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, Delhi, India and São Paulo, Brazil.

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 13 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)
- Tangible User Experience Design (in English)
- Immersive User Experience Design (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)
- Transcultural Design Brazil in São Paulo (in English and Portuguese)
- 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, India and Brazil). 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).