

“Grandes Ecoles” (French elite schools)

All of the following schools have selectively competitive entry procedure (success rate is about 10% depending on the school). These “Grandes Ecoles” require French students to prepare for two years before applying and they only admit the brightest students from France and abroad. They also have an international selection procedure (please see the “Study in France” sheet).

Business/ Political Science

HEC

<http://www.hec.fr/>

- Over 3000 students.
- Over 100 permanent-tenure professors teach the various programs, organize scientific conferences, publish research articles in critical journals and are involved in the editorial board of international academic reviews.
- 300 articles and 110 books published in French and 15 other languages in the last five years.
- HEC Masters Degrees, PhDs and international outreach:
 - MBA taught in English
 - Masters of Science are full-time programs in English designed for students who hold a Bachelors degree in Business and who want to acquire an expertise in a specific field of management
 - For double degrees, please see the “Study in France” sheet
- HEC is located in Jouy-en-Josas, a few miles south of Paris.

ESSEC

<http://www.essec.fr/accueil>

- Over 5000 students.
- Established as an elite French business school in 1907.
- International outreach: ESSEC Center in Singapore for research and teaching / The ESSEC Mannheim modular Executive MBA.
- ESSEC’s MBA and PhDs programs’ quick facts:
 - 3 MBAs taught in English: International Luxury Brand Management/ MBA in Hospitality Management (IMHI) / Executive MBA
 - PhDs are entirely taught in English
- ESSEC has several campuses in and around Paris.

SciencesPo

<http://www.sciences-po.fr/portail/>

- Over 9000 students
- Over 2000 experts teaching courses related to their own professions.
- Nine research centers which remain real flagships in the field of social sciences in Europe.
- International outreach: 300 partner universities across the world with around 60 in the US
- SciencesPo MA and PhDs quick facts:
 - 24 professional Masters and 5 PhD (classes in French and in English).
 - Double degrees, please see the “Study in France” sheet.
- Sciences Po is located in one of Paris's most famous districts, Saint Germain des Prés, which has been the host of Parisian literary and artistic life since the 17th century.

Engineering

Polytechnique

<http://www.polytechnique.edu/>

- Over 2660 students.
- École Polytechnique is a world-class educational establishment. Its Research Center and doctoral school have partnerships with numerous companies and 22 laboratories in Paris. They aim to study all the great scientific questions on the frontiers of knowledge and encourage innovation.
- International outreach: 179 international cooperative agreements across the world including over 10 in the US with leading schools such as MIT.
- Polytechnique's Masters and PhDs quick facts:
 - Over 16 masters taught in English in 6 different fields
 - For double degrees, please see the "Study in France" sheet
- Located in Palaiseau, a few miles south of Paris.

Ecole Centrale Paris

<http://www.ecp.fr/>

- Over 1232 student-engineers.
- Every major industrial sector was launched and developed under the direction of Centraliens: EIFFEL (1855), MICHELIN (1877), PEUGEOT (1895), SCHLUMBERGER (1907)...
- International outreach: partnerships with universities around the world and with over 14 in the US including leading institutions such as Harvard and MIT.
- Ecole Centrale's Masters quick facts:
 - Masters and PhDs are mostly taught in French and are divided into 10 departments and 5 fields of research: Mechanical Engineering, Energetics and Combustion, Materials Science and Process Engineering, Applied Physics, Applied Mathematics, Industrial Engineering, Economics and Management.
- Located in Châtenay-Malabry, a few minutes south of Paris.

Art, science and humanities

Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris

<http://www.ens.fr/>

- Over 2000 students.
- The ENS is an elite higher education institution for advanced undergraduate and graduate studies, and a prestigious French research center.
- Former students include all eight French winners of the Fields Medal, twelve Nobel Prize winners and half of the recipients the CNRS Gold Medal.
- International outreach: many partner universities around the world and over 21 in the US including Harvard, Boston College, Amherst College and MIT.
- Studies at the ENS Quick Facts:
 - Fourteen teaching and research departments spanning the main humanities, sciences and disciplines
 - The ENS delivers BA, MA and PhDs taught in French
- Located in the Latin Quarter of Paris.

Cinema

FEMIS (Fondation européenne pour les métiers de l'image et du son)

<http://www.lafemis.fr/>

- Over 152 students dedicated to cinema.
- International outreach: partnerships with Columbia University (New-York, USA), National Film and Television School (UK), ECAL (Ecole de Lausanne, Switzerland).
- BA, MA, PhDs and international exchanges
- Located in Paris.

Fine arts

Ecole du Louvre

<http://www.ecoledulouvre.fr/>

- Thirty-one disciplines make up the specialty courses of the School ranging from Egyptian archaeology to the history of African arts and from the history of photography to the history of cinema.
- Located in Paris.