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Dear Students,
Bienvenue to this guide on Higher Education in France!

Are you looking for the best higher education with high standards of quality yet at reasonable costs? Would you like to have an international profile that can provide you a differentiating experience as compared to your colleagues in the English speaking programs? Do you want to be educated and trained in an entrepreneurial and innovative environment?

If YES, do not hesitate to consider France as your next destination to pursue your higher education studies. France is ranked as the 4th international study destination among students worldwide, possessed all the necessary prerequisites to optimize your study experiences and enhances your employability in a global setting. Today, there are more than 310,000 foreign students pursuing higher studies in France.

Indeed with your Malaysian educational qualifications, you can access a variety of higher educational opportunities in diverse field of study, ranging from a diploma qualification to a bachelor’s degree, a master’s degree and PhD degrees. You can choose various areas of study in arts, social sciences, engineering, hospitality, tourism, business management, sciences and technology. Some of these academic programmes are sponsored by the Malaysian Government and related agencies, and or conducted in collaboration with recognised Malaysian universities and institutions of higher learning.

Among the most well-known areas of study in France is fashion design, culinary and hospitality programmes that have gained international recognition with exquisite French cuisine, and haute couture, the capital of the world fashion house. Specialised areas of engineering in the outstanding French elite ‘Grandes Ecoles’ provide a unique and outstanding global qualification that is universally recognised for its high quality graduates and French precision in engineering. In 2016 the Financial Times, 24 French business schools under the ‘Grandes Ecoles’ have been recognised among the top business programmes in Europe. The success of French higher education has achieved many accolades and received well worldwide. Although many of the academic programmes are taught in French, there are more than 1300 academic programmes that are now taught in English in the Universities and ‘Grandes Ecoles’. Thus, learning French language would not be a necessary condition to pursue higher studies in France, but having some proficiency in French language would be an added advantage to your experience and profile for employability.

Allez, come to France and experience undoubted-ly an unimaginable exposure that will make you feel ‘head over heels’ after completing your studies in this country of immense culture, arts and fine cuisine, and the world of luxe of fashion and trends. Don’t miss this opportunity an experience you will never forget!

Bonne Chance!

Prof. Datuk Seri Dr. Md Zabid Hj. Abdul Rashid
Director (Malaysia)

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Director (France)

THE MALAYSIA-FRANCE UNIVERSITY CENTRE

The Malaysia-France University Centre (MFUC) was established in 2006 as a government-to-government initiative between the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. MFUC aims at reinforcing the cooperation by linking France and Malaysia in various fields of higher education and research.

MFUC acts as a facilitator, and assists higher education institutions from both countries to establish partnerships, joint degrees and students’ exchanges. It also brings its expertise towards the mutual recognition of degrees in both countries to enhance university cooperation.

Malaysia-France University Centre
Centre Universitaire Franco-Malaisien

With ten years of expertise in the field of French and Malaysian higher education, MFUC has become a reference in Malaysia to students wishing to pursue studies in France. Thanks to nation-wide actions and events, MFUC can inform and assist students in both peninsular and west Malaysia.

Our team of French and Malaysian nationals has all the necessary knowledge to assist students on their choice to abroad, and help them choose the most suitable path of study adapted to their profile.
MISSION & OBJECTIVES

Promote Malaysian and French higher education, by welcoming and assisting student in our office, visiting schools and universities, and by participating in education fairs in Malaysia and in Paris.

Promote the mutual recognition of degrees for a better understanding of the respective higher education systems.

Reinforce the Malaysian Alumni community, and improve their employability by organising networking events such as the annual Alumni Cocktail, or the Career Talk. Facilitate the coordination of the alumni community through the creation of France Alumni Malaysia online platform.

Facilitate access to students, thanks to our expertise on universities and institutions from both countries and the organisation of inter-university events.

OUR PARTNERS

Campus France Malaysia

Campus France is the national agency for the promotion of French higher education abroad. It is present in more than 120 countries around the world with over 240 offices. In Malaysia, the Campus France office was officially inaugurated in 2009 and works closely with MFUC in its activities of counselling and support.

Malaysia French Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MFCCI)

The role of MFCCI is to represent and bring together the French business community in Malaysia. Through joint events, the alumni have been able to meet and network with representative of French companies in Malaysia.

French University Graduates Association of Malaysia (FUGAM)

FUGAM is another important partner of MFUC. Through their activities, the alumni are able to keep in touch with their French connection even after returning to Malaysia.

Alliance Française Kuala Lumpur

Alliance Française has a foothold in Malaysia since 1961 and is the official French language and cultural centre. The Alliance Française is visible in Kuala Lumpur and in Penang.

In Kuala Lumpur, AFKL has 2 centres, Lorong Gurney (main centre) and another one in Bangsar. The Alliance Française is not only a unique language centre with a firmly established reputation but also an exceptional social and cultural environment, with various events throughout the year.

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Education & Linguistic Department of the French Embassy in Malaysia

Your Official Insta for French and Francophonie in Malaysia!
CHOOSE FRANCE!

