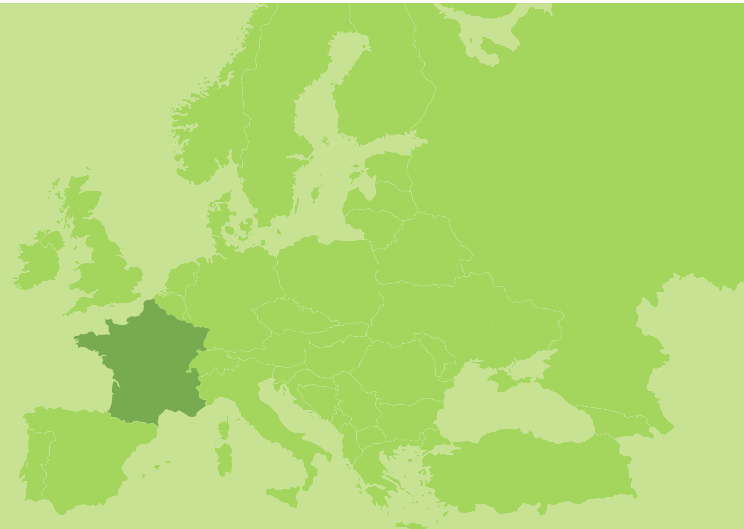




FRANCE



OVERVIEW OF OPTIONS



There are more than 3,500 public and private institutes of higher education in France:

- The universities- run by the state. Courses offered through English are not common at undergraduate level. Courses taught through English are most common at master's level in public universities.
- The “grandes écoles” post graduate schools. these Grandes Ecoles are public and private institutes of higher education recognised by the State. Much of the training is provided in English. They have a different selection process, entrance exams and as many rules as exceptions!

2-years preparatory classes (in French) are needed to pass the exams, for engineering and business schools, for example

- École centrale: engineering school: <https://www.centralesupelec.fr/en>
- ESSEC Business school: <https://m.essec.edu/en/>

Tuition fees are higher in business schools (and in some private engineering school) than for universities.

- The specialized schools (“écoles spécialisées”) eg: some Art schools, social work schools etc. Some of them have courses taught in English

For more information see:

- <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/institutes-higher-education-France>
- <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/French-higher-education>
- <https://www.euroguidance-france.org/coming-venir-france/coming-to-france/higher-education-in-france/>

INSTITUTION TYPE



- 72 universities
- 25 multi-institute campuses
- 271 Doctoral schools
- 227 engineering schools
- 220 business and management schools
- 45 post-secondary public schools of art
- 22 schools of architecture
- 3,000 private schools and institutes

PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE



<http://cataloguelm.campusfrance.org/licence/#/catalog> (Bachelor Options-Info available in English)

<http://cataloguelm.campusfrance.org/master/#/catalog> (Masters options- Info available in English)

<http://taughtie.campusfrance.org/tiesearch/#/catalog> (programmes taught in English- listing nearly 1500 programmes that are wholly or partially taught in English and that you can take in a French institute of higher education. There are mainly masters programmes available)

FEE INFORMATION



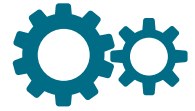
The French government will continue to pay most of the cost of your degree programme in a public institution of higher education.

- €170 per year at the licence (bachelor) level
- €243 per year at the master level
- €601 per year in a school of engineering**
- €380 per year at the doctoral level

Tuition in private institutions, and particularly in private business schools, is substantially higher than in public institutions, ranging from €3,000 to €10,000 per year. Check the website of the institution to learn the amount of tuition charged for programmes of interest to you.

<https://www.campusfrance.org/en/tuition-fees-France>

APPLICATION PROCESS



France has set up an online application system, the www.parcoursup.fr website. It is an online portal where final year high school students can apply to any French University, and many other higher education courses in France. This portal is open from 20th January to 20th March.

European students wishing to join the French higher education system in 1st year of a training at Bachelor's ("Licence") level must apply via the "Parcoursup" platform. The application process is mandatory to apply to most of the trainings offered by higher education institutions.

Like the CAO, you have one application. You will be given a limit of approx.10 choices, with sub choices (e.g. law- with related sub choices).

Most undergraduate courses in France require a B2 level of French or for courses such as Law a C1 level. (The higher-level French at the Leaving Cert is at B1 level, which means that students would have to take extra classes or practice French on their own to reach the B2 level required to enter an undergraduate programme in France).

You can download instructions for foreign students in French on the website.

See: <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/application-higher-education-france>

or <https://www.euroguidance-france.org/coming-venir-france/coming-to-france/application-procedure/#tab-id-2>

If students are hoping to improve their French to apply for a course taught through French, the Alliance Française runs the DELF each November. Results will be available by January.

Applications for master's studies are made directly to the universities. Each institution has their own timeline/processes. Applications usually close in the 2nd semester-between Feb to late June)

There are some undergraduate options for those with French who wish to transfer to a French university, made possible by the ECTS.

'Campus France' offer support to Irish students with applications to French HEIs.

The Campus France Office in Ireland is located at the Alliance française Dublin (1 Kildare Street), room François Henry, 3rd floor. It is open every Wednesday from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Follow them on Facebook [@CampusFranceIreland](https://www.facebook.com/CampusFranceIreland) or www.facebook.com/CampusFranceIreland or e-mail academic@ambafrance-ie.org

IMPORTANT DATES



The www.parcoursup.fr online portal is open from 20th January to 20th March.

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



Application will be examined before the Leaving Certificate results. Results looked at are from 5th year and the first half of 6th year.

A cover letter is generally required.

There are generally no limits on numbers. (Except in some courses e.g. Sport studies, health studies...) All information on requirements, figures, etc is available in Parcoursup website.

Students will need to demonstrate that they have passed the Leaving Certificate by September.

Specific grades/ subjects may be required- e.g. a scientific subject etc.

OTHER USEFUL RESOURCES



(Websites, scholarships, Sample interview questions/ letter of motivation)

- www.euroguidance-france.org (in French)
- www.campusfrance.org (in English)
- <http://www.monorientationenligne.fr/qr/index.php> (guidance support)
- <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/student-housing-france> (accommodation)
- www.education.gouv.fr/cid160/les-lieux-d-information-de-l-orientation.html
- www.euroguidance-france.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Brochure-EG-Anglais-def.pdf
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- https://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/country-profiles/france_en

