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What is the role of Campus France USA?

Campus France USA is a French governmental agency that promotes French higher education around the world and guides international students preparing to study in France, either in degree programs or in study abroad programs.

All students planning to study in France for 90 days or more will work with Campus France USA before applying for a student visa.

What is the Etudes en France Platform?

Etudes en France (EEF) is a global international student application platform for the French higher education system. Students coming to France from many countries around the world, including the United States, use EEF in two ways : 1/ as a common application to apply for admission to French institutions (DAP and HDAP Candidates), and 2/ to submit a pre-consular application before applying for a student visa (pre-consular Students).

Who needs to complete an Etudes en France Application?

US Students (and international students residing in the U.S.) who plan to study in France for a period of 90 days or more are required to submit an EEF application. EEF also serves as a common application for international students applying to degree programs in France (DAP and HDAP candidates). All students submit an EEF application before applying for a student visa.

EEF PREP CHECKLIST

DAP CANDIDATE

HDAP CANDIDATE

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Headshot (under 50kb)
- ☐ Statements of motivation (2.500 characters max)
- ☐ Resume / CV
- ☐ Letter/s of Recommendation (optional)
- ☐ Official transcripts (signed and stamped)
- ☐ Copy of the last diploma obtained (high school or undergrad)
- ☐ Results from an official French proficiency Test (TCF, DELF, DALF)
- ☐ French translations of all documents (except for passport and French test results)

All documents should be JPEGs under 300kb, except the headshot must be JPEG under 50kb. Take screen shots of documents and save as JPEGs, if necessary.

STUDY ABROAD & DUAL DEGREE PRE-CONSULAR

- ☐ Passport (JPG under 300 kb)
- ☐ Headshot (under 50kb)
- ☐ Statements of motivation (2.500 characters max)
- ☐ Official acceptance letter from academic program

HDAP ALLEGE, INDEPENDANT, DOCTORAL PRE- CONSULAR

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- ☐ Headshot (under 50kb)
- ☐ Statements of motivation (2.500 characters max)
- ☐ Resume / CV
- ☐ Copy of the last diploma obtained (high school or undergrad) or transcripts stating your graduate date
- ☐ Official acceptance letter from academic program

STUDENT TYPES

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Each applicant should identify themselves one student type.

Students may work with Campus France USA in two general ways: to apply for admission into a degree program in a French institution using Etudes en France as a common application (as a DAP or HDAP Candidates), or to submit a Pre-consular application as a part of the student visa application process (as a Pre-consular Applicant).

CATEGORY	STUDENT TYPE	ETUDES EN FRANCE APPLICATION TYPE
Candidates	DAP	Students should complete the Etudes en France application indicating that they have not yet been accepted to a program in France.
	HDAP	
Pre-Consular Applicants	Study Abroad/Exchange/Dual-Degree (SA/DD)	Students should complete the Etudes en France application indicating that they have already been accepted to a program in France. They should indicate that they are study abroad/Exchange/dual-degree students.
	HDAP Allégé (ALL)	Students should complete the Etudes en France application indicating that they have already been accepted to a program in France. They should indicate that they are NOT study abroad/Exchange/dual-degree students.
	Independent (IND)	
	Doctoral Students (D)	

