

LEVELS  
DEGREES

## THE L M D SYSTEM

9

**18 semesters**  
(+ 9 years)

- State diploma of Doctor of medicine

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**DOCTORATE**  
**16 semesters**  
(+ 8 années)  
**480 ECTS**

- Doctorate
- Doctoral degrees are conferred by doctoral departments affiliated with France's universities to successful candidates who have previously earned a French master's degree or the equivalent.

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**12 semesters**  
(+ 6 years)

- State diploma of Doctor of dental surgery
- State diploma of Doctor of pharmacy

- *Maîtrise spécialisée* (MS)
- Master of Business Administration - MBA

- HMNP (professional credential for independent practice of architecture)

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**MASTER**  
**10 semesters**  
(+ 5 years)  
**300 ECTS**

- Research Master
- Professional Master
- Engineering degree (*Titre d'ingénieur*)

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- Master of Science - MSc
- Business school diplomas
- Degrees from the *Grandes Écoles*

- Art school diploma (DNSEP)
- State architect's diploma
- Diplomas of specialized schools (health, social work, tourism, etc.)

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*LICENCE*  
**6 semesters**  
(+ 3 years)  
**180 ECTS**

- *Licence* (bachelor)
- *Licence professionnelle* (professional bachelor)

- Art school diplomas (DNAT - DNAP)
- Architecture diploma

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**4 semesters**  
(+ 2 years)  
**120 ECTS**

- University technical diploma (DUT)

- Admission to the first year of a *Grande École* program
- Preparation for admission to *Grandes Écoles* (CPGE)

- Art school diploma (DMA)
- Postsecondary technical certificate (BTS)
- Postsecondary technical certificate in agriculture (B TSA)

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Universities

*Grandes Écoles*  
Schools of business  
Schools of engineeringSchools of art  
Schools of architecture  
Other institutions  
(*lycées*, specialized schools)

Completion of secondary school + *baccalauréat* or equivalent (eligibility to enter higher education in home country) = access to French higher education

\***Crédits ECTS:** Credits earned under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System are recognized throughout Europe. A full year of academic work represents 60 ECTS credits.

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