INTRODUCTION TO FRANCE

PARIS is the capital city

FRENCH is the official language

Euro is the currency

National Emblem

National day is on July 14th

Time zone is GMT +1

At the heart of Europe, bordered by 9 countries

National anthem is La Marseillaise

310,000 international students in France

Most visited country in the world with 84.5 million tourists in 2015

France is known as l’Hexagone (the hexagon) due to its geometrical shape

Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité (Freedom, Equality, Brotherhood) is the France’s national motto

There are over 400 types of cheeses made in France

Studying in France

Malaysia-France University Centre

WWW.MFUC.ORG
WHY FRANCE?

1 Education funded and recognised by the French government

The French government subsidizes a very large share of the actual cost of higher education ($14,000 per student per year) making France one of the least expensive places to study in the world. No distinction is made between international students and French students: the admission requirements, the degrees awarded, and the attractive tuition rates are the same. Postsecondary degrees, based on the European structure of Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate (under the Bologna process), are regulated by the government, ensuring international recognition. Degrees recognized on a national level by the French government are equivalent from anywhere in France regardless of the institution that grants them, and in any European institution following the Bologna process.

2 Quality higher education, adapted to students’ needs

French system of higher education comprises 3,500 public and private institutions. As a whole, the system offers excellent programs at all levels and in many disciplines. More than 1,000 programs are taught in English!

3 A sophisticated research environment

France ranks sixth in the world in terms of domestic spending on research and development. The country’s National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) is the world’s leading research organization (Nature Index, 2015). 13 of 55 Fields medals (the equivalent of the Nobel Prize for mathematics) have been awarded to French nationals. 42% of the doctoral candidates in France are internationals.

4 A world-class economic power

France has the world’s sixth-largest economy. Its gross domestic product ranks second in Europe, and the country is Europe’s second-largest market, with 66 million consumers (IMF 2014, Eurostat 2014). France is also the world’s fourth-largest exporter of services (OMC, 2013) and Europe’s leading destination for manufacturing investments (EY, 2014).

5 An appealing destination for international students

With more than 310,000 international students at the postsecondary level (MENESR, 2016), France trails only the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia (UNESCO, 2014). 80% of those who study in France report being satisfied with the quality of education and the value of their French degree. 9 out of 10 international students hold a positive view of their time in France and recommend France as a study destination (Baromètre Campus France, 2013).

6 A favourable environment to innovation and young entrepreneurs

France is home to more of the world’s top 100 most innovative companies than any other country in Europe (Thomson Reuters, 2014). It ranks sixth in the world in number of international patent applications (OMPI, 2013). 71 competitiveness clusters around the country form an appealing ecosystem of startups, laboratories, universities, and major corporations. French Tech, with €200 million invested, supports the development of digital enterprises and attracts young talent.

### AVERAGE TUITION FEES

- US: $30,000 USD
- UK: $11,000 USD
- Australia: $18,000 USD
- France: $300 USD
A pleasant, fulfilling living environment in the heart of Europe

Situated in the very heart of Europe, France is the world’s top tourist destination in terms of number of foreign visitors (OMT, 2014). For the fifth consecutive year, Paris has been named the world’s best city for students (QS Best Student Cities, 2016). France ranks fifth in the world in the responsiveness of its health services to the needs of the population (IMD, 2015).

The art of living “à la française”

More than 40,000 monuments and protected sites, 41 cultural sites appearing on UNESCO’s world heritage list, 8,000 museums, 2,000 cinemas, and more than 500 festivals attest to the richness of French cultural life. French artists are influential in every creative field. With 15 winners, France is home to the largest number of laureates of the Nobel Prize in literature (Patrick Modiano won in 2014).

French, an international language

Spoken on all five continents and the official language of many states and international organizations, French is the world’s fifth most widely used language, with 274 million speakers. After English, French is the most widely studied language in the world. It is the world’s third most common business language and second most common language of international news (OIF, 2014).

Advanced industries and international corporations leaders in their field

France is home to 31 of the world’s 500 largest corporations (Fortune Global 500, 2019). Several French industrial groups are leaders in their sector and have operations all over the world. Airbus (aeronautics), Total (energy), Orange (telecommunications), Sanofi (health), LVMH (luxury goods), L’Oréal (cosmetics), Danone (food products).

FROM MALAYSIA TO FRANCE

One of the European leaders in scientific and technological innovations. One of the main European countries hosting more than 260,000 foreign students.

Choose France for Studies in Technology & Engineering or Political Science & Business Management

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PRE-FRANCE Programme designed for Malaysian students

In Malaysia
• 4-Semester Foundation Programme

In France
• 2-4 Months Bridging Programme.
• Graduate National Degree
• Further your studies by taking an Engineering degree or Master’s degree

Private students can submit application directly to UniKL MFI

Full Scholarship from:

*Selection of student upon SPM results.
DISCOVER FRENCH HIGHER EDUCATION

Degrees

The degrees awarded in French higher education can be transposed at the European level. The LMD system—for Licence (Bachelor), Master, and Doctorate—is based on the number of semesters completed after leaving secondary school and grants European credits under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). ECTS credits are recognized throughout Europe. A full year of academic work represents 60 ECTS credits.