DETAILED STUDENT TYPES

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Candidates Students using Etudes en France as a common application to apply for one or more degree programs in French universities. Candidates will work with a Campus France USA advisor to apply to multiple programs in France for which they are qualified. The benefit of applying through Etudes en France as a candidate is that students use one common application to apply to multiple programs in France. Applicants to L1 programs must apply as a DAP Candidate through Etudes en France. Candidates fall into two student types: DAP and HDAP. These students have not yet been accepted to a program in France.	DAP Candidates Students using Etudes en France to apply to enter a French university at the Licence 1 level. These candidates may apply to up to three L1 programs using one application. Students applying to an Architecture program in France are also considered DAP candidates, they may apply to up to two programs using Etudes en France as a common application. Students apply for Medical studies in France are DAP Candidates. Note: Licence 1 students must apply through Etudes en France, they may not apply directly to French institutions.
	HDAP Candidates Students using Etudes en France to apply to enter a French university at the Licence 2, Licence 3, or Masters level. These candidates may apply to up to seven programs using one application. Some programs require candidates to apply as a HDAP Candidate and apply directly to the school (called parallel procedures). Note: L2, L3, and Masters students also have the option to apply directly to French institutions for these programs, and the submit a pre-consular HDAP Allégé application.
Pre-Consular Applicants All other students who have already secured their position within a French university; school, or study abroad program complete a Pre-Consular application. These students have already been accepted to a program in France. The Pre-Consular application is very simple and is a mandatory step before students apply for a student visa. All US students who are planning to study in France for a period of over 90 days will complete a Pre-Consular Etudes en France application before they apply for a student visa. Campus France verifies the nature of the program, maintains a database for France's Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, and is tasked with verifying that each applicant meets the criteria to apply for a student visa. Note: Pre-Consular students who will be under 18 on the start date of their program in France will not apply through Campus France/Etudes en France. These students will apply for a School-going minor visa .	Study Abroad/Dual-Degree (SA/DD) Students enrolled in a US college or university who will study abroad in France, in any type of institution, for a period of over 90 days, and who will earn credits transferable to their home university in the US. Students pursuing dual or joint degrees also fall into this category. Doctoral students who will remain enrolled in a US institution but will pursue research in a French institution as a student (without a convention d'accueil) also fall into this category.
	HDAP Allégé (ALL) Students who have applied directly to a French institution of higher education and already gained admission to a L2, L3, or Masters program. Essentially, if you've been admitted to a degree program in France by applying directly through the institution, you will still need to complete a Pre-Consular Etudes en France application to apply for a visa, and you are considered HDAP Allégé (which is a simplified HDAP application).
	Independent (IND) Students who have been admitted independently to a non-degree-granting program in France. This may be a certificate program, a FLE (French as a foreign language) program, an art or gastronomy program, etc. If you are not earning a Licence, Masters, or Doctoral degree during your program in France, you are an independent student.
	Doctoral Students (D) Students who have been admitted to a doctoral program in France by applying directly through the French institution. These students may be required to complete a Pre-Consular Etudes en France application if they plan to apply for a student visa.

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December 15th : Deadline for application submissions

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- Official academic transcripts an most recent diplomas OR letter of good standing from academic advisor
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SELECTION AND DECISION

You will then be notified via the Etudes en France platform of the admissions decisions. You will then confirm your final selection of the program you intend to enroll in.

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Resume	An updated resume that includes your most recent academic and professional achievements. Prepare this document and then save it as a JPEG under 300kb.
Letter/s of Recommendation	While not always obligatory, we suggest obtaining 1-2 letters of recommendation from academic references when applying to programs in France.
Transcripts	You will be required to scan and upload your most recent official transcripts. Unofficial transcripts are not accepted. A PDF version of your official transcripts is fine, if there is a watermark that appears on official hard copies when you scan them, that is fine for our purposes
Diploma	We will require a copy of the most recent degree or diploma you received (high school or college).
French Proficiency Test Results	Results from an official French language test are required. DAP Candidates must have a min. B2 level. Check your program's specific pre-requisites, you may need a higher level.
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Check your passport

Student visa applicants must have a passport that will be valid for at least 90 days after the end date of your program in France. If you don't have a passport, or if your passport will expire before then, apply for a new passport right away. Your passport must also have two consecutive blank visa pages that are side by side (like looking at an open book) plus a third blank page for an immigration sticker. If your passport is full, you will need to renew it. If you are citizen of a country other than the US, upload a copy of your proof of legal status in the US (permanent resident card, etc.) as well as your passport.

Be thoughtful about your letter/s of recommendation

Find someone familiar with your academic or professional contributions and reach out to them about your application. Contact potential recommenders at least one month in advance of your application submission. Be conscientious about how you reach out and give recommenders adequate time to complete the letter. Provide your recommender with your resume, a clear description of the programs you are applying to, and why you think you're a strong candidate. You could also draft an annex to your resume that highlights courses you took (with your grades and specific projects) with the recommender. Your recommender should send you the Letter of Recommendation, you will then upload it as a document attached to your EEF application. Make sure your recommender knows that you will see the letter, even if they email it directly to Campus France USA. The letter/s should be general, and not specific to one program to which you are applying, since the admissions officers at all of your programs will see the documents.

