decompartmentalisation between highschools and universities;
- Curricular reforms: simplification of headings, progressive specialization, curricular innovations;
- Diversified access to medical studies et reorientations;
- Digital supports for student achievement;
- Reinforced mobility for students
ComUEs: university groups

University groups: 25 great communities

- New PRES which, for some of it, had not certified studies;
- Freedom for the rapprochement: fusion, reunification, ComUE;
- Common site policy effective by the contractualisation to set out the priorities of a site in a complementarity way;
- The ComUEs is EPCSCP groups and has a role to play to have large skills but not necessary fixed by law: differences between sites;
- Stabilization of French higher education landscape