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 offshore campuses in China, India, Brazil and Canada.

Main programmes of study
L’École de design Nantes Atlantique offers many programs open to international students at undergraduate (BDes) and postgraduate level (MDes). They all lead to the same Diploma in design recognized by the French state. The following programs are open to students who have studied at least two years (for BDes) or three years (for MDes) in a design discipline.

in Nantes, France
- BDes Brand Design (in English)
- BDes Digital Media Design (in English)
- BDes Industrial Products (in English)
- BDes Retail & Interior Design (in English)
- MDes Information Design (in English)
- MDes Social Design (in English)
- MDes Environmental Design (in English)

In our studios abroad
- MDes Transcultural Design China Studio (Shanghai, in English)
- MDes Transcultural Design India Studio (Pune, in English)
- MDes Transcultural Design Brazil Studio (São Paulo, in English and Portuguese)

Students may also choose to prepare a double degree with a management or engineering school during their MDes (additional courses in French only).

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:
- New Eating Habits
- Human Machine Design
- Media Design
- Sustainable Cities
- Care (Health and social issues).

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).

Strengths
L’École de design Nantes Atlantique’s guarantees:
- A recognized qualification at national and international level;
- Access to the corporate world through internships, design projects in collaboration with companies and a 2,500+ alumni network;
- Opportunities for a two-year international immersion in our studios abroad;
- The possibility of obtaining a double degree in management or engineering (for French speakers);
- Opening to research within the Design Labs and the associated research chairs.

Member of Campus France Forum / Member of CampusArt network

Precise name of the institution ➔ L’École de design Nantes Atlantique
Type of institution ➔ Private non-profit institution, associate school of the University of Nantes, 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 ➔ 1 460
Percentage or number of international students ➔ 15%
Type and level of qualifications awarded ➔ 5 year degree in design - Vocational bachelor’s degree - Vocational BTS in Design
French language courses ➔ Yes - included for all international students. Groups sorted by proficiency, from Beginner to Advanced level
Programs for international students ➔ Yes
Programs in English ➔ Yes - 4 BDes and 4 MDes programs fully taught in English
Registration fees / year (for information only) ➔ 7,700 euros/year
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