- The universities confer “national degrees,” which have the same weight regardless of the institution that confers them.
- The Titre d’ingénieur (engineering degree), Master grade, is a national degree. The schools that award it are accredited by CTI, the French national commission on engineering degrees.

- A similar accreditation procedure exists for government-recognized schools of business and management, the degrees of which are approved by the French state and, in many cases, have received international recognition or accreditation.

- France’s schools of art and specialized schools also undergo national certification.

Technical and Vocational Education

The evolution of the global economy has placed a high premium on skills, advanced technical knowledge, and operational know-how as the keys to career advancement. To meet these demands, France’s system of higher education has created undergraduate programs that combine theory and practice, enabling students to gain up-to-date skills, learn the latest methods, and use professional tools in real-world settings.

Brevet de Technicien Supérieur (BTS, postsecondary technical certificate)

The BTS is a national professional degree qualification representing two years of postsecondary study (120 ECTS credits). It is offered in 72 specializations in the plastic arts, industry, manufacturing, and services. Most BTS programs are offered in the postsecondary technical sections of high schools, public or private. Graduates are equipped to perform specialized technical functions in a professional environment.

List of BTS specialties:

www.sup.adc.education.fr/btslst

Diplôme Universitaire de Technologie (DUT, university technical degree)

The DUT is a national professional qualification awarding two years of study (120 ECTS credits). It is conferred by France’s university-based institutes of technology, known as IUTs. DUT programs are offered in 25 specialty areas. Programs prepare graduates to begin a career immediately after graduation. Most require an internship. Graduates may also elect to continue their education by applying for admission to a school of engineering or management or a professional licence. There are 112 IUTs located throughout France.

Licence Professionnelle (professional bachelor)

After successfully completing 2 years of postsecondary study, students may apply to enter a 1-year program that allows them to earn a Licence Professionnelle, a national professional degree. Programs are offered in universities and IUTs.

Opportunities for professional internships and the participation of practicing professionals in the delivery of instruction make the Licence Professionnelle a very effective way to start a career. Across France, more than 40,000 students are enrolled in these programs. More than 1800 programs are offered in 8 different fields.
Research & Doctoral Programmes

Any student holding a European Master or the equivalent may apply for admission to a doctoral program in France. Programs generally last 3 years, candidates who prepare and successfully defend a thesis or dissertation receive the Doctorate.

Scientific research is a top priority in France

- French research publications have the world’s fourth-highest citation rate.
- France ranks sixth among OECD countries in domestic spending for research and development (€45 billion).
- The nation is in the top three worldwide for programs in physics, math, biology, nanotechnology, and biotechnology.
- Its space budget ranks second after the United States.

Joint dissertations / Joint PhD

Under agreements between two universities or institutions, one in France and one abroad, doctoral candidates may prepare their dissertation in two countries and receive financial support for their travel expenses.

Financing doctoral study

Demonstrating the ability to pay for doctoral study is very often a prerequisite for admission to a doctoral program. Doctoral contracts are for 3 years and offer all of the benefits of a formal employment agreement. Each doctoral contract specifies the objective and the duration of the mission. Contracted candidates are entitled to paid vacation and accumulate seniority, just like any other civil servant. The minimum guaranteed gross monthly compensation ranges of €1747/month.

Funding and postdoctoral opportunities, fellowship and internship offers can be found on Campus France’s search engine: http://ecolesdoctorales.campusfrance.org/phd/dschools/main
FRENCH HIGHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS

Universities

In 2015, 62% of the 2.5 million students registered in a higher education institution are studying at university. The 74 publicly financed universities are evenly distributed around the nation. They award nationally recognised degrees, which provide the assurance of a uniformly high level of educational quality regardless of where they are earned—from the famous Sorbonne to the alpine campuses of the universities of Grenoble and Chambéry and the island campus of the University of Corsica.

The universities offer programs in all disciplines, including the sciences (mathematics, chemistry, physics, biology), technology (computer science, engineering, electro-technics, materials), literature, languages, the arts, the social sciences, law, economics, business, health and medicine, and physical education. All of the French’s universities are publicly owned.

The universities offer programs at every level; their graduates receive nationally recognised degrees known as national degrees: the Licence (3 years), Master (5 years), and Doctorate (8 years).

Research, a key function of the universities

As the primary locus of research and training in the basic sciences, the universities ensure that their degree programs stay abreast of progress in basic knowledge and technology.

There are 270 Doctoral departments staffed by 100,000 scholars and researchers providing research training in close cooperation with more than 1,200 research laboratories. The institutions confer more than 12,000 doctorates each year.

