ISTOM is a school of engineering with a 100 years of experience in training specialists in international agricultural development. The school prepares graduates for work in the world’s tropical and subtropical zones (in Africa, Asia, and Latin America) and to meet the challenge of feeding and protecting the planet for generations to come. In the 5-year agricultural engineering program students master scientific fundamentals (primarily biology) as well as the humanities and economics. Subjects taught at ISTOM are divided into modules comprising academic courses, lab work, and field expeditions.

Main programmes of study
Undergraduate studies: learning science The first 3 years of the program are devoted primarily to the life and earth sciences, the basic sciences, and the humanities (including economics and sociology). Graduate studies: gaining skills in the following specialized areas Plant production in tropical zones; agri-food industries; design and implementation of agricultural development projects; water and environmental management; and land development. Careers after ISTOM Most ISTOM graduates work in one of the following fields: agronomy, development, agri-food industry, humanitarian aid, and environmental protection. The school’s alumni occupy positions of responsibility in development projects, water resource consultancies, international organizations, and nongovernmental organizations, among other posts.

Research
The teaching team consists of 20 teaching and research professors working in collaboration with researchers from organizations that deal with development research issues. ISTOM has initiated a multidisciplinary research program aimed at better understanding development problems. That program is closely linked with students’ research projects.

Strengths
ISTOM’s engineering curriculum is in touch with professional requirements and challenges. Over the course of the curriculum the school works closely with students to plan their future career. Internships and missions (requiring a total of 16 months) enable students to apply the tools and methods they learn in class. As part of the Institut Polytechnique Saint Louis (IPSL) in Cergy-Pontoise, ISTOM and its four sister schools make up a campus of 2,500 students. Student housing is available on campus. The school has a network of more than 2550 graduates attending in 114 countries.

Location
ISTOM is located 30 minutes from Paris in Cergy Pontoise, on the pleasant Port site.
Number of international students enrolled each year: 3%

Network member: UPGO

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Institution’s online application form
http://www.istom.fr/3.cfm?p=612-candidat-
der-en-1ere-année-formation-en-agronomie-
admission-école-ingénieur-sciences-du-vi-
vantff
admissions parallèles : téléchargez votre
dossier (http://www.istom.fr/3.cfm?p=675-
candidats-école-ingénieur-étrangers-istom-
environnement-agronomie-tropical)

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Services offered
• Guaranteed space in student housing
controlled by institution

These services apply to
All international students
These services are free

UPON ARRIVAL AT THE INSTITUTION
Assistance with administrative and
academic registration

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LIFE
Website dedicated to student clubs and
special interest groups
http://www.istom.fr/8.cfm?p=563-associa-
tion-étudiants-cergy-proche-de-universite

Alumni network
istom alumni
http://www.planete-istom.org/istom2008/
default.asp

CERGY PONTOISE
USEFUL INFORMATION

CROUS:
http://www.crous-versailles.fr

City:
http://www.cergypontoise.fr/jcms/
p1_89295/fr/open-campus

Network transit:
ratp
http://www.ratp.fr

Useful documents for students
(forms, guides, contacts or other
documents):
http://www.istom.fr/3.cfm?p=675-can-
idats-école-ingénieur-étrangers-istom-
environnement-agronomie-tropical