

Study opportunities

Studying in France is not only an opportunity to prove one's ability to adapt to a new country and a different environment, but also to obtain a European degree and to perfect one's command of the French language.

HIGHER EDUCATION IN FRANCE

France		Canada (except Quebec)
Baccalaureate (Bac)		High School Diploma (1)
Bac + 1 year	Licence 1	
Bac + 2 years	Licence 2	
Bac + 3 years	Licence 3	Bachelor's Degree (BA, BSc, BEd) (2)
Bac + 4 years	Master 1	Bachelor's Degree (BA, BSc, BEd) (2) or Honours Bachelor's Degree (HBA, HBSc, HBEEd)
Bac + 5 years	Master 2	Master's Degree (MA, MSc, MEng) (3)
Bac + 8 years	PhD	PhD, EdD

(1) A Canadian high school diploma is not necessarily equivalent to a French baccalauréat (or bac)

(2) A Canadian bachelor's degree can be considered equivalent to a French Licence 3 or Master 1

(3) A Canadian master's degree can be considered equivalent to a French Master 2 only if the student defended a thesis

There are three types of post-secondary institutions in France:

- UNIVERSITIES: Public, they offer programs from licence to PhD. Tuition fees are partially subsidized by the state. French and international students pay only a portion of the actual cost of studies.
- PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS (GRANDE ÉCOLES): These can be public, semi-private or private. Tuition fees vary depending on the school and the program. These are the types of schools:
 - Business and management schools
 - Engineering schools
 - Political science schools
- SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS: These are all the remaining schools of art, architecture, fashion, theatre, etc. Some are public, but the majority are private.



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Canadian students have various opportunities during their post-secondary education to study in France: undergraduate, inter-university exchanges, graduate and other programs.

UNDERGRADUATE

The Canadian high school diploma gives you access to higher education in France.

To find a licence-level program, [Campus France's licence degree catalogue](#) includes a search engine and allows you to find licence degrees with any type of specialization.

To register in first year studies:

- **Parcoursup**

Applicants who are nationals of a European Union or European Economic Area country must log on to [Parcoursup](#) to apply to a French higher education institution.

Non-Europeans apply via Parcoursup for some of the courses that are not offered in universities (e.g., preparatory classes, some business schools, Diploma of Advanced Technician [BTS], etc.).

Check with the institution in question before applying.

- **Preliminary Admission Procedures (DAP Blanche ou Dossier Blanc)**

Registration period: November to mid-January

This does not pertain to universities.

To enrol in the first year of a licence degree at a French university, a [prior admission application](#) (DAP) is compulsory for foreigners holding a foreign secondary school diploma.

Registrations are open to candidates:

- who do not have French nationality;
- who are not currently in receipt of, or will not be in receipt of, a French or European Baccalaureate;
- who live abroad.

- **Preliminary Admission Procedures in Architecture (DAP Jaune ou Dossier Jaune)**

Registration period: November to mid-January

This does not pertain to architecture schools

https://www.formulaires.service-public.fr/gf/cerfa_11962.do

Additional Information

<https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/candidature-enseignement-superieur-france>



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INTER-UNIVERSITY EXCHANGES

If you decide to do your bachelor's degree at a North American university, or that of another country, you have the opportunity to do an international exchange in your third year. Most universities have agreements with post-secondary institutions in various countries, including France. Students can spend one or two semesters studying at a partner university and transfer their credits upon return from their exchange.

If you are interested in such an exchange, it is recommended that you inquire in your first year by consulting the international relations department of your university.

Some institutions also offer dual degrees.

GRADUATE AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

You can find numerous resources at www.canada.campusfrance.org. Campus France is a government agency promoting French higher education. With a network of more than 250 Campus France offices around the world, the agency informs international students about French higher education, guides them in their choice of program and the possibilities of studying in France. In Canada, there are three Campus France offices, located in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto.

- **Information sheets on fields of study**

These summary sheets provide you with information on specific fields of study (e.g. law, health, arts, etc.)

https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/recherche/categorie/enseignement-superieur-et-recherche-en-france-926/categorie/375/type/ressource_documentaire?text=domaine

- **Short Programs and Summer Programs:**

There are a number of summer programs offered by universities, schools and French as a foreign language centres

<https://ecolesdete.campusfrance.org/#/programmescourts>

www.canada.campusfrance.org offers many tools to help you choose a program that corresponds to your level and field of study in French higher education. It also offers practical information on preparing yourself for life in France.