

# 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)

**3,911** nurseries  
DREES/OSOL/BCL 2021, data 2019

**6,666** pre-schools and primary schools  
**1,322,460** pupils  
**90.2%** in public schools

**1,990** secondary and high schools  
**1,093,925** students  
**80.7%** in public secondary and high-schools

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, RERS 2021, data 2020



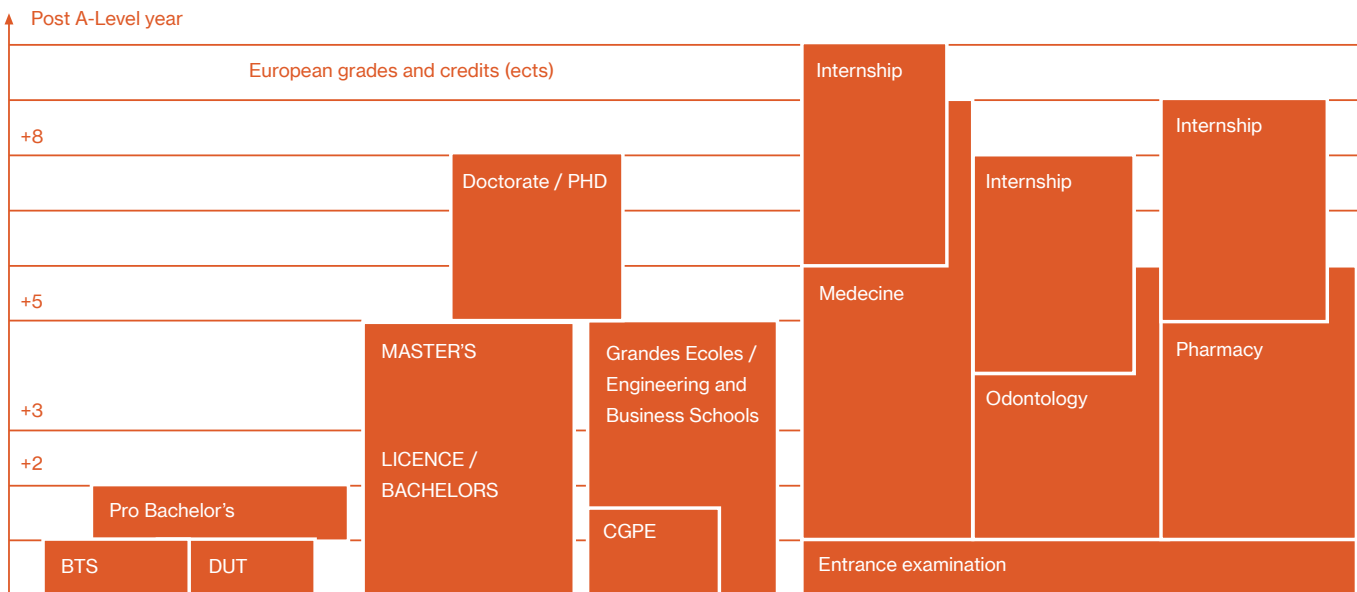
**3,146,553**  
Population enrolled in school

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, RERS 2021, data 2020

**25.5%**  
of the population is enrolled in school

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, RERS 2021, data 2020

## 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

**734,260**  
students

**26.4%** of France's student population

**380,737** students in Paris Region's public universities

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, RERS 2021, data 2020-2021

**102** doctoral schools

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research 2020

**20,264** PhD students, incl. **7,431** foreign PhD students  
**31.5%** of PhD students in France

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research 2019-2020

**43.5%**  
of the adult population holds at least a bachelor's degree

Insee 10/21, data 2018

**24** higher education sites, **4** of which have one or more locations  
Atlas regional Ile-de-France, Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research 2020

**69** "Grandes Ecoles" (elite schools) incl. **36** engineering schools.

**Dozens** of business schools  
Conférence des Grandes Ecoles, 2022

## Main Fields of Study in Paris Region's Public Universities

(in 2020-21)

Breakdown of the Students in Paris Region's Public Universities in 2020-2021		
Fields of study	Total students	% on total
Law, Political Science, Economics and Administration	124,306	29
Languages, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	134,862	32
Sciences	98,116	23
Sports	8,537	2
Health	61,162	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>426,983</b>	<b>100</b>

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research 11/21, data 2020-2021

## Main Branches of Higher Education in Paris Region

(in 2020-21)

LMD Licence, Masters and Doctorates (Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD): **296,540**

Business schools, management and accounting: **81,314**

Engineering schools: **46,415**

Preparatory classes for the Grandes Ecoles: **31,181**

Advanced technician programs: **47,569**

Advanced technician programs in apprenticeship: **22,304**

University programs in technology: **18,879**

Paramedical and human services schools: **29,126**

Other university diplomas, including health: **156,666**

Others (art, architecture, private universities, etc.): **77,559**

**70,000**  
students in business schools

**46,000**  
students in engineering schools

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, ni-sies-2021-14, Data 2020-21



Cité Internationale universitaire de Paris © Antoine Meyssonier

In order to strengthen 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 year with the creation of **10** new houses in addition to the **43** existings pavillions, i.e, **1,863** additional units.

