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- ◆ **2.5** million students enrolled in higher education institutions and programs in France (2015–2016)
- ◆ **310 000** international students (12.1%)
 - ➔ up 90% from 1998

Les cercles sont proportionnels au nombre d'étudiants.











58 000
20 000
10 000
2 000

5 000

Évolution des effectifs sur trois ans

● Hausse ● Stable ● Baisse

Country of origin / No of students/ Share / Change/	Change
	1 year / 5 years

Morocco		Maroc	36 768	11,9 %	+4,5 %	+14,8 %
China		Chine	28 043	9,1 %	-5,6 %	-3,7 %
Algeria		Algérie	22 660	7,3 %	+6,5 %	-0,7 %
Tunisia		Tunisie	12 077	3,9 %	+4,4 %	-11,5 %
Italy		Italie	11 188	3,6 %	+8,1 %	+50,9 %
Senegal		Sénégal	8 975	2,9 %	+2,0 %	-8,8 %
Germany		Allemagne	8 532	2,8 %	-2,9 %	+0,6 %
Cameroon		Cameroun	6 963	2,2 %	-0,2 %	-5,3 %
Spain		Espagne	6 817	2,2 %	+2,2 %	+28,3 %
Ivory Coast		Côte d'Ivoire	6 283	2,0 %	+13,6 %	+49,6 %



5 good reasons to study in France

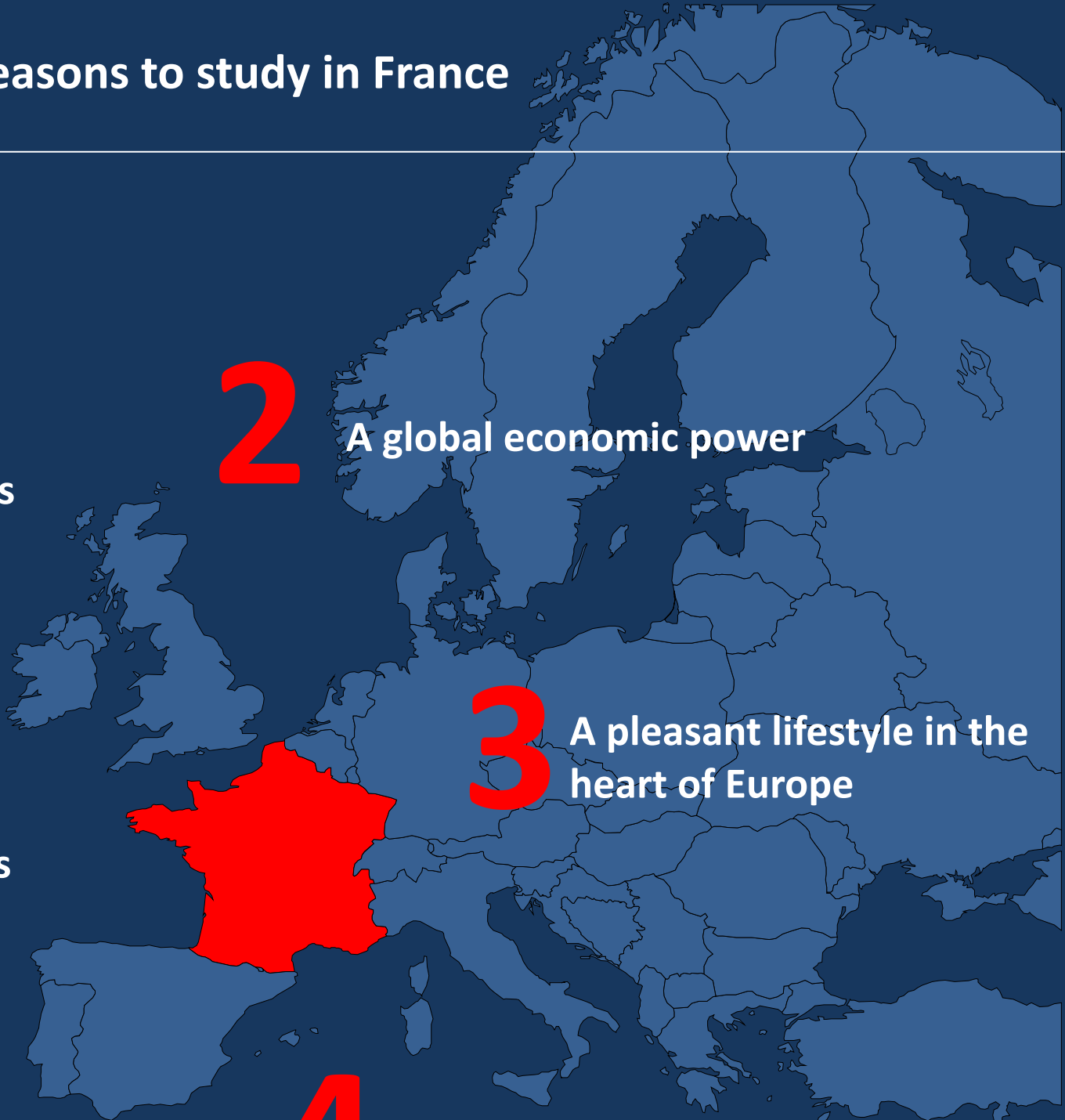
1 Excellent programs in all fields
and at all levels