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COMPLETE APPLICATION

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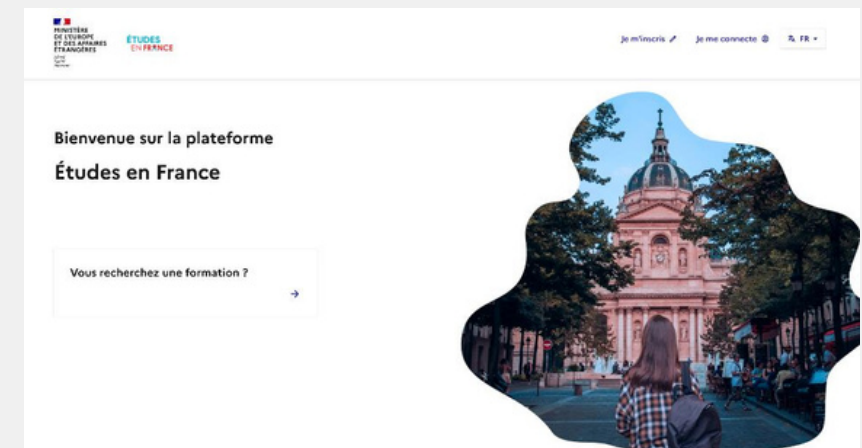
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**Pay
Fee**

Visit usa.campusfrance.org/pay-the-etudes-en-france-application-fee and pay the application fee of \$460 USD for DAP and HDAP candidates.

Paying the application fee is confirmation that we will begin to review your Etudes en France application. Campus France USA does not begin to review applications until the application fee is paid for the student. Your application should be complete before you submit the application fee. If you still have some lingering questions or several additional documents to submit, you can still pay the fee and we will assist you to finalize your application. Some students are exempt from the fee, read the information on the web page above to follow instruction if you are exempted. Payment or requests for exemption must be submitted by the application deadline (see detail on the Campus France USA website).

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**Submit
Application**

Once you have completed your Etudes en France application with the required documents and information, submit the application on the Etudes en France platform.

Payment of the application fee is what allows Campus France USA to begin to review your application. For more detail, calendar and deadlines please read the information on our website : usa.campusfrance.org/application-overview

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**Phone
Interview**

When your application fee is paid and your application submitted, you will be contacted to schedule a 20-minute phone interview with Campus France agent.

This is a chance for the Campus France agent to get to know your academic and professional motivations in a more substantive way. To prepare, ensure that you have drafted your statements of motivation, prepare any question you want ask, and be ready to simply share more about your plans and your academic aspirations. Part or all of this interview may be conducted in French if you are applying in Taught in French programs.

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Review**in France**

Once your phone interview is complete, your application will be submitted by Campus France USA for review by universities admissions officers in France

Following the interview, your completed application will now be submitted by your Campus France USA advisor to the admissions departments of programs to which you are applying. They will review and give an answer to your application.

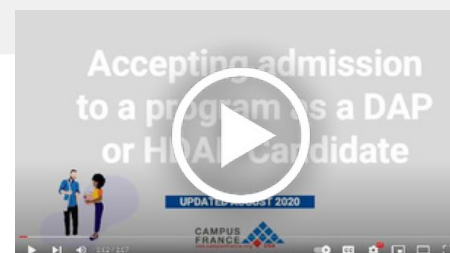
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Admissions**Decisions**

You will receive admissions decisions from the universities and will make your decision to accept or refuse admissions offers

You will then receive admissions decisions from French universities. You will see the admissions decisions in the Etudes en France platform in your account when they are ready. You will then make your decision regarding accepting an admission offer. You may only accept one admissions offer.

Please watch this video tutorial on accepting an admissions offer as a DAP/HDAP candidate



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Pre-Consular**Dossier**

Once you have confirmed your admission into a program, Campus France USA will help you submit the Pre-consular section of your Etudes en France application and apply for a student visa

Congratulations ! You have accepted an admission offer! Your Etudes en France application will be automatically transformed into a Pre-Consular application that your Campus France USA agent will assist you in completing. You will then use the Confirmation Email and Etudes en France Certificate to apply for a student visa.



Where can I begin my research on programs in France?

