

Why study in France? Discover the top ten reasons in 2025

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Abstract—In 2025, France remains a global leader in international education, ranking as the top non-Anglophone destination for students worldwide. The French value proposition is built on four fundamental pillars: academic excellence, economic accessibility, innovation, and quality of life. Academic Prestige and Global Recognition France ensures its degrees are recognized and respected by employers and academic institutions across the globe. - Unbeatable Financial Support the French government heavily subsidizes higher education. While offering over 1,700 programs taught entirely in English, it also provides the unique opportunity to master French—the 5th most spoken language globally—which is a major asset in international business. - A Hub for Innovation and Language - Strategic Gateway to Europe - Located at the heart of the Schengen Area, France offers unparalleled mobility.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Are you thinking about learning in France? Are you convinced that you need to know everything before you start? Don't worry, we provide you with all the useful information to make your study project a reality.

France, this country that captivates and intrigues, known for its excellent educational system and landscapes worthy of the greatest world expositions! The reasons for choosing the hexagon are numerous and distinct. We believe that being well-informed is the cornerstone of making the right decision! It is therefore necessary to shed light on this famous enigmatic question "Why study in France?". We will present you with the good reasons why France tops the list of favorite destinations among international students.

1. Academic Prestige and Global Recognition

French institutions—ranging from historic universities to elite *Grandes Écoles*—consistently

dominate global rankings like QS and Shanghai. By adhering to the European LMD (License-Master-Doctorate) system, France ensures its degrees are recognized and respected by employers and academic institutions across the globe.

2. Unbeatable Financial Support

The French government heavily subsidizes higher education. Even for international students, tuition fees in public universities remain a fraction of those in the US, UK, or Australia. Furthermore, foreign students enjoy the same social benefits as French citizens, including:

- APL: Direct financial subsidies for housing.
- Universal Healthcare: Free access to high-quality medical services.
- Student Discounts: Substantial reductions on transport, culture, and meals (CROUS).

3. A Hub for Innovation and Language

France is a scientific powerhouse with 65 Nobel Prizes and 15 Fields Medals. It is a strategic gateway for careers in AI, Aerospace, and Green Technology. While offering over 1,700 programs taught entirely in English, it also provides the unique opportunity to master French—the 5th most spoken language globally—which is a major asset in international business.

4. Strategic Gateway to Europe

Located at the heart of the Schengen Area, France offers unparalleled mobility. A French student visa allows for seamless travel across 27 European countries, and the post-graduation RECE visa (Research or Business Creation) provides a clear pathway for international talent to launch their professional careers in Europe.

An internationally renowned education system

France holds the 3rd position in the Shanghai International Ranking! Continuing your studies in France ensures that you will benefit from one of the

best and most efficient higher education systems in the world. It relies on a network of 3,500 educational institutions, both public and private, offering high-quality training at all levels and in all disciplines! Moreover, the French State guarantees the value of French higher education diplomas and their international recognition. Indeed, the quality of French institutions and universities is recognized worldwide!

French, an international language and an asset for your resume.

Studying in France allows you to become familiar with the French language, also known as the "language of Molière," which is increasingly used in the professional world. It is indeed the official language of 29 countries, most of which are member states of the European Union, and is spoken by approximately 220 million people worldwide. It is also, among other things, one of the official languages of the UN, NATO, and the European Union.

By studying in France, you will have the opportunity to live and work in many countries, which will allow you to develop an understanding and appreciation for other cultures.

Affordable registration fees funded by the French State

Higher education is open to everyone! Certainly, it is fee-paying for non-European international students, but the State finances the majority of the cost of their studies (about two-thirds, or \$12,500 per year). It allocates 20% of its budget to education, which is also the State's largest expenditure item!

You will only pay the remaining third?

On the other hand, there are numerous scholarship and social assistance opportunities for international students that will help them finance their studies.

An innovator in scientific research and creative thinking France is a country of the European Union that has a long tradition of research and innovation! According to the Bloomberg Innovation Index, it ranks 10th among the world's innovative economies. It also ranks 4th for Nobel Prizes, 2nd for Fields Medals (mathematics), and 6th for international patent filings (WIPO, 2013).

Moreover, France has 71 competitiveness clusters spread across the entire territory! They constitute a very good attractive ecosystem bringing together start-ups, research laboratories, universities, and large companies such as AIRBUS, L'ORÉAL, RENAULT, PEUGEOT... Which constitutes a real opportunity for internships and/or employment for students, and even for future graduates.

Training in all fields and for all needs

In France, students benefit from quality education, a pleasant living environment, and a wide range of study opportunities in both French and English. They have the choice among more than 8,000 internationally recognized study programs, ranging from bachelor's to doctoral degrees. Comprehensive training tailored to the diverse needs of everyone and their professional aspirations.

Warm and welcoming country for international students

For a long time, France has been a preferred destination for students from all over the world. With more than 400,000 students enrolled in higher education, France is the 4th leading host country for international students!

French universities enjoy an excellent reputation, particularly in the fields of science, medicine, economics, and international relations. In fact, the majority of them have been awarded the "Welcome to France" label for their specific reception and personalized support for international students.

Moreover, security is a priority in France. Foreign students enjoy a comfortable standard of living. All measures are in place to address any kind of threats. A promise kept, your experience in France will mark you for life.

Studying in France: An Unprecedented Cultural Experience

The numbers speak for themselves: With more than 8,000 museums, 40,000 protected monuments, 39 cultural sites listed as UNESCO World Heritage... France is a very culturally rich country. Indeed, among the more than 500 festivals that animate the country, we can mention the Cannes Film Festival, the Avignon Festival, the Nice Jazz Festival, the Strasbourg Music Festival, etc. Jovial moments to free oneself from exam anxiety and waltz to the rhythm of world music.