2 A global economic power

3 A pleasant lifestyle in the
heart of Europe

5 Welcoming to
international students

4 An international language



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Degrees and the European LMD system

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

YEARS OF STUDY	LEVELS	THE LMD SYSTEM		
		Universities	Grandes Écoles Schools of business Schools of engineering	Schools of art Schools of architecture Other institutions (lycées, specialized schools)
9	18 semesters (+ 9 years)	• State diploma of doctor of medicine		
8	DOCTORATE 16 semesters (+ 8 years)	• Doctorate / PhD		
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6	12 semesters (+ 6 years)	• State diploma of doctor of dental surgery • State diploma of doctor of pharmacy	• <i>Maîtrise spécialisée</i> (MS) • Master of business administration (MBA)	• HMNOP (professional credential for independent practice of architecture)
5	MASTER 10 semesters (+ 5 years) 300 ECTS	• Research master • Professional master • Engineering degree	• Engineering degree • Master of Science - MSc • Business school diplomas • Degrees of the <i>Grandes Écoles</i>	• Art school diploma (DNSEP) • State architect's diploma • Diplomas of specialized schools (health, social work, tourism, etc.)
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3	LICENCE 6 semesters (+ 3 years) 180 ECTS	• <i>Licence</i> (bachelor) • <i>Licence professionnelle</i> (professional bachelor)		• Art school diplomas (DNAT - DNAP) • Architecture diploma
2	4 semesters (+ 2 years)	• University technology diploma (DUT)	• Admission to the first year of a <i>Grande École</i> program • Preparation for admission to <i>Grandes Écoles</i> (CPGE)	• Art school diploma (DMA) • Postsecondary technical certificate (BTS)
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■ **Licence** = 6 semestres = 180 ECTS
(Baccalauréat ou équivalent + 3 années)

■ **Master** = 10 semestres = 300 ECTS
(Baccalauréat ou équivalent + 5 années)

■ **Doctorat** = 16 semestres
(Baccalauréat ou équivalent + 8 années)

Licence = 6 semesters = 180 ECTS credits (French *baccalauréat* or equivalent + 3 years)
Master = 10 semesters = 300 ECTS credits (French *baccalauréat* or equivalent + 5 years)
Doctorate = 16 semesters (French *baccalauréat* or equivalent + 8 years)

