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The Program Highlights

- Full integration with French students
- University-sponsored lectures, evening activities, sporting events, and galas
- Spring semester Semaine Européenne at the European Parliament
- Available. Students take all courses in French and can also take classes at UdS

Institut d'Études Politiques (IEP)

Founded in 1874, the Institut d’Études Politiques (IEP) is one of France’s foremost business schools and a member of the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Assas. The IEP is considered one of Europe’s most distinguished business schools and offers an ideal intellectual environment for business students in particular. A number of BC students majoring in economics, political science, and professional and international relations.

The Program

- A broad range of activities
- Finance courses offered in English
- Research opportunities for students at the European Parliament
- Student activities program in Arts, Sports

Institut International des Études Françaises

The Institut International des Études Françaises (IIEF) was founded in 1968. The Institute is a member of the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Assas and is considered one of Europe’s most distinguished business schools. The IIEF offers an ideal intellectual environment for business students in particular. A number of BC students majoring in economics, political science, and professional and international relations.

The Program

- Small class size permits easy group work
- Unique exposure to European business and corporate entities
- Finance courses offered in English
- Student activities program in Arts, Sports

Université de Strasbourg (UdS)

The Université de Strasbourg offers a wide curriculum in the humanities, including the arts, the sciences, and social sciences. Students can take classes at the European Parliament and organizations that examine human rights, environmental, and economic exchange.

The Program

- Large offering of foreign languages
- Excellent faculty, facilities, and program
- Site coordinator offers academic advising
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The Program

The Boston College program in Paris allows students to study at one of two different schools where they are fully integrated into courses and life. Students enroll in a program administered by the School of International Studies or in a program offered by the Boston College. The School of International Studies and other international students. The Boston College program in Paris requires students to have six semesters of college-level French before departure, and students must take an on-site intensive French language course. Students study alongside their peers and other international students. A faculty on-site coordinator offers academic advising and support and organizes many activities that immerse students in the local culture. All BC students majoring in economics, political science, or policy and international affairs take all courses in French. The Program

Students can opt to study at the University of Strasbourg (UdS) or one of its schools:
- École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)
- École de Management de Strasbourg (EMIS)
- Institut d'études politiques (IEP) de Strasbourg
- École des hautes études commerciales (HES) de Strasbourg
- L'Institut de Langue et de Culture Française (ILCF)
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Program Highlights
- Large offering of foreign languages
- Excellent facilities and a sports center
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The Boston College program in Paris allows students to study at one of nine reputable institutions where they are fully integrated into courses and life. Students enroll in a wide range of French-taught courses in social sciences, philosophy, social sciences, theology, and education. Students can take all courses in French or English depending on the university they choose.

University Paris Y-Ville Diderot

Established in 1970, Diderot is one of Paris’ premier universities. "With a student body of approximately 12,000, the University offers a wide range of courses taught in French or English. The university is located in Paris' famous Latin Quarter, a popular tourist destination. Numerous sites and locations are available in this beautiful city of half-timbered houses and flower-lined streets. It is literally set "at the heart of Europe." This is the site of one of the most amazing landmarks in the world and is home to the European Parliament. The program offers an excellent educational experience at this premier university."

Program Highlights

- Located in Paris' renowned Latin Quarter
- Courses taught in English and French

University of Paris IV–Sorbonne

Established in 1257, the Sorbonne is the largest institution in the city of Paris and one of the world's most prestigious universities. The Sorbonne is located in the heart of Paris' Latin Quarter, a popular tourist destination. Numerous sites and locations are available in this beautiful city of half-timbered houses and flower-lined streets. It is literally set "at the heart of Europe." This is the site of one of the most amazing landmarks in the world and is home to the European Parliament. The program offers an excellent educational experience at this premier university.

Program Highlights

- Located in Paris' renowned Latin Quarter
- Courses taught in English and French

Institut de Langue et de Culture Française (ILCF)

Founded in 1948 as a French language institute connected with the ICP, the ILCF is an excellent choice for students who take courses in French language, philosophy, and conversation. Other courses taught in English and French are available.

Program Highlights

- Located in Paris' renowned Latin Quarter
- Courses taught in English and French

École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)

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Université de Strasbourg

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Program Highlights

- Located in a prime position on the university campus of the European Parliament. This location offers a unique perspective on the workings of international organizations and the European Union. Students can take part in various activities organized by the university, such as visits to the European Parliament and the European Council of Europe. The program is open to students from various countries and offers a diverse range of courses in fields such as political science, international relations, and economics. Students are expected to engage in meaningful study and research, and to participate actively in the academic community. The program is a great opportunity for students who are interested in pursuing careers in international relations, diplomacy, or academic research. Students will be able to take full advantage of the many cultural activities available in Strasbourg and the surrounding regions, such as the European Parliament and the European Council of Europe. The program is open to students from various countries and offers a diverse range of courses in fields such as political science, international relations, and economics. Students are expected to engage in meaningful study and research, and to participate actively in the academic community. The program is a great opportunity for students who are interested in pursuing careers in international relations, diplomacy, or academic research.
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Established in 1353, École des Hautes Études Commerciales (EDHEC) is a private business school in Northern France. Its top-ranked programs in management and economics offer courses taught in English or French. EDHEC trains future European business leaders in Germany, France, and nearby Switzerland. EMS trains future European managers and is an excellent program for BC students in particular. A number of students enroll in a French program at EMS.

The University of Strasbourg offers a wide curriculum in the humanities, including courses in art, history, philosophy, theology, politics, and economic sciences. Students can also take classes in international relations, law, and political economy. The University of Strasbourg offers a wide range of courses in French. In addition to these BC programs, students also have the choice to enroll in approved external programs. For more details visit www.bc.edu/international.

Program Highlights
• Large offering of foreign languages
• Excellent facilities and a sports center
• A broad range of activities
• Various activities for international students, including a comprehensive welcome program
• Large offering of foreign languages

Program Highlights
• IEP-organized activities that encourage networking with peers and faculty members
• Spring semester Semaine Européenne at the European Parliament offers various trips in the Strasbourg area
• Various activities for international students, including a comprehensive welcome program
• Finance courses offered in English
• Student activities program in Arts, Sports and Culture