Communautés d’universités et établissements (COMUE, communities of universities and other educational institutions)

In 2017, 26 groupings of institutions gathering universities, grandes écoles and other higher learning institutions work together in coordinating their teaching offerings and research strategies. Made up of universities, schools, and publicly funded research units operating within a given territory, the clusters exploit the synergies found among the participating institutions and raise their international visibility. Some of the new groupings have a specific legal form known as COMUE (community of universities and other institutions). Looser groupings are known as associations. Some universities have merged to form university systems. Examples include Université Grenoble Alpes, Université Paris Saclay, Aix-Marseille Université, Université de Lorraine, and Paris Sciences Lettres.

Diplômes d’Université (DU, University Degrees)

These degrees are not national degrees but, because of their specialized nature, they may offer good opportunities to gain specialized training and a university experience.

If French universities tend to be discreet in the international rankings, that is because one of the criteria taken into consideration is the size of the institution. The merging of local institution into COMUE has allowed university to gain visibility, and compete on the international stage.
The Grandes Écoles and the Écoles supérieures

Unique to France, the system of Grandes Écoles (literally "Great Schools") was set up in parallel with the university system at the beginning of the 19th century. The Grandes Écoles offer top-quality education oriented toward practical problems. The system includes schools of engineering and management, the Écoles Normales Supérieures (ENS), and national schools as veterinary medicine, École Polytechnique, École des Ponts... The Grandes Écoles are highly selective; their degrees signify the completion of a rigorous program.

The Grandes Écoles deliver five-year degrees, some of which are recognized by the French government as the equivalent of a national master. They may also offer intermediate degrees and specialized degrees, among them the bachelor (in 3 or 4 years), the master of business administration (MBA), and the mastère spécialisé (MS, 1 year after the master).

To accommodate international students, many Grandes Écoles offer admission on the strength of the applicant's academic record. The degree may be earned in 2 to 5 years, depending on the amount of credit the applicant receives for his or her prior academic work.

Engineering and management dominate the offerings of the Grandes Écoles, but students can also find programs in public administration including political sciences (the specialty of the prestigious École Nationale d'Administration - ENA), military sciences, higher education and research, agronomy, and veterinary sciences.

The Écoles Normales Supérieures (ENS)

Schools of Engineering

French engineers are trained in renowned Ecoles d’Ingénieurs (Schools of Engineering) that offer various fields of specialization: logistics, telecommunications, materials, energy, information technology, civil engineering, construction, public works, agri-food, chemistry, and more. They are sought out by firms in France and abroad. World-renowned French companies—Air Liquide, Alcatel Lucent, Alstom, Bouygues, Danone, Dassault, EADS, EDF, GDF Suez, Lafarge, Saint-Gobain, Schneider Electric, STMicroelectronics, Total, Veolia Environnement, Vinci, etc.—recruit many engineers in these fields.

French engineering programs always include the managerial, international, and multidisciplinary aspects of the profession through the study of economics, the humanities and social sciences, communication, and culture. They also encourage students to do an exchange semester/year during their studies to widen their horizons in various countries. There are over 200 schools of engineering in France, offering a variety of specialized engineering studies.

The Diplôme d’Ingénieur

A protected name that rewards five years of studies in a School of Engineering. It comes along with the Titre d’Ingénieur (Title of Engineer) and entitles its holder to apply to a doctoral program. The degree may indicate general expertise in engineering or more specialized study—in agronomy, chemistry, biology, or information science, for example.
Business Schools

Management is a cross-cutting field that extends across every sector. For the past several years, annual rankings have publically recognised the quality of French Grandes Écoles de Commerce.

Programs in business were first developed to meet the administrative and business needs of institutions and organizations. French business schools (Écoles de commerce) boast excellent academic conditions in terms of faculty, facilities, and equipment at a yearly tuition cost ranging from €3,000 to €30,000 (RM13,500 to RM135,000), depending on the level of study.

French schools of management are ranked among the top in the world:


12 French institutions have triple accreditation (AACBS, AMBA, EFMD), more than any other country in Europe.

INTRODUCTION

Today, Toulouse Business School is one of France’s leading integrated management schools, with a primary mission of preparing students for managerial responsibilities through the development of their analytical, integrative, and interpersonal skills. TBS offers a wide range of programs from Bachelor to Master degree on our 5 campuses: Toulouse, Paris, Barcelona, Casablanca and London. We are proud to be part of an extensive network of prestigious partner institutions and have built strong corporate relationships with international key actors such as Airbus, Pierre Fabre, Capgemini or PWC. Our graduates have the knowledge and network to succeed as future business leaders. Thanks to the quality of our programs and our school, 96% of our students find an employment within 6 months after graduation.

General areas of study

Toulouse Business School focuses to prepare students for high-level careers in dynamic international positions: Management, Marketing, Finance, Tourism, Supply Chain, auditing...