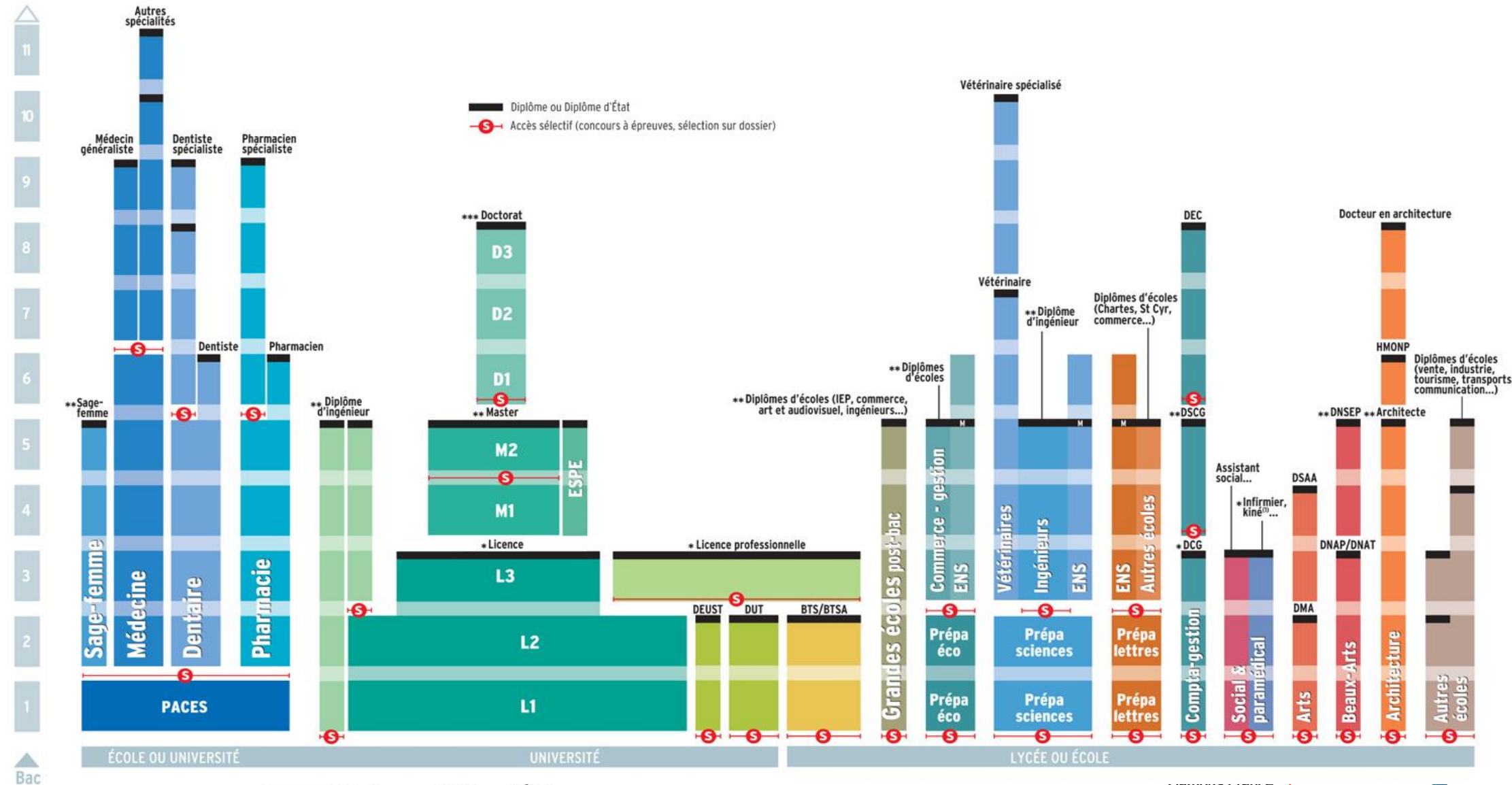
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Diagram of France's system of postsecondary education

Years of study

Nombre d'années d'études



Source: ONISEP 2015

D Diplôme ou Diplôme d'État
S Accès sélectif (concours à épreuves, sélection sur dossier)

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Tuition and fees for major national diplomas at public institutions in 2016–2017