In order to find information about program in France, you may find useful to explore our [online catalogs for undergraduate, and graduate programs in France](#). You can narrow your search by regions, institutes, and field of studies. Additional resources can be found on Campus France USA website, but also on the general Campus France Paris website. For instance, [Label Bienvenue en France](#) is a new initiative of Campus France which creates a badge system for French institutions to showcase schools that have robust international student services.

The Label does not rank the quality of the academic program but ranks the quality of the international student services provided, and the extent to which the school has developed the infrastructure to welcome international students across a variety of criteria. It is useful to look for this Label as you search in the catalogs to have a better sense of how the transition would be into that program.

Do I need to accept the first university that offers me admission?

No, you can wait until you receive admissions decisions from all the institutions to which you applied. You will just need to make sure that you make your selection before the deadline (May 31st).

Can I register to take the TCF, DELF, DALF or another French Language proficiency exam if I do not find a TCF DAP session that is available in my area or is offered during the timeframe I need?

We strongly recommend that DAP candidates plan ahead to register for and take a TCF DAP exam. However, if you are unable to due to your timeline of if the TCD DAP is nos offered near you, we can accept results from the TCF, DELF or DALF exams.

What should I do if I haven't received notifications from a prospective institution?

You should be notified by the deadline fixed in the DAP calendar. However, if the deadline is approaching and you still haven't received notifications from prospective institutions, you may contact directly the institutions and inquire about your application and the timeline for when a decision will be made.

Am I guaranteed admission into at least one of my selected programs?

The Etudes en France DAP application is a common admission application for international students, allowing you to apply to up to 3 programs in different institutions using one application. Applying through Etudes en France does not guarantee admission into one of the selected programs.

May I translate my own documents?

Unless otherwise specified by prospective institutions, certified translation is mandatory for the diploma and official academic transcripts. All other documents (recommendation letters, resume ... etc.) may be freely translated by you, or someone you know. Please note however these are official supporting documents in your admission application, and they need to be in perfect French. We invite you to check with your prospective institutions their translations requirements. We suggest finding a translator via the [American Translator Association](#).

How will I be notified when I am accepted and rejected for a program I selected?

- If the program is from an institution connected to our Etudes en France platform, you will receive a notification directly on Etudes en France.
- If you have been notified by email but there is no indication on the EEF platform, you should contact directly the prospective institution and request that they confirm their decision on the Etudes en France platform.
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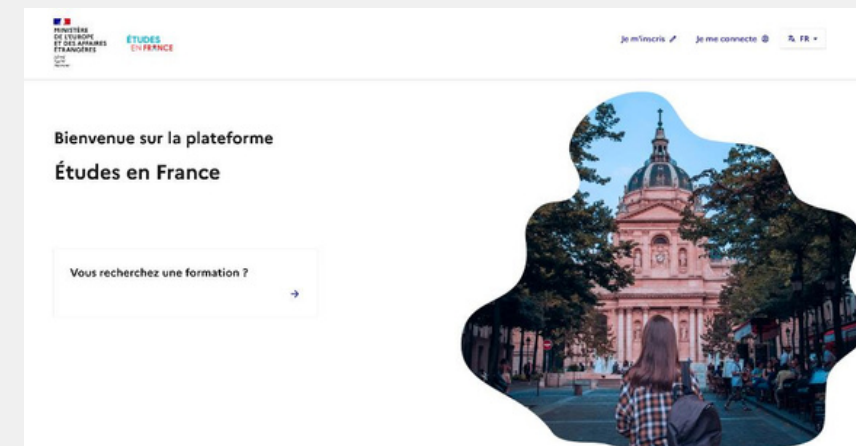
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This is a chance for the Campus France agent to get to know your academic and professional motivations in a more substantive way. To prepare, ensure that you have drafted your statements of motivation, prepare any question you want ask, and be ready to simply share more about your plans and your academic aspirations. Part or all of this interview may be conducted in French if you are applying in Taught in French programs.