Cité Internationale universitaire de Paris 2022

### 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 2021)**

- Paris Saclay University #13
- Sorbonne University #35
- Paris Sciences et Lettres – PSL #38
- Paris University #73

Academic Ranking of World Universities 2021

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

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

ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2021

**3 of the world's 15 best Universities in Mathematics**

- Paris Saclay university, best in the world
- Sorbonne University #3
- Paris Sciences et Lettres – PSL Research University Paris #13

ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2021

**2 of the world's 20 best universities in Atmospheric Science**

- Sorbonne University #14
- University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines #16

ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2021



Paris Saclay University Open Festival © Evanescence

### MBAs and Business Schools

Financial Times Rankings (2021)

#### Global MBA program

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

#### 5 of the Top 15 EMBA

##### Executive MBA programs

- HEC Paris, best in the world
- HEC/LSE/NYU:Stern #5
- ESCP Europe #6
- Tsinghua University/INSEAD #11
- INSEAD #15

#### 5 of the Top 15 European Business Schools

- HEC Paris #1
- INSEAD #3
- Essec Business School #8
- Edhec Business School #10
- ESCP Europe #14

#### 4 of the Top 10 Masters in Management

- HEC Paris #2
- Essec Business School #6
- ESCP Europe #7
- Edhec Business School #9



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### Specialized Schools

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

out of 178 international animation schools and universities  
International Animation School Ranking 2021

**ESMOD International & Institut Français de la Mode**  
The 2 Best French Fashion Design Schools in the World 2022 ranking

The Business of Fashion 2022

#### ESMOD International, Paris

#17 best fashion school in the world

CEOWORLD magazine, Fashion school ranking, Business of Fashion, 2021



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## A Region Attracting Foreign Talent

**96,400**

international students  
in Paris Region

13.7% of students in Paris Region  
30.5% of all international 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 international students are  
enrolled in Bachelor's, Master's or  
Doctoral programs

7,514 international 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

### International 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:

8 international public high schools and 1 more scheduled for to open in  
2023, 1 European school.

Near 120 schools with 168 international sections (bilingual programs) or  
binational sections offering bicultural education and intensive schooling in  
17 different foreign languages.

### A Variety of Curriculum and Diplomas

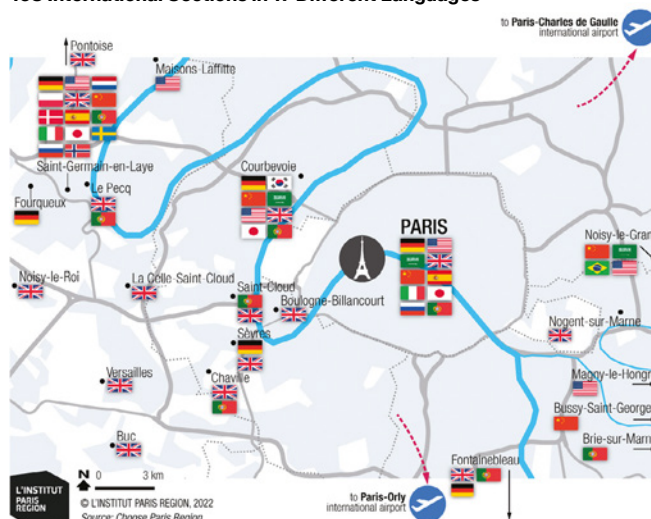
Nearly 40 international private schools, including well-known schools:

- 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

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

Recent international school openings include the European School in Paris-  
La Défense (Courbevoie), an international high-school in Palaiseau and  
other upcoming projects.

### 168 International Sections in 17 Different Languages



	ES	SS	HS		ES	SS	HS
American	4	7	5	Japanese	3	3	2
Arab	2	5	4	Korean	1	1	0
Brazilian	0	1	1	Norwegian	1	1	1
British	10	21	14	Polish	1	2	2
Chinese	6	7	6	Portuguese	3	8	4
Danish	1	1	1	Russian	1	1	1
Dutch	1	1	1	Spanish	2	3	2
German	6	6	4	Swedish	1	1	1
Italian	2	4	2				

ES: Elementary schools - SS: Secondary schools - HS: High Schools - Ministry of Education 10/2021,  
data 2021

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