- ◆ Tuition costs in French public institutions are among the lowest in the world.
- ◆ All students, French and foreign, benefit from an indirect tuition subsidy averaging €14,000 per year

Category/ level	Name of diploma	Yearly tuition
LICENCE (bachelor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University technical diploma (DUT)• <i>Licence</i> (bachelor)• <i>Licence professionnelle</i> (professionally oriented bachelor)	€184
MASTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master	€256
ENGINEERING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engineer (Master-level professional qualification)	€610
DOCTORAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doctorate	€391

Tuition in private institutions is higher, ranging from €1,500 to €30,000 annually

Source : MENESR 2016

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Universities

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- ◆ **France's universities are publicly funded** and located in every region of the country.
- ◆ **The universities confer (i) national diplomas (*Licence*, Master, Doctorate) that have the same academic value** regardless of where they are awarded, and (ii) other diplomas that are specific to the university that confers them.
- ◆ Enrollment in the first year is open to all students holding a French *baccalauréat* or equivalent diploma signifying completion of secondary study.
- ◆ **University programs are available in all domains of teaching and research** (sciences, letters, languages, arts, humanities, health, athletics, and more).
- ◆ The universities enroll 219,939 international students (73.6% of all international students in France).



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Doctoral training 1/2

◆ Key figures:

- ✓ 75,000 doctoral candidates
- ✓ 24,500 international candidates — 41% of all doctoral candidates in France!

◆ Candidates enroll in a “doctoral department”

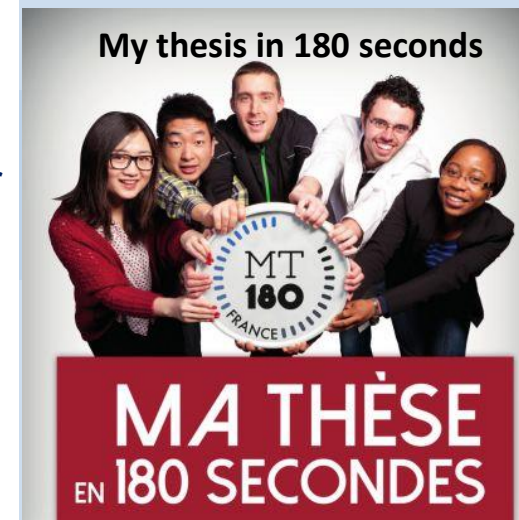
- ✓ Doctoral departments bring together research teams and host teams from one or more educational institutions around specific scientific themes.
- ✓ Doctoral departments organize and supervise doctoral training.
- ✓ Candidates apply directly to the department for admission.

◆ Doctoral training is supervised by one or two thesis advisers.

◆ The curriculum centers on research conducted in a laboratory or research center → Candidates do very little course work.

◆ **Candidates write and defense a thesis to earn the doctorate.**
May be done in English, with a summary in French

◆ **Training** lasts 3 to 6 years (under exceptional circumstances) depending on the discipline.



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Doctoral training 2/2

◆ Types of doctoral degrees

- ✓ Normal, full-time doctorate
- ✓ 1 or 2 advisers; 1 or 2 institutions (*co-tutelle*)
- ✓ Joint European doctorate (e.g., Erasmus Mundus)
- ✓ Doctorate earned while employed at a firm (CIFRE)

◆ Financing a doctorate

- ✓ Most doctoral candidates in France must show evidence of financing.
- ✓ Financing must cover 3 years of doctoral training.
- ✓ It must be sufficient to enable the candidate to concentrate on research.

