

The highest concentration of qualified students

Paris Region offers a world-class education system with an ever increasing number of programs catering to the needs of international students and families. Universities, engineering, business and specialized schools rank among the most prestigious in the world and offer an internationally renowned education, providing each and everyone with the best adapted training curriculum.



Ecole Centrale, Saclay © Carlos-Ayesta

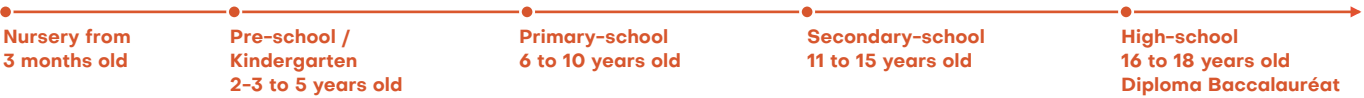
The French Education system

The education system is operated by the French Public Education Authority.

Schooling is compulsory from 6 to 16 years old.

Public pre-school is available for children from 2 years old on.

Primary and secondary Education



Primary and secondary education (public and private)

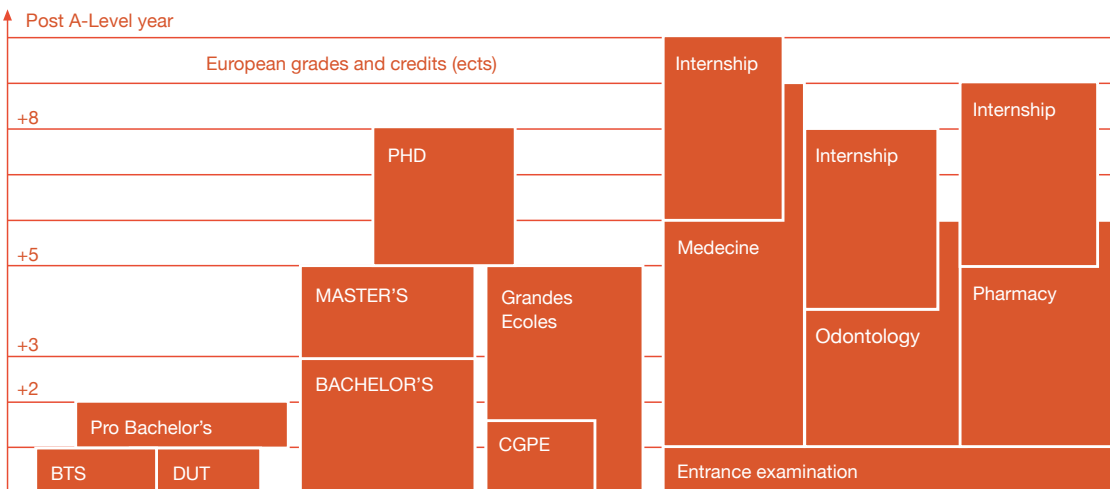
3,200 nurseries
2,881 pre-schools
4,045 primary schools
1,213 secondary schools
811 high schools

Primary and secondary education (public and private)

1,327,948 pupils
90.4% in public schools
1,075,279 students
80.7% in public middle and high-schools



Higher Education



MESR (French Ministry of Higher Education and Research) - BTS: Technical programs - DUT: University Diploma of Technology - Grandes Ecoles: Engineering & Business schools - CPGE: class which prepares students to enter the Grandes Ecoles

Highly educated students

704,500
students

41.4%
of the adult population holds at least a bachelor's degree

384,593 students in Paris Region's public universities

26.3% of France's student population

99 doctoral schools
26,200 PhD students

38%
of PhD students in France

16 Public universities

70 "Grandes Ecoles" (elite schools) incl. 49 engineering schools

Main branches of higher Education

in 2018-19

Bachelor's, Master's degree and PhD: **285,234**

Business schools, management and accounting: **67,148**

Engineering schools: **43,795**

Preparatory classes for the Grandes Ecoles: **29,840**

Advanced technician programs: **45,741**

University Diploma of Technology: **17,695**

Paramedical and human services schools: **27,687**

Other university diplomas, including health: **114,094**

Others (art, architecture, private universities, etc.): **73,363**

67,000
students in business schools

44,000
students in engineering schools

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, RERS 2019, data 2018-19, Campus France