Links and affiliations with

- 3 international accreditations: EQUIS, AACSB, and AMBA.
- 185 partner universities worldwide
- 1100 international students, more than 70 nationalities

Admission Requirements

Bachelor’s degree
- High school diploma
- Pass TBS admission tests (Academic skills test + English test)

Master in Management
- Bachelor degree or higher degree
- Under 27 years old
- GMAT 540 or GRE equivalent

Master of Science (MSc) degree
- Bachelor degree (180 or 240 ECTS) or higher degree
- Bachelor degree taught in English, or TOEFL iBT 80 / IELTS 6.5 / TOEIC 800

Online application Yes
Courses in English Yes
Accommodation Yes
Scholarship Yes
EDHEC Business School

Address  | 372 Rue Verte 59170 Croix
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Website   | www.edhec.edu

Founded in 1906, EDHEC is in the TOP 15 European business schools (Financial Times, dec 2016) and #1 for the Edhec BBA in France. EDHEC Business School offers undergraduate, graduate, and executive education on its campuses in Lille, Nice, Paris, London, and Singapore. EDHEC is among just 1% of all business schools worldwide with triple accreditation from EQUIS, AMBA, AACSB.

EDHEC’s Bachelor in Business Administration offers 4 possible tracks:

- EDHEC BBA Global Business: this track is delivered successively on three continents at EDHEC (Lille-Nice), UCLA Extension (Los Angeles) and Nanyang Business School (Singapore), and is designed for students wishing to study all in English in a multi-cultural environment.
- EDHEC BBA International Management with a Foreign Language: this track caters to students wishing to follow an all-in-English curriculum while learning another foreign language (Spanish and Portuguese, Chinese or German) on an intensive basis completed with a full immersion in their chosen country (Latin America, Asia, and Germany).
- EDHEC BBA Management Studies: taught in French, this track caters for students looking to learn the basics of management and to specialize in a specific industry.
- EDHEC Online BBA is dedicated to professional athletes and/or artists.

General areas of study

EDHEC BBA’s general areas of studies are international business, accountancy, management, marketing, finance, human resources and entrepreneurship. Students can choose from 4 tracks: Management Studies, Global Business, and International Management, and Online BBA.

Admission Requirements

Bachelor’s degree
In order to apply to EDHEC BBA, you shall provide your high school transcripts and complete a ZeeMee profile. For the Global Business and International Management majors, you need to register to the IELTS or TOEFL test.

Master’s degree
www.edhec.edu

Language proficiency
The Management Studies track requires a fluent level in French. The Global Business and International Management tracks require a minimum score for IELTS (6.5) and TOEFL (99) tests.

Mont Blanc

Mont Blanc, located in the Alps, is the highest mountain in France, rising at 4,810m above the sea level. Its name literally means « White Mountain ».

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www.edhec.edu

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LOUVRE

The Louvre museum has been a fortress, a storage room and a prison before becoming the world’s biggest museum.

INTRODUCTION

IÉSEG School of Management is a top 10 French business school recognized for the excellence of its programs, its internationalization, and the quality of its research, with campuses in both Lille and Paris. It has been accredited by both EQUIS, AACSB and AMBA, making it one of the top 1% of all business schools. In 2016 IÉSEG ranked in the top 20 Master in Management programs worldwide by the Financial Times. It is a member of the “Conférence de Grandes Écoles”, a group of the best business schools in France.

Programs offered are the following: Grande École (BBA and Master in Management) (5-years), Master of Science (1-year), MBA (1-year), Bachelor in International Business (3-years), short-term summer programs where students receive ECTS credits, and executive education such as an EMBA or tailored programs. French classes are provided to foreign students at all levels—from beginner to advanced.

The School is made up of nearly 4,800 students, 2,090 of whom come from outside of France, who have opportunities for international exchanges and internships to enhance their experience at IÉSEG.

The School has built solid relationships with over 2500 companies and all students, from bachelor level through masters, can gain work experience through internships.

General areas of study

- International Business
- International Business Negotiation
- Fashion Management
- Business Analysis & Consulting
- Digital Marketing & CRM
- Finance
- Accounting, Audit & Control
- Big data Analytics for Business
- Investment Banking & Capital Markets
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- Management of Information Systems
- Operations Management

Links and affiliations with

IÉSEG has a strong international mind set, notably seen in its partnerships with 250+ universities in 65+ countries, and the fact that over 80% of its permanent professors have multicultural backgrounds and experience.

Admission Requirements

Bachelor’s degree
High School degree with mathematics

Master’s degree
Bachelor degree in business field or non-business field depending on chosen specialization.

Language proficiency
IELTS 6.0 overall score or equivalent for TOEIC, TOEFL IBT

| Online application | Yes |
| Courses in English | Yes |
| Accommodation | Yes (with partners) |
| Scholarship | Yes |
Art Studies

The higher schools of art

Fine arts, applied arts, and crafts are the focus of France’s schools of art offer degree programs at the 2- to 5-year levels. Most are selective, some highly so. Students apply by taking an entrance examination and submitting a portfolio. All have competitive admissions policies that require applicants to pass an entrance exam and present a portfolio of their work. With respect to schools and degrees, a fundamental distinction is made between applied arts and fine arts. Public or private, they are distinguished by their reputation among professionals.