◆ Types of financing

- ✓ Doctoral contract
- ✓ Contract with research organization
- ✓ CIFRE contract (candidate employed by a firm)
- ✓ Mobility programs sponsored by foreign governments



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The Grandes Écoles

- ◆ **Some of the Grandes Écoles are public; some are private.** They include schools of engineering, the venerable *écoles normales supérieures* (ENS), institutes of political science (IEP), schools of business and management, veterinary schools, and other specialized schools.
- ◆ They offer **professional education of a very high caliber.**
- ◆ Admission is **highly selective.**
- ◆ Grandes Écoles recognized by the French government grant **diplomas from the *baccalauréat* to the graduate (5-year) level.** Some confer diplomas officially recognized as the equivalent of the Master.
- ◆ The Grandes Écoles charge tuition that is higher than that of the universities.
- ◆ **Many courses and some entire programs are taught in English.**
- ◆ In 2015, France's Grandes Écoles enrolled 58,022 international students (2015).



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Specialized schools and institutes

- ◆ More than 3,000 other educational institutions, public and private, offer programs in specific sectors:
 - ✓ Health, paramedical occupations, media, communication, journalism, social work, fashion, design, tourism, gastronomy, military arts, agriculture and agronomy, and political science, among others.
- ◆ These institutions may confer:
 - ✓ State-sanctioned diplomas (pertains only to certain institutions)
 - ✓ Institution-specific diplomas and certificates not recognized or regulated by the French government
- ◆ Duration of programs: 2–5 years
- ◆ Admission by examination or application



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Postsecondary professional training

- ◆ **Programs leading to professional qualifications** have been developed in **cooperation with the private sector**.
- ◆ Gearing training to occupational requirements ensures better preparation for employment.
- ◆ Selective professionally oriented programs are available **in many fields and at various levels**:
 - BTS, DUT, *Licence professionnelle*, Master, *Diplômes d'Etat* (state diplomas)
- ◆ Strong **involvement of private sector partners** in curriculum development
- ◆ Use of **work-study and apprenticeship** models



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Focus on management programs

- ◆ **Training in management** remains a **strong point of French higher education**.
- ✓ **18 French schools** were among the Financial Times' **top-ranked Masters of Management** in 2015.
- ✓ **The top MBA is French** (INSEAD)
(Financial Times 2016 ranking)
- ✓ **12 French institutions hold triple accreditation** (AACSB, AMBA, EFMD), an accomplishment unique in Europe
- ◆ **Programs in the Grandes Écoles**
 - ✓ Programs are offered at various levels.
 - ✓ Institutional quality is reflected in objective criteria.
 - ✓ Most schools are private.
- ◆ **University-based programs**
 - ✓ Programs tend to be research-oriented.
 - ✓ University-based schools of management are known as IAEs (institutes of business administration)
- ◆ Some 20 schools that confer the title of engineer offer specializations in management.



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Programs taught in English

- ◆ The number of courses and programs taught partly or entirely in English is expanding at all levels.
- ◆ 1,200 educational programs were taught in English as of June 2016
 - ✓ 77 at the *Licence* level
 - ✓ 950 at the Master level
 - ✓ 544 recognized national diplomas
- ◆ The online catalogue of programs taught in English
 - ✓ Program descriptions
 - ✓ Admission requirements and procedures
 - ✓ Status and accreditation diploma
 - ✓ Language level
 - ✓ Program costs
 - ✓ Linked courses in French language

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SELECT THE YOUR PERCENTAGE
TAUGHT IN ENGLISH: 100% OR LESS

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Levels in French language required for admission to postsecondary programs

◆ The ability to speak French is ...

- ✓ A major advantage for any academic endeavor.
- ✓ A requirement for many programs.

◆ Levels of proficiency needed to study in France

- ✓ Level B1 or B2 in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is recommended for succeeding in French higher education.
- ✓ Level B2 of the CEFR is required to enroll in the first year of postsecondary study.
- ✓ A higher level (C1 or C2) may be required by some institutions for certain fields of study.

◆ Tests and diplomas in French as a foreign language

- ✓ Various tests and diplomas are available to measure proficiency in French.
- ✓ The tests and diploma programs are given at authorized centers in France and abroad.



Parlons français c'est facile!