Similarly, 8,000 museums offer collections of all styles: painting, sculpture, architecture, design, etc. French cinemas are also renowned, particularly for their independent productions and auteur films. Moreover, French culture is also characterized by a certain elegance and a sense of esthetics that are highly appreciated worldwide.

Very advantageous student visa in France

France enjoys a strategic geographical position in the heart of Europe, giving you easy access to other European countries. Moreover, the French student visa offers you advantages such as: the possibility to work up to 20 hours per week, access to healthcare, and the freedom to travel within the Schengen area. Indeed, this will allow you to fully enjoy your study experience in France while exploring Europe.

Government assistance to pay your rent

In fact, the French government offers several financial aids, such as the Personalized Housing Assistance (APL), which can cover up to 40% of your rental costs! Which will allow you to live comfortably, focus on your studies without having to worry excessively about the cost of housing.

Very good career prospects

Many young people who come to study in France settle there after obtaining their degree. Regularly ranked among the best destinations to pursue a career when you are a student. France attracts due to its economic stability and its ability to harmonize professional and personal life. A nation proud of training highly qualified personnel, technically well-trained in large multinationals. Similarly, international students also have the option to venture into entrepreneurship by creating their own businesses and choosing the status of student-entrepreneur. PEPITEs (Student Hub for Innovation, Transfer, and Entrepreneurship) located within university campuses are at their disposal! They will benefit from their support, monitoring, and even training throughout the creation of their startups. Make your study project in France a reality with the Bridge To Study agency! Now that you know why study in France! One thing you need to be well aware of and certain about: Bridge To Study assists you throughout the entire process and ensures the success of your study project from start to finish! With significant experience in the field of educational guidance and support for studying abroad, the Bridge To Study team makes all its expertise available to

you. We ensure you expert and personalized support throughout your study process in France, whether with a scholarship or not, or even if you choose another destination. It doesn't happen by accident that French is currently the most popular foreign language place for international students. Through an individual blend of academic renown, substantial financial support, and an unmatched quality of life, the country continues to increase its appeal in the decade of 2025. Here are ten excellent reasons to choose France for your trip this year:

1. A higher level of competence in education

French universities and significant schools excel in global lists including the ones published by the Financial Times or the World University Rankings by QS. Regardless of the field—management, engineering, or human sciences—academic quality is ensured by strict oversight. This excellence attracts students from all around the world who want to benefit from a top-notch education. Additionally, international partnerships and exchange programs enhance students' experiences by enabling them to get a global perspective.

2. The lowest educational costs in the world

In contrast to the United States or the United Kingdom, the European Union contributes significantly to national expenditures. For 2024–2025, the annual rights of insertion under license are approximately 175 euros for European students (and remain competitive for non-Europeans).

3. The global recognition of degrees

The French government adheres to the European LMD (Licence, Master, Doctorate) system. This indicates that your accomplishments are recognized throughout Europe and have a significant reputation among employers worldwide.

4. A scientific and creative ecosystem

With 65 Nobel Prizes and 15 Field Medals, France is a global powerhouse in invention. French research labs are leading the way in fields including artificial intelligence (AI), space exploration, medicine, and sustainable development.

5. A global economic force

Studying in the France opens doors for major international corporations like Airbus, L'Oréal, Total Energies, and even LVMH. The country offers genuine job and development opportunities in marine industry sectors.

6. French, a language of the future

French is the official language of numerous international organizations (such as the ONU and OTAN) and the fifth most spoken language in the world.

It's a big plus on a resume for a global position.

Note: More and more programs are now taught entirely in English, making it easier for people who don't speak French to access them.

7. A special kind of social backing (APL and Santé)

France is one of the few countries where international students receive the same financial support as French students:

- APL: A housing assistance program that may cover up to 40% of your employer's costs.
- Health: A high-quality, free Medicare and Medicaid cover.

8. The art of living in France

Living in France allows one to enjoy an exceptional cultural, historical, and gastronomic legacy.

Cultural events, museums, coffee shops, and different landscapes (such as the countryside, mountains, and mountains) make the student experience unforgettable.

9. Mobility in the center of Europe

You can travel freely throughout the 26 countries that make up the Schengen area thanks to the long-stay visa (VLS-TS) or the "long-stay" title.

Paris is only a few hours' rail ride from London, Netherlands, Brussels, or Geneva.

10. Student reductions everywhere

You have an economical "passe-partout" feature on your student card.

She grants you the right to discounted rates on:

- Transportation (SNCF trains, metros).
- The cultural context (theatres, museums, and movies are frequently free for those under 26).
- The dining options (academic restaurant CROUS offer full meals for a few euros).

II. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, choosing to study in France in 2025 is a strategic decision that balances prestige, affordability, and personal growth. It remains one of the few global destinations where high-level academic ambition does not require a lifetime of student debt.

- A Dual Asset: You gain a world-class degree recognized globally while gaining immersion in the French language—a key

differentiator in the international job market.

- Government as a Partner: Unlike many countries that view international students as a source of revenue, France treats them as an investment, providing housing subsidies, healthcare, and subsidized tuition.
- Innovation Meets Tradition: You will study in an environment that produced 15 Fields Medals and 65 Nobel Prizes, situated within a culture that deeply values history, art, and the "art of living."
- A Career Launchpad: With the RECE visa and the presence of global giants (Airbus, L'Oréal, Sanofi), France offers a clear bridge from education to a professional career in the heart of Europe.

The French experience offers a unique return on investment. It provides the intellectual tools of a top-tier education, the social safety net of a modern welfare state, and the cultural richness of a country at the crossroads of Europe. Whether you are an aspiring engineer, a future business leader, or a researcher, France provides the ecosystem to turn your potential into a global career.

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