

# 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 everyone with the best adapted training curriculum.



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## 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 starting from 2 years old.

## Primary and Secondary Education (public and private)

**3,200** nurseries  
**6,925** pre-schools and primary schools  
**1,997** secondary and high schools

**1,330,500** pupils  
**90.2%** in public schools

**1,087,184** students  
**80.7%** in public middle and high-schools



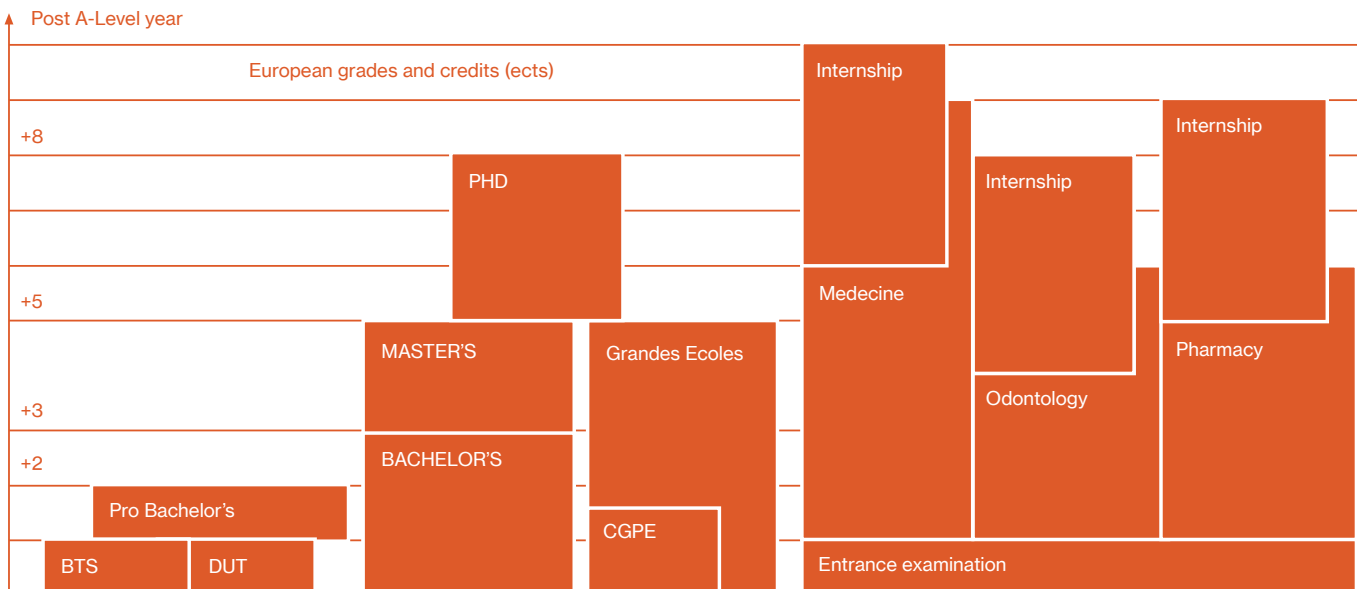
**3,129,966**

students in primary, middle and high-schools

**21%**

of France's student population in primary, middle, and high schools

## Higher Education



### A-Levels

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

**716,751**  
students

26.3% of France's student population

378,276 students in Paris Region's public universities

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, 2020 data 2019-20

**42.5%**  
of the adult population holds at least a bachelor's degree

INSEE, 2020, data 2017

91 doctoral schools  
17,566 PhD students, incl.  
7,429 foreign PhD students  
37.4% of PhD students in France

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research 2019-2020

22 higher education sites, 4 of which have one or more locations

67 "Grandes Ecoles" (elite schools) incl. 36 engineering schools.

Dozens of business schools  
Conférence des Grandes Ecoles, 2021, Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, 2020

## Main Branches of Higher Education

(in 2019-20)

Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD:  
291,342

Business schools, management and accounting: 71,712

Engineering schools: 44,854

Preparatory classes for the Grandes Ecoles: 30,669

Advanced technician programs: 45,539

University programs in technology: 18,360

Paramedical and human services schools: 27,907

Other university diplomas, including health: 109,439

Others (art, architecture, private universities, etc.): 76,989

**72,000**  
students in business schools

**45,000**  
students in engineering schools

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, RERS 2020, data 2019-20

Breakdown of the Students in Paris Region's Public Universities in 2019-2020

Fields of study	Total students	% on total
Law, Political Science	60,575	16.04
Economics, Administration	58,824	14.49
Languages, Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences	129,329	34.19
Sciences	75,395	19.93
Sports	8,146	2.15
Health	50,007	13.35
Total	378,276	100

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, 2020, data 2019-2020



Cité Internationale universitaire de Paris © Antoine Meyssonier

In order to strengthen the attractiveness of Paris Region in terms of higher education and research, the project of the "Cité Universitaire Internationale" (International University Campus in Paris) plans to increase the capacity of the campus by 30% (12,000 students, researchers and artists from 150 countries) per yer with the creation of ten new houses in addition to the 43 existings pavillions, i.e, 1,863 additional units.