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Short programs and French language courses

◆ Catalogue of short academic programs and cultural and language courses

- ✓ A catalogue of more than 300 short stays with information on French-language learning and related cultural outings (food and wine, tourism, and more)
- ✓ Bilingual: French / English
- ✓ Courses in French as a foreign language
- ✓ Winter and summer academic courses
- ✓ An interactive map of France's regions searchable by field of study and level of French proficiency

◆ Immersion France

- ✓ A free, easy-to-use multilingual app for cell phones and tablets listing hundreds of travel opportunities
- ✓ A decision-making tool to help users find the program that best suits their needs and preferences
- ✓ An interactive map for exploring France's regions
- ✓ More than 100 photos and promotional videos



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Certification and accreditation

- ◆ The quality of higher education institutions and programs is indicated by a variety of mechanisms, some French, others international.
- ◆ Such mechanisms generally attest to an institution's compliance with applicable norms, standards, and regulations.
- ◆ All are delivered by organizations (public or private) that are independent of the institution or program being evaluated.
- ◆ Some common terms used to designate such mechanisms:
 - ✓ Accreditation (of institutions or programs)
 - ✓ *Agrément* (recognition)
 - ✓ Registration, e.g., in the French national registry of professional certifications (RNCP)
 - ✓ Certification, a broad term (in France, indicates government authorization of an institution to deliver a certain program, a process formerly known as *homologation*, and recognition of the professional level corresponding to a given diploma)
 - ✓ Label
 - ✓ Standard (as in international standards)
 - ✓ *Visa* (seal of approval)



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Academic and professional recognition of degrees and diplomas

- ◆ **There is no officially recognized equivalence** between French and foreign academic credentials.
 - ✓ Requests for recognition of equivalence are made at the time of application for admission.
 - ✓ **Each institution is free to set the level of equivalence of credential presented by applicants.**
 - ✓ Bilateral agreements for mutual recognition of diplomas may facilitate equivalence requests.
- ◆ **The ENIC-NARIC network**
 - ✓ Information on degrees and diplomas from many countries and procedures for the recognition of academic equivalence (<http://www.enic-naric.net/>)
- ◆ Upon request, **France's ENIC-NARIC center** will issue a document recognizing a foreign credential.
 - ✓ **Certificate of comparability** / recognition of studies completed
 - ✓ An expert opinion, **help in interpreting the foreign credential**
 - ✓ Fee: €70 / case



Centre ENIC-NARIC France

<http://www.ciep.fr/enic-naric-france>

Financing

Grants and scholarships are available from a variety of sources:

- ◆ The French government (april to june)
- ◆ France's departments and regions
- ◆ Eiffel scholarship (mid-october to january)
- ◆ Erasmus, international institutions, and foreign governments
- ◆ Corporations, foundations, and other organizations

Campus Bourses is an online catalogue of grant and scholarship programs

- ◆ **A database searchable** by country, academic level, nationality, and type of financing
- ◆ **Program descriptions:** eligibility criteria, application procedures, contact information
- ◆ **Compiled in 3 languages:** French, English, Spanish



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Les visas de long séjour

- ◆ VLS-TS pour études (visa de long séjour valant titre de séjour) d'une durée de 4 à 12 mois. Formalités OFII dans les 3 mois suivant l'arrivée en France. Carte de séjour préfectorale à solliciter dans les 2 mois avant expiration de ce visa en cas de poursuite des études en France.
- ◆ VLS-T (visa de long séjour temporaire) d'une durée de 4 à 12 mois. Dispense de titre de séjour et de toute formalité auprès de l'OFII). Non prorogeable.
- ◆ VLS-TS visiteur : validation par l'OFII. Conditions de ressources plus élevées que pour le visa pour études. Ne permet pas de travailler.

Les visas de court séjour

- ◆ Visa uniforme valable pour l'ensemble de l'espace Schengen
- ◆ Valable 90 jours sur une période de 180 jours
- ◆ Visa pour études ou pour motifs privés
- ◆ Visa étudiant-concours
- ◆ Dépôt de la demande au Consulat et entretien académique à l'Ambassade



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