Public postsecondary schools of art and design offer 3-year (DNA) and 5-year (DNSEP) national degrees. Students may also be admitted by transfer into the second or third year.

National higher schools of art: institutional credentials

France’s highly selective écoles nationales supérieures d’art award master-level degrees in applied arts, plastic arts, visual arts, design and creation, textile design, industrial design, and photography.

Public schools of applied arts

France’s écoles supérieures d’arts appliqués publiques award state recognised in very specific fields upon the successful completion of a 2 or 5 years program. Two-year programs lead to a BTS (Brevet de Technicien Supérieur) or DMA (Diplôme des Métiers d’Art); 5-year programs to a DSAA (Diplôme Duperieur d’Arts Appliqués).

Private schools of art

Many private schools offer 3-5 year study programs and awards qualifications specific to the school. Such programs are often costly.

CampusArt

Apply online through the CampusArt network of French schools of art

The CampusArt network offers applicants a choice of some 400 different art programs at the Licence and Master levels. By completing a single online form, students who have completed 3 years of art education may apply for admission to the entire network of schools and track the progress of their application through to the offer of admission.

www.campusart.org

Schools of architecture

Programs in architecture in France follow the harmonized European system of degrees based on the Licence, Master, and Doctorate (LMD). It is organised into three stages:

- The first cycle (3 years) leads to a DEEA (Diplôme d’Etudes en Architecture), equivalent to a Licence.
- The second cycle (2 years) leads to a DEA (Diplôme d’Etat d’Architecte), equivalent to a master’s degree.
- A third cycle of study leads to the DSA (Diplôme de Spécialisation et Approfondissement en Architecture), a national degree requiring 1–2 years of study depending on the field of specialization, or one of the various available DPEAs.

The nation’s 20 schools of architecture, all overseen by the French Ministry of Culture, confer national degrees. www.archi.fr/ECOLES

DID YOU KNOW?

Bernard Chandran

Malaysian designer Bernard Chandran studied fashion in France and graduated from Paris American Academy. He is now internationally renowned, and his designs are worn by Hollywood superstars.
Specialized Schools

More than 3,000 schools and institutes, public and private, are categorized as “specialized schools.” They offer degree programs in very specific areas—among them social work, paramedical fields, tourism, culinary arts, and hotel management, among others.

These institutions offer government-accredited degrees as well as other credentials specific to the institution that confers them. Programs require 2 to 5 years of study. Admission is by examination or on the basis of the applicant’s academic record.

In France

There are many types of academic programmes available in France. The duration of a course may vary from two to five years. Entry-level degrees called BTS (brevet de technicien supérieur) are earned at vocational schools known as Lycées Professionnels. It is a two-year degree offering two options of specialization: marketing and hotel management or culinary arts, fine dining and service.

The BTS can lead to the completion of a Bachelor degree (Licence Professionnelle) with one year of additional studies and can be followed by a Master’s degree at a University or a Business school.

The curriculum enables the student to gain exposure through periods of practical training in France, or even abroad, for a period that can vary from 12 to 16 weeks. Students may even be granted the opportunity to do their studies while working, thus incorporating valuable practical experience as part of their learning process.

Secondary degrees are also offered by cooking schools and specialized institutes, such as the Cordon Bleu, Ferrandi (or the French School of Culinary Arts), the Institut Paul Bocuse in Lyon, Alain Ducasse Éducation in Argenteuil, the École Lenôtre in Plaisir, the École Maxim’s Internationale de Paris, the École de Savignac, the Bordeaux École Supérieure de la Table, or the Institut National de la Boulangerie et de la Pâtisserie in Rouen.

Gastronomy and Hotel Management

Hotel Management

France remains the world’s top tourist destination with nearly 85 million visitors each year. Segmented by cost and quality, the French hotel industry offers one-to-five-star accommodations, including luxury hotels, budget-priced rooms, and major chain hotels. In the recent years, France has developed a variety of exotic types of lodging, such as tree houses, yurts, igloos, bubbles, etc.

Along with Switzerland, France has the distinction of being a top choice for international students. Its hospitality and hotel schools are among the most prestigious in the world.

Gastronomy

UNESCO placed the gastronomic meal of the French on the list of the intangible cultural heritage of humanity in 2010. French gastronomy is a cultural asset with great importance to “cultural identity, as well as to the safeguarding of cultural diversity and creativity of humanity.” The world’s top 10 chefs count six French chefs. These and other practitioners of the “taste professions” – chefs, cheese makers, bakers, pastry chefs and chocolatiers – have carried abroad the singular French vision of terroir, taste, and luxury.

Each September, the Fête de la Gastronomie is held in France and elsewhere in the world. In 2014, it included 9,000 events and 230 celebrations abroad. About 1.8 million visitors attended and 280,000 professionals took part in the festivities.

French group Accor (Ibis Hotel, Etap Hotel, All Seasons etc.) was ranked 5th largest hotel group in the world in 2014, and has the 7th largest brand portfolio in the world.