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Review**in France**

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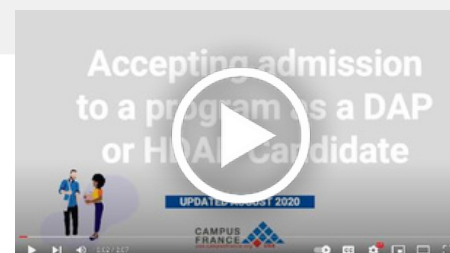
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You will receive admissions decisions from the universities and will make your decision to accept or refuse admissions offers

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Please watch this video tutorial on accepting an admissions offer as a DAP/HDAP candidate



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Pre-Consular**Dossier**

Once you have confirmed your admission into a program, Campus France USA will help you submit the Pre-consular section of your Etudes en France application and apply for a student visa

Congratulations ! You have accepted an admission offer! Your Etudes en France application will be automatically transformed into a Pre-Consular application that your Campus France USA agent will assist you in completing. You will then use the Confirmation Email and Etudes en France Certificate to apply for a student visa.

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How can I apply to a program from an institution not connected to the Etudes en France platform?

If the program you are interested in is from an institution not connected to our Etudes en France platform, you must submit an admission application directly on the institution admission platform. Please make sure to first check the program requirements, the deadline and the admission procedure on the institution website.

What does “procédure parallèle” mean?

This mean that in addition to the Etudes en France candidacy procedure, you must submit another admission application directly to the prospective institution on their own admission system. It may mean that they have additional requirements that they are not able to gather through Etudes en France, or that they have their own system for admission review.

If the program I am interested in is in your EEF catalog, but the institution is not connected to your EEF platform, should I still submit an application on the EEF platform?

If the program you are interested in is available in our EEF catalog, but the institution is not connected to our Etudes en France platform, you must submit your admission application directly to the prospective institution on their admission platform.

Then when admitted, you will work with Campus France USA to submit a simplified Etudes en France pré-consular application that is mandatory before you apply for a student VISA

We invite you to contact directly the prospective institution and check:

- if the program is still open to applications for the upcoming academic year;
- if the program is included in the Campus France catalog;
- if the name of the program has been changed.

If the prospective institution confirms that the program is in the Etudes en France catalog and you still can't find it, please ask the Campus France representative in charge of your application to assist you.

What should I do if a prospective institution has a different deadline than the EEF candidacy deadlines?

The HDAP admission calendar, included in the EEF platform, is informative and followed by most institutions connected to the Etudes en France platform. However, some institutions may decide to have an earlier or a later deadline. It is therefore recommended that before starting the application, you check the deadline for each program you are interested in to ensure your application is submitted on time. If the deadline is earlier than the one on EEF, you must submit and get your Etudes en France application processed before that deadline. If the deadline is later than one on EEF, we encourage you to submit your application by the EEF deadline. After the EEF deadline, you will have to submit your admission application directly to the institutions and will not be able to use the Etudes en France common application as a candidate.

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How should I submit specific documents requested by prospective institutions (research project, written motivation letter, specific recommendation letter, etc.)?

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Can I translate my own documents?

Unless otherwise specified by prospective institutions, certified translation is mandatory for the diploma and official academic transcripts. All other documents (recommendation letters, resume, etc.) may be freely translated by you, or someone you know. Please note however these are official supporting documents in your admission application, and they need to be in perfect French. We invite you to check with your prospective institutions their translations requirements. We suggest finding a translator via the [American Translator Association](#).

All of the programs I selected are taught in English. Should I still submit translation of my documents and a French proficiency test?

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What should I do if I haven't received notifications from a prospective institution?

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Am I guaranteed admission into at least one of my selected programs?

