L’École de design Nantes Atlantique is a private institution of higher education dedicated exclusively to design. Established in 1988, it is recognized by the French government and a member of the Conférence des Grandes Écoles. The school grants a Master’s level degree certified by the French Minister of Higher Education, as well as several diplomas based on apprenticeship. The school's educational programs are based on corporate partnerships that take diverse forms. L’École de design is a member of the international Cumulus network (257 schools of art and design in 54 countries) and is open to international students. All the courses are accredited by the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). The school has set up campuses in Shanghai, China and Delhi, India.

Main programmes of study
Taught in English or in French, the Master’s in Design (MDes) programs are open to international students with a Bachelor's level in product/industrial design, graphic design, spatial/interior design, or interaction-multimedia design. All students receive the same degree but pursue one of the 11 following thematic programs:
- Food Design (taught in French)
- Brand Design & Food (in English)
- Mutations of the Built Environment (in English and French)
- Urban eign (in French)
- User Experience Design, option Tangible Interfaces (in English) or Design & Virtual Reality (in French)
- Information Design (in English)
- Sustainable Innovation (in English)
- Health and Social Innovation (in French)
- Transcultural Design China in Shanghai (in English)
- Transcultural Design India in Delhi (in English)
- Design and Innovation Management (in French and exclusively in apprenticeship).

Students can prepare a double degree with an engineering or management school in parallel to their MDes program.

At the undergraduate level, our International Class is open to foreign students who have completed a minimum of 2 years of studies in design. Taught in English, this one-year Bachelor’s level course paves the way to the MDes programs.

Research
The school's MDes programs are organized around Centers for Design and Innovation, based on the development of a thematic expertise using applied research, teaching and innovation support. The school has opened 4 centers:
- New Eating Habits
- Digital Culture READi Design Lab
- Sustainable Cities
- Care (health and social issues).

Strengths
Through the curriculum students acquire skills in project management and corporate strategy.
The MDes programs provide international exposure and experience through internships and study abroad (for example, at the school's campuses in China and India). The school encourages collaboration across the different fields of design (product, spatial, interaction and graphic design) thanks to the MDes programs, which are organized around cross-disciplinary socio-economic issues applied to design.

Location
L’École de design Nantes Atlantique is located in Nantes, which is regularly voted France and Europe’s best city to live in. It is the capital of the Pays de la Loire region in western France. The region has a healthy and diverse industrial and economic profile. Elected « Green Capital 2013 » by the European Commission, Nantes is an important higher education pole (60 000 students).

Member of Campus France Forum / Member of CampusArt network

Precise name of the institution
L’École de design Nantes Atlantique

Type of institution
Private institution partnered by the Nantes Chamber of commerce and industry, full recognition from the French government.

City where the main campus is located
Nantes

Number of students
1 300

Percentage or number of international students
12%

Type and level of qualifications awarded
Master's degree in design - Vocational bachelor's degrees - Vocational BTS - Vocational BTS in Cabinet making

French language courses
Yes

Programs for international students
Yes

Programs in English
Yes

Registration fees / year (for information only)
7,700 euros/year

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Atlanpole la Chantrerie - rue Christian Pauc - BP 30607 - 44306 Nantes cedex 3 France
L’École de design Nantes Atlantique
Nantes

Number of international students enrolled each year: 12%
Network member: UNAM (Université Nantes Angers Le Mans)

Web site in English http://en.lecolededesign.com/
Social networks https://www.facebook.com/lecolededesign

BEFORE LEAVING

✓ INSCRIPTION
◆ Contact: Mickael CORBARD
  admissions@lecolededesign.com
  Tél. +33(0)2 51 13 50 70
  Rue Christian Pauc BP 30607 44306
◆ Institution’s online application form
  http://candidature.lecolededesign.com/
  Admissions from 2 November 2015 to 23 June 2016.

✓ FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSES
◆ Courses in French as a foreign language available throughout the year

✓ HOUSING
◆ Contact: Mme Helene BOUVIER
  h.bouvier@lecolededesign.com
  Tél. +33(0)2 51 13 50 70
  Rue Christian Pauc BP 30607 44306 Nantes Cedex 3
◆ Services offered
  • Option to reserve and secure space in another student residence
  • List of available rentals or of Web sites that can be used to find rental housing

◆ These services apply to All international students
◆ These services are free

WELCOME SERVICES

✓ UPON ARRIVAL IN FRANCE
◆ Welcome upon arrival at study site
  French students can propose to welcome international students at the train station or airport upon their arrival
◆ These services are available to All international students
◆ These services are free

✓ UPON ARRIVAL AT THE INSTITUTION
◆ Assistance with administrative and academic registration
◆ Help opening a bank account
◆ Assistance with administrative and regulatory compliance (such as obtaining residency permit)

✓ ONGOING SUPPORT
◆ Specific services
  Welcoming Day
  Integration semester from November to February to adapt to the new cultural and study environment, discover the specific work methods of the school.
◆ Assignment to peer mentor

✓ SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LIFE
◆ Website dedicated to student clubs and special interest groups
  https://www.facebook.com/bde.dudesign?fref=ts
  Contact: Bureau des Etudiants
  bde@lecolededesign.com
  *** NOT FOUND ***
◆ Alumni network
  Alumni L’École de design
  https://www.facebook.com/
  AlumniEcoleDeDesign?fref=ts

✓ NANTES USEFUL INFORMATION
◆ CROUS:
◆ City:
  http://www.nantes.fr/home.html
◆ Network transit:
  TAN
  https://www.tan.fr
◆ Useful documents for students
  (forms, guides, contacts or other documents):
  http://en.lecolededesign.com/
  downloads/