In Malaysia

France and Malaysia have long-standing university cooperation in the field of hospitality. In 2016, Taylor’s University and University of Toulouse 2 celebrated 30 years of collaboration. Other institutions have followed their example, noticeably HELP University with the Institut Paul Bocuse and Sunway with Cordon Bleu. All these collaborations give student the opportunity to go to France on exchange and benefit from gaining dual degrees.

More recently, the VATEL International Business School Hotel & Tourism Management is the world’s largest institution devoted to education in the field of hotel and tourism management inaugurated a new campus in Kuala Lumpur in collaboration with KDU University College.
STUDY IN FRANCE

How to find your program

- LMD Catalog
  - www.campusfrance.org/en
  - Find your program

Campus France’s online catalog of French higher education includes more than 30,000 programs at the Licence, Master, and Doctoral levels offered by some 3,500 institutions. A powerful search engine allows users to perform custom searches by keyword, field of study, academic level (L, M, D), and geographic region. It also provides links to the Web sites of institutions of interest to the user and an overview of each institution. Profiles of dozens of academic and professional subjects taught in French institutions round out the database, along with information on student services, doctoral departments, and other topics.

Studying in English in France

The catalog of programs taught in English:

- www.campusfrance.org/en
- Find your program
- Catalog
- Programs taught in English

This catalogue presents more than 1,200 programs, including 900 taught entirely in English. Each entry contains essential information on admission requirements, type of degree, accreditation, language requirements, costs, and available programs in French as a foreign language.

The application procedure for these programmes is similar to that of programmes conducted in French. Each institution has its own requirements, but students will generally be required to provide transcripts and degree certificates as well as TOEFL or IELTS scores. Application forms can be found online and usually have to be submitted early in the year for intakes in September.

Do I have to be able to speak French to study in France?

Most programmes in France are taught in French language, but the offer of English taught Bachelors and Masters has been increasing over the past years to satisfy a growing demand from international students. It is now easier to find 100% English taught programmes, it is still recommended for you to learn basic French for your everyday life.

Check out the other side of the book for more information.

Deciding where and what to study is a strategic decision, as it will determine your future career. There are several things to consider, most importantly the programme, the city and the language of instruction.
HOW TO APPLY?

All international students, whether or not they receive additional financial aid, enjoy the same low tuition fees as French students at universities and other public institutions.

This can be explained by the fact that the French government heavily subsidize higher education in public universities. The real cost of a year of study in a public institution is much higher (approximately €10,000 to €14,000 per year). Every international student, like every French student, benefits from this national policy, which ensures the quality of French degrees.

In France, the academic year is organized around one annual intake. Classes usually start in September or October. Every institution handle its enrollment process individually, meaning the application period can vary from one institution to another. It usually begins in March until late April, and results are to be known during the summer.

Thinking about enrolling in the first year Bachelor in a French university?

The request for preliminary admission (DAP)
International applicants seeking admission to the first year of Bachelor (Licence 1) or to a school of architecture are required to complete an application for preliminary admission (known in French as Demande d’Admission Préalable). As part of that procedure, applicants must demonstrate their proficiency in French, either by passing a language test (TCF-DAP) or by earning a degree in French as a foreign language (DELF/DALF).

Application form and required document must be transmitted to the Campus France representative (the office is located in MFUC, Kuala Lumpur) following a strict timeline. Applications are open in mid-November and close in mid-January.

PREREQUISITES:
- Secondary school certificate completed or in the year of completion
- B2 level in French, certified either by DELF B2 or TCF-DAP

To enroll in the second or third year of a Licence program, in a Master’s or Doctoral program, or in a Grande Ecole, students must meet the French-proficiency standards set by individual educational institutions.

**ÉTUDES EN FRANCE**

Enrollment in 3 Steps

1. **Obtain an offer letter** from a French institution. The offer letter is an essential document to provide when submitting your visa application.

2. **Administrative registration.** Upon arriving in France, students must report to their new institution and pay tuition fees for the upcoming year. Student then receives proof of enrolment and a student ID card.

3. **Academic registration.** Following administrative registration, the student should visit his/her new academic department to register for classes and be briefed on examination procedures. No additional charges are assessed for academic registration.

**“Etudes en France” procedure (formerly known as CEF procedure)**
International students enrolled in a Malaysian institution of higher education and coming from a country where the “Etudes en France” procedure is in use are not subject to it. Applications can be done directly to the university of your choice without applying through Campus France Malaysia.

NOTE

There are no officially recognized equivalences between a French and Malaysian degree (outside of the LMD system). Institutions determine the degree equivalence on a case-by-case basis. They can also take into consideration the professional experience of the applicant. Each institution has full discretion to admit applicants and to determine the level at which they will be admitted.

DID YOU KNOW

FINANCE YOUR STUDIES

Having the right funding for your education means everything. It’s good to know that if you decide to study in France, you have a variety of funding options – including full scholarships – to assist you financially.

