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.

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

Population enrolled in school

3,146,553
25.5% of the population is enrolled in school

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

Higher Education

Post A-Level year

European grades and credits (ects)

+8
Doctorate / PhD

+5
Internship

MASTER’S

+3
Internship

MEDICINE

+2
Internship

ODONTOLOGY

Pro Bachelor’s

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

BT
BTS
DUT
CGPE

A-Levels

MEFR (French Ministry of Higher Education and Research) - BTS: Technical programs - DUT: University Diploma of Technology
Grandes Ecoles: Engineering & Business schools - CGPE: 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**

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

**(in 2020-21)**

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### Main Branches of Higher Education in Paris Region

**(in 2020-21)**

- LMD Licence, Masters and Doctorates (Bachelor’s, Master’s, and PhD): **296,540**
- Advanced technician programs in apprenticeship: **22,304**
- Business schools, management and accounting: **81,314**
- Paramedical and human services schools: **29,126**
- Engineering schools: **46,415**
- Other university diplomas, including health: **156,666**
- Preparatory classes for the Grandes Ecoles: **31,181**
- Others (art, architecture, private universities, etc.): **77,559**

### Breakdown of the Students in Paris Region’s Public Universities

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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 existing pavilions**, i.e., **1,863 additional units**.

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

Educational Excellence With an International Outlook

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

2 of the world’s 10 best universities in Physics
- Paris Saclay University #9
- Paris Sciences et Lettres – PSL #10

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

2 of the world’s 20 best universities in Atmospheric Science
- Sorbonne University #14
- University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines #16

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

Specialized Schools

GOBELINS, the school of the image
best international animation school in the world
out of 176 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
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


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.

International Students in Paris Region’s Universities and similar institutions in 2019-20

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<td>80,737</td>
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Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, 2019-20

168 International Sections in 17 Different Languages

ES: Elementary schools - SS: Secondary schools - HS: High Schools

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Diplomas in Paris Region

Europe and Baccalauréate

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<td>A-Leaves</td>
<td>Paris, Croissy-sur-Seine</td>
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<td>AIBBAC - German Abitur</td>
<td>Paris, Combs-la-Ville, Le Raincy, Dourdan, Courbevoie, Enghien-les-Bains, Rueil-Malmaison, Buc</td>
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BACHBAC – Spanish Bachillerato + French Baccalauréate

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ESABAC – Italian Esame di Stato + French Baccalauréate

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OIB - French Baccalauréate with an International Option

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