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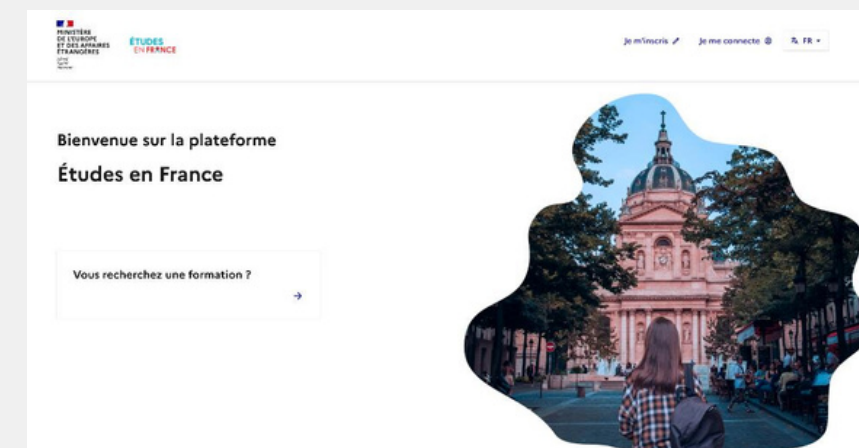
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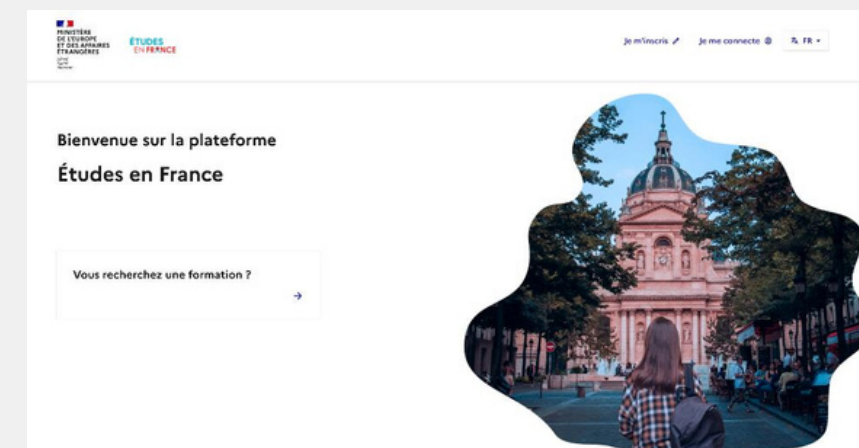
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- Your full name
- Exact start and end dates (day, month, and year) of the academic program in France. Approximate dates are not accepted.
- Full contact information for the individual administrator, faculty member, or program director issuing the letter
- Signature or stamp of the institution
- Full address of the institution that will host or manage the program in France
- If there are multiple institutions involved in facilitating your study program in France, every institution and its role needs to be clearly indicated on your Acceptance letter.
- The letter needs to be on institutional letterhead

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Complete Application

Tips

- The Etudes en France application platform is **optimized for Firefox**. If you have trouble accessing the application or have any technical issues, use Firefox after clearing the cache of your browser.
- **Use the Etudes en France messaging system** to contact Campus France USA with questions during your application process.



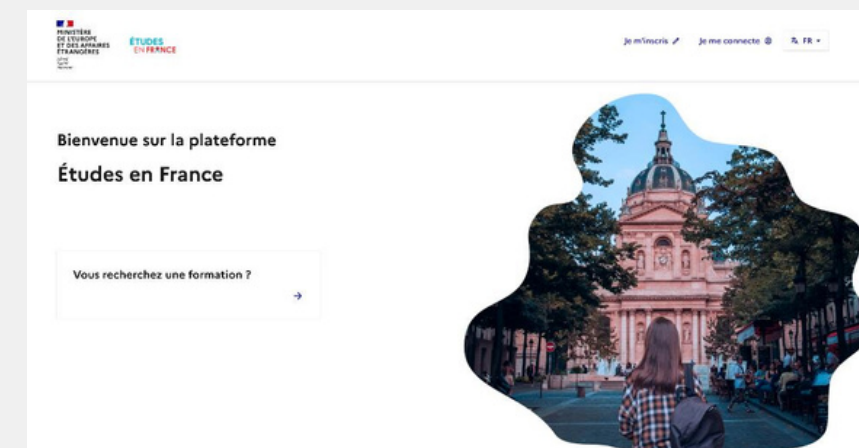
Video Tutorial

Creating an account on
Etudes en France



Video Tutorial

Completing an Etudes en
France Application
(Independent & Doctoral Pre-
Consular Students)



Access Application
[Etudes en France Application](#)
[Log-In](#)

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Pay Fee

Visit usa.campusfrance.org/pay-the-etudes-en-france-application-fee and pay the application fee of \$460 USD for review. Regular review ensures your application, if complete, will be reviewed within three weeks of payment submission. Expedited review ensures your application, if complete, will be reviewed within three days of payment submission. All incomplete application or applications with errors in any documents submitted may require a longer review period. Paying the application fee after submitted your completed Etudes en France application allows Campus France USA to begin the review of your application.

Expedited review is NOT available for Independent (French language classes, Cuisine, etc.) and Doctoral Students.