### Educational Excellence With an International Outlook

The excellence in higher education and research in France is widely acknowledged around the world. Numerous prestigious universities and higher education institutions in Paris Region 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. Within its best-ranked business schools, MBAs and universities, companies will find a pool of highly skilled talents ready to grow their business.

#### Prestigious Universities

**4 of Paris Region's Universities are in the Top 100 best universities in the world (ARWU 2020)**

- Paris Saclay University #14
- Paris Sciences et Lettres – PSL #34
- Sorbonne University #39
- Paris University #65

Academic Ranking of World Universities 2020

**2 of the world's 10 best universities in Physics**

- Paris Saclay University #9
- Paris Sciences et Lettres – PSL Research University Paris #10

ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2020

**3 of the world's 10 best Universities in Mathematics**

- Paris Saclay university, best in the world
- Sorbonne University #3
- Paris Sciences et Lettres – PSL Research University Paris #10

ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2020

**2 of the world's 15 best universities in Atmospheric Science**

- University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines #11
- Sorbonne University #15

ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2020



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### MBAs and Business Schools

Financial Times Rankings (2020/21)

**4 of the Top 10 European Business Schools**

- HEC Paris #1
- INSEAD #3
- Essec Business School #5
- ESCP Europe #8

**5 of the Top 16 Masters in Management**

- HEC Paris #2
- Essec Business School #3
- ESCP Europe #6
- Edhec Business School #16

**Global MBA program**

- INSEAD, best in the world
- HEC Paris #7

**5 of the Top 10 Executive MBA programs**

- HEC Paris #3
- HEC/LSE/NYU:Stern #4
- Tsinghua University/INSEAD #5
- ESCP Europe #7
- INSEAD #9



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#### Specialized Schools

**GOBELINS, the school of the image, best international animation school in the world**

2021 International Animation School Ranking

#### Institut Français de la Mode

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

CEOWORLD magazine, Business of Fashion, 2019

**ESMOD International, Paris, #10 best fashion school in the world**

CEOWORLD magazine, Fashion school ranking, Business of Fashion, 2020

## A Region Attracting Foreign Talent

**96,400**

foreign students  
in Paris Region

13.7% of students in Paris Region  
30.5% of all foreign students in French higher universities and similar institutions

Of these, 80,700 are in Paris Region's universities and similar institutions, which is 21.3% of the Region's public university students.

57,100 foreign students are enrolled in Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral programs

7,514 foreign PhD students, i.e. 32.6% of PhD students in Paris Region

Erasmus, Régions de France, Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research 2019-20

Foreign Students in Paris Region's Universities and similar institutions in 2019-20			
	Paris Region	France	% Paris Region / France
Africa	38,100	131,865	28.9
Americas	7,988	22,842	35.0
Asia	14,445	48,895	29.5
Europe	20,037	60,983	32.9
Others	167	480	34.8
All	80,737	265,065	30.5

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, 2019-20

## An Ever-Increasing Number of International and Bilingual Education Opportunities

Paris Region offers a world-class education system with an extensive selection of international schools open to more than 23,000 foreign and French pupils from preschool to high school;  
7 international public high schools and 2 more scheduled for to open in 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.

### A Variety of Curriculum and Diplomas

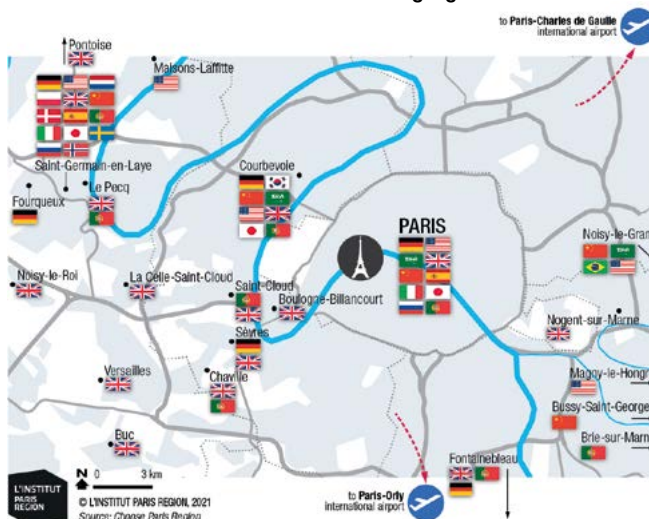
Nearly 40 international private schools, including well-known schools:

- 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

A European School in Paris-La Défense (Courbevoie) and other upcoming school projects.

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 and literature are taught in a language other than French.

### 165 International Sections in 17 Different Languages



	ES	SS	HS		ES	SS	HS
British	10	20	14	Polish	1	2	2
American	4	7	5	Danish	1	1	1
Chinese	6	7	5	Dutch	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				

ES: Elementary schools - SS: Secondary schools - HS: High Schools - Educusol, 2020

Paris Region's  
International  
Education Guide:  
[internationaleducation.  
parisregion.eu](http://internationaleducation.parisregion.eu)

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