Breakdown of the students in Paris Region's public universities in 2018-19 - Bachelor's, Master's, PhD by field of study		
Fields of study	Total Students	%
Law, Political Science	60,220	15.22
Economics, Administration	48,547	12.27
Letters, Art, Languages, Humanities and Social Sciences	131,597	33.25
Sciences*	77,207	19.51
Sports	7,568	1.91
Subtotal General Fields	325,139	82.15
Health sector	52,847	13.35
University Institute of Technology Fields	17,805	4.50
Grand Total	395,591	100

*Basic and Applied sciences / Natural and Life sciences / Interdisciplinary sciences
Source: Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, data 2018-19

33%
Letters, Art, Languages, Humanities and Social Science

20%
Sciences



Gobelins animation school © Aurélia Blanc – Gobelins

Educational excellence with an international outlook

The excellence in higher education and research in France is widely acknowledged around the world. Numerous Paris Region prestigious universities and higher education institutions stand out in the most reputable international rankings, such as the Financial Times ranking, the Times Higher Education, the Shanghai ranking (ARWU)... Young people benefit from prestigious universities and exceptional graduate and specialized schools.

Prestigious Universities

3 Paris Region Universities in the ARWU Top 100

- Paris-Sud University #37
 - Sorbonne University #44
 - Ecole Normale Supérieure #79
- Academic Ranking of World Universities 2019

2 of the world's 5 best Universities in Mathematics

- Paris-Sud University #2
 - Sorbonne University #9
- ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2018

5 higher education institutions in the Top 200

- Paris Sciences et Lettres – PSL Research University Paris #45
 - Sorbonne University #80
 - École Polytechnique #93
 - Paris University #130
 - Telecom Paris #188
- Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2020

2 of the world's 5 best universities in Atmospheric Science

- University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines #2
 - Sorbonne University #4
- ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2019



National Institute of Art History library (INHA) © Florence Humbert

MBAs and Business Schools

Financial Times Rankings (2019/20)

3 of the Top 10 European Business Schools

- HEC Paris #1
- INSEAD #5
- Essec #7

3 of the Top 5 Masters in Management

- HEC Paris #2
- Essec Business School #3
- ESCP Europe #5

Global MBA program

- INSEAD #4
- HEC Paris #9

5 of the Top 15 Executive MBA programs

- HEC Paris #1
- HEC/LSE/NYU:Stern #3
- Tsinghua University/INSEAD #9
- ESCP Europe #14
- INSEAD #19



Hec Paris © Nathalie Ounjian

Specialized schools

GOBELINS, the school of the image, ranked #2 best school of animation in the world

2018 International Animation School Rankings

Institut Français de la Mode

- #2 best Master in Fashion Management in the world behind Fashion Institute of Technology of NY
- #2 best Master in Art Direction and Communication in the world, behind Central Saint Martins of London

CEOWORLD magazine, Business of Fashion, 2019

ESMOD International, Paris, #7 best fashion school in the world

CEOWORLD magazine, Fashion school ranking, Business of Fashion, 2019

A Region attracting foreign talent

Paris: 7th best student city in the world

QS Best Student Cities, 2019

31% all foreign students in French higher universities

Of these, 80,600 in Paris Region's universities, which is 21.3% of the region's public university students.

8,238 foreign PhD students, i.e. 34% of PhD students in Paris Region

119,500

foreign students in Paris Region

Foreign students in Paris Region's universities in 2018-19

	Paris Region	France	% Paris Region / France
Africa	38,117	129,341	29.5
Americas	8,103	22,432	36.1
Asia	14,514	48,027	30.2
Europe	19,745	60,004	32.9
Others	134	486	27.6
All	80,613	260,290	31

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, 2018

A growing offer of international and bilingual education

Paris Region has an extensive selection of international schools open to more than **23.000** foreign and French pupils from kindergarten to high school: **7** international public high schools and **2** scheduled for 2021 and 2023

Near **120** schools with International Sections (bilingual programs) or Binational Sections offering bicultural education and intensive schooling in **17** different foreign languages.

French schools with International Sections follow the national French curriculum and offer an International Section where foreign languages are taught and where some courses such as history, geography, literature are taught in a language other than French.