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Review & Confirmation

Campus France USA will review your application within the stated period.

Independent and Doctoral students will be contacted for a brief phone interview within the review period. Please be available by phone during the review period of your application.

When your application has been reviewed and validated, you will receive a confirmation email (in French or in English, depending on the language in which you completed the application).

You will need to print this email and bring it with you to your visa appointment, it is required in order to apply for a student visa.

In addition to the Confirmation Email, you will also need an Etudes en France Electronic Acceptance letter to complete your student visa application.

Once you receive your Confirmation email, you may log back into your Etudes en France account. From the Welcome page, click on your application tab: 'Already Accepted' (Pre-Consular Applicants). Click on Step 1 – Finalize the procedure. The PDF icon for the Acceptance Letter will be under the Main Study Program section. This PDF is generated when Campus France USA has completed the review of the Etudes en France application. Depending on your application type, the document will be entitled 'Confirmation d'acceptation' or 'Accord préalable d'inscription'.

FAQs

Independent & Doctoral

How do I know if my application is being processed?

When we receive the application fee, we will validate that payment within 1-2 business days. When we validate the payment, you will receive an Email message via the Etudes en France platform that reads: "Your Payment of \$460 has been processed."

This message will also include a PDF of your payment receipt. If you receive this message, this means that your application is in the pipeline and will be processed within the 3-week review timeline.

How can I check the status of my application?

Due to the volume of students with whom we work and the capacities of the Etudes en France platform, real time updates on application processing are not possible. If your application was not reviewed within the 3-week processing timeline, or if you have another question about your application, please contact us via the Etudes en France messaging tool.

I'm having trouble creating my Eef Account. What should I do?

We suggest using an email address NOT ending in .edu, as university email servers sometimes have security issues with the Etudes en France platform. An email with a link to create a password and activate your account is automatically sent to your email address. Note that the email may be in your spam folder/s and that the activation link expires within 24 hours. If you believe that you have not received the activation email, you will need to wait 24 hours before registering again with the same email address.

I would like to pursue multiple consecutive programs in France, how should I indicate this on Etudes en France? For example, a FLE program of 2 months followed by a certificate program of 2 months.

Many students decide to pursue multiple consecutive programs in France. You may combine more than one program in France. (FLE + FLE, FLE + Masters), but you may not combine more than one degree program in France in one application (Master 1 + Master 2). When completing the Etudes en France application, you can Add an additional program on the Etudes en France platform in Section 1: Finalize the procedure in your student account. Scroll to I am NOT a study abroad student... and click the blue Add button to add your second program. You will be required to provide a complete official Acceptance letter for all programs to which you have been accepted. Please note that the combined length of instructional periods of your multiple programs in France, not including any breaks in between programs, needs to be 90 days or more in order to be considered eligible for a student visa.

Where can I find more resources for study abroad students?

More information for study abroad students may be found on our website at:

<http://www.usa.campusfrance.org/study-abroad-in-france>

VISA

Student Visa Application



Please refer to the Student Visa Guidelines

Once your Etudes en France application has been reviewed, and you have received your Confirmation Email, you may move forward to apply for a student visa. Campus France USA does not make decisions on visa issuance, these decisions are the sole responsibility of the Visa Service of the French Consulate. More information about the visa application and required documents can be found in our Student Visa Guidelines at usa.campusfrance.org/student-visa-guidelines

CONTACTS

Useful Contacts

ETUDES EN FRANCE QUESTIONS

Use the Etudes en France messaging system on the application platform if you have an EEF account and have already started an application

Contact Campus France USA at washington@campusfrance.org only if you do not already have an EEF account.

GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT STUDYING IN FRANCE

Visit usa.campusfrance.org

Contact Campus France USA at washington@campusfrance.org

APPLICATION FEE AND PAYMENT QUESTIONS

Contact Campus France USA at washington@campusfrance.org

VISA QUESTIONS

If you submitted your visa application at a TLS Center under three weeks ago, check the TLS application tracking.

Choose 'United States' and follow the instructions to access the tracking. If you submitted your visa application at a TLS Center over three weeks ago, have already checked TLS tracking, and still have questions, email the Visa Service of the French Consulate at visas.washington-fslt@diplomatie.gouv.fr to inquire.