French Government

Most of the scholarships financed by the French government are administered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and amount to approximately 22,000 grants each year. These grant programmes are of two types:

- Scholarships offered under bilateral assistance programmes between France and foreign governments are offered mainly for Doctoral programs (around 80% of the grants allotted). Prospective applicants may obtain information from the office of culture and cooperation at the French Embassy.

- Eiffel grants need to be applied for in advance, as early as December for the following September intake. Applications should be made directly to the French university itself. The programmes applied for need to be within the framework of the specific programmes run by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its departments in Paris.

Corporations and organisations

Many commercial and charitable organisations in Malaysia offer scholarships for students to pursue a higher education abroad. It is important to read the terms of these scholarships carefully to ensure that you meet the basic criteria, and that France is one of the countries listed. Check out Study Malaysia’s website: https://studymalaysia.com/

Universities

Some universities in France also offer sponsorships to international students. These may be particularly worth looking into if you already have a clear picture of where and what you would like to study, and possess good academic qualifications in that area.

International and European Union programmes and initiatives

Scholarships are also available from other sources. For instance, the Erasmus Mundus programme under the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) offers scholarships to international students with the intended purpose of encouraging students from other nations to study in European Union countries such as France. The programme encourages personal mobility and cooperation between European and non-European academic institutions. Its goal is to promote the European Union as a world-class region of academic excellence and to enhance students’ career prospects. The application process for this grant is very selective and students need to apply nearly one year ahead for the next incoming intake. The application deadline is usually in December.
The Malaysian Government also offers scholarships to students to further their studies in France. There are several existing programmes, all recruiting at SPM level:

** Pré France JPA/MARA Programme **

This IUT-level program offers highly qualified Malaysian access to university Bachelor/Master programs and schools of engineering in France. Students selected and supported by MARA and JPA, they attend a specifically designed foundation program in UniKL-MFI before going to France to pursue their engineering studies.

** Political Science and Business Management programme **

Students with academic excellence, wishing to pursue a career in International Relations, Entrepreneurship or Management can enter this programme. They will be attending 22 months of preparatory classes in UniKL-MFI to enroll in the best universities of Political Science and Business Management in France and graduate in Bachelor and Master. This program is registered under the PILN (Program Ijazah Luar Negara) and is sponsored by MARA.

** JPA - SFERE Programme **

This Engineering programme is sponsored by JPA and handled by SFERE. Selected applicants are learning French in full immersion before starting a 16 months Pre-U in French IUTs. They will then pursue their studies to eventually graduate with a Degree or a Master of Engineering.

** French as a Foreign Language **

Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia is sponsoring young Malaysians to become French teachers. Students are recruited at SPM level, and will do their foundation in Institut Pendidikan Guru Kampus Bahasa Antarabangsa (IPGKBA) before pursuing their Bachelor in France for 3 years.

For more information, you may contact MFUC.

Private candidates can submit their application directly to UniKL MFI: www.mfi.edu.my
APPLY FOR VISA

The short-stay Schengen visa

Non-renewable, this short-stay visa allows staying up to 3 months in the 25-country Schengen zone. This visa is ideal for students travelling to France for language training or short-term educational programs. Malaysian students do not need a visa if they plan to stay in France for less than three months.

Long-stay visa

Students who intend to study in an institution of higher education for a period longer than 3 months need to obtain an extended-stay visa (known as VLS-TS). The visa application cannot be made more than 90 days before departure and upon reception of an offer letter from a French institution.

The long-stay visa also works as a residency permit once it has been certified by the French Office of Immigration and Integration (OFII).

NOTE

Minors must obtain a special visa (visa pour mineur scolarisé en France) but do not need to apply for a residency permit once they arrive in France.

Scientist Researcher visa

French consulates now issue a VLS-TS "scientifique-chercheur" (research scholar) to holders of a degree at least equivalent to the Master who come to France to perform research work or teach at university level. A hosting agreement, signed between the home institution, hosting institution and researcher should be provided by the applicant. This document defines the purpose of the stay, duration of the work to be performed and also specifies its housing and medical insurance.

Holders of a VLS-TS must, as in the case of a student visa, complete validation processes with the OFII. Doctoral students coming to France without a hosting agreement generally benefit from a "student" visa.

Coming to France with family members?

Family members of the residency permit holder are eligible for a residence permit marked “vis privé et familiale” (private and family life). All visa applications should be made at the same time to benefit from the status “conjoint et famille” (spouse and family).

From visa to residency permit

Administrative formalities must be started as soon as the arrival in France, using the official form provided by the Embassy with the delivery of the visa. Some institutions (including many universities) have agreements with OFII allowing their international students’ documents to be submitted through the international office at the institution. Students are strongly encouraged to confirm this with their new institution before arriving in France. In all cases, the visa fee must be paid by purchasing a tax stamp marked ‘OMI’ or ‘ANAEM’ (price may vary from €58 to €241 depending on the visa). Stamps can be purchased in licensed tobacco shops or in tax service centres. Please speak to an MFUC representative for advice on this matter.
We can’t wait to meet you at MFUC