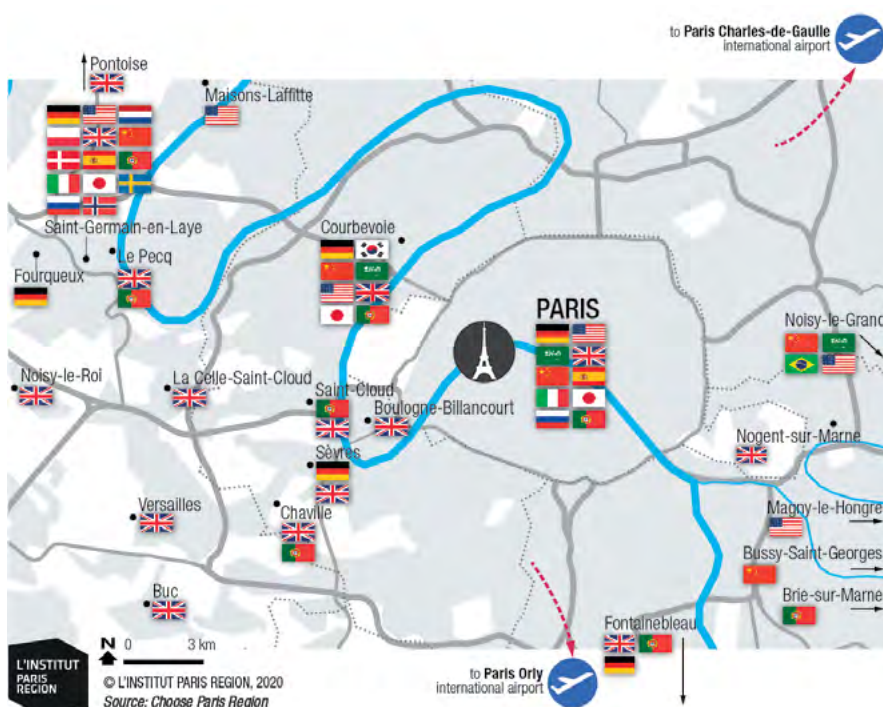
A variety of curriculum and diplomas

Near **40** international private schools, including well-known schools:

- . British School of Paris,
- . American School of Paris,
- . International School of Paris,
- . Jeannine Manuel,
- . EIB Paris,
- . Marymount,
- . Deutsche Schule Paris,
- . Liceo italiano Leonardo da Vinci,
- . Liceo Español Luis Buñuel, etc.

The new European School in Paris-La Défense (Courbevoie) and other ongoing or upcoming school projects.

165 International Sections in 17 different languages



Diplomas in Paris Region	
European Baccalaureate	Courbevoie
International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma	Paris, Maisons-Laffitte, Saint-Cloud, Verneuil-sur-Seine
A-Levels	Paris, Croissy-sur-Seine
US High School Diploma	Paris, Saint-Cloud, Verneuil-sur-Seine
ABIBAC - German Abitur Allgemeine Hochschulreife + French Baccalaureate	Paris, Combs-la-Ville, Le Raincy, Dourdan, Courbevoie, Enghien-les-Bains, Rueil-Malmaison, Buc
BACHIBAC - Spanish Bachillerato + French Baccalaureate	Paris, Noisy-le-Grand, Maisons-Alfort, Montigny-le Bretonneux, Sartrouville, Dourdan, Bois-Colombes, Sceaux, Ermont, Pontoise
ESABAC - Italian Esame di Stato + French Baccalaureate	Paris, Saint-Denis, Saint-Maur-des-Fossés, Rambouillet, Massy, Bois-Colombes, Sarcelles
OIB - French Baccalaureate with an International Option	Paris, Buc, Courbevoie, Fontainebleau, La Celle-Saint-Cloud, Maisons-Laffitte, Nogent-sur-Marne, Noisy-le-Grand, Pontoise, Saint-Cloud, Saint-Germain-en-Laye, Sèvres, Versailles

	Elementary schools	Secondary schools	High Schools		Elementary schools	Secondary schools	High Schools
British	10	20	14	Polish	1	2	2
American	4	7	5	Danish	1	1	1
Chinese	6	7	5	Dutch	1	1	1
German	6	6	4	Norwegian	1	1	1
Portuguese	3	8	4	Swedish	1	1	1
Arab	2	4	4	Russian	1	1	1
Italian	2	3	2	Brazilian	0	1	1
Spanish	2	3	2	Korean	1	1	0
Japanese	3	3	2				

Paris Region international education guide:
internationaleducation.parisregion.eu