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**HELPFUL LINKS**

- Score IAE Message (a national test enabling you to apply to 320 different programs): [www.iae-message.fr](http://www.iae-message.fr)
- IAE programs in the Campus France catalog: [http://cataloguelm.campusfrance.org](http://cataloguelm.campusfrance.org)

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**IAE DEGREES INSTITUTES OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Best known as IAEs, France’s 37 institutes of business administration are university-based schools of management. Located throughout France, they offer 80 different programs at the bachelor and master level. Taught in French, English, or a combination of the two, programs range from the general to the very specialized.

**WHY APPLY TO AN IAE?**

- Firms want graduates of programs that combine professionalization with theoretical learning. The degrees offered by IAEs are designed in cooperation with firms so as to meet their needs. Frequent contact with the professional world over the course of the curriculum, notably through internships, serves to reinforce that link.
- In IAEs, which are integral parts of their host universities, work often occurs in small groups supported by research faculty and practicing professionals.
- Most IAEs are certified (Qualicert) or accredited (EPAS, EQUIS, AMBA, AACSB, ISO). They confer French national diplomas at the bachelor, master, and doctoral levels, as well as the BBA, MBA, DBA, and institution-specific credentials in all fields of business and management — among them general management, finance, accounting, marketing, communication, sales, human resources, purchasing, logistics, international business, and public administration.
- An IAE degree will get you hired. The continuous evolution of management practices and the pressures of a changing environment push recruiters to favor the twin abilities to hit the ground running and to adapt. IAE programs give you both, enabling you to evolve with the world around you.
- The research in management carried out by more than 1,200 IAE faculty members is a guarantee of high-quality instruction.

IAE FRANCE represents 35 IAEs across France. University-based schools of management, the IAEs have, for 60 years, specialized in management research and education. They are the most important source of research in management sciences.
**DEGREES ALIGNED WITH THE EUROPEAN SYSTEM**

- Licence (bachelor) level: 3 years of postsecondary (undergraduate) study
  - Licence in management (French national diploma)
  - Licence professionnelle (French national diploma)

- Master level: 2 years of postsecondary (graduate) study beyond the Licence
  - Master (French national diploma)
  - Specializations (MBA)

**FIELDS AND SPECIALIZATIONS**

- Accounting, Audit, and Management Control
- Economic and Social Administration
- Business Administration
- Commercialization of Products and Services
- Communication, Information
- Digital Information Systems
- E-Commerce and Digital Marketing
- Economics and Management
- Energy Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Human Resources Management
- Insurance, Banking, Finance
- International Trade
- Logistics and Supply Chains
- Marketing, Sales
- Organizational Management
- Production, Logistics, Procurement
- Project Management, Innovation, Strategy, Fashion, Recreation
- Public Administration and Governance
- Real Estate, Historic Preservation, Buildings and Public Works
- Sales and Distribution
- Sales Representation
- Social and Labor Economics
- Tourism, Regional Development, Recreation

Some master-level programs are taught in English:

- Business Administration
- Corporate Communication
- Finance and Accounting
- Information Systems, Information Technology
- International Management (Administration, Financial, Human Resources, Private Banking, Trade)
- Marketing (Franchising, Retail and Service Chains, Advanced Research)

http://taughtie.campusfrance.org

Beyond this core offered at most IAEs, each institute has specific areas of expertise that enable it to offer master’s programs in distinct disciplinary or functional areas.

**TYPES OF PROGRAMS**

- First-degree programs.
  - First-degree programs are open to students coming directly from secondary school with no professional experience.
- Continuing education.
  - CE programs, intended for individuals already busy with a career, are designed to facilitate ongoing professional activity and the pursuit of additional academic training.
- Work/study programs.
  - To participate in work/study programs, applicants from outside the European Union must obtain a work permit. Programs are designed for students under the age of 26 who wish to alternate periods of academic study with periods of work so as to begin a career immediately upon receipt of their degree. Students sign an apprenticeship agreement with a firm, giving them employee status. They enroll in the IAE’s host university and are paid for their work.
- E-learning.
  - E-learning, or distance education, has three components: online access to learning resources, interactive work sessions with faculty, and in-person seminars to promote group dynamics.

Catalog of distance-learning programs: https://foad.campusfrance.org
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- Joint programs abroad.
  - Many IAE programs are offered outside France; some lead to the award of a joint or dual degree. Under the latter arrangement, students receive a degree awarded by their IAE’s partner institution as well as their French degree.