



PARIS

# ÉCOLE NATIONALE DES CHARTES



The École nationale des chartes is a prestigious Grande École providing university instruction to students in the humanities and social sciences, and especially history. It contributes to the professional training of curators responsible for the cultural heritage and conducts research activities in history and literature which are made known through electronic resources, print publications and scholarly meetings. The priorities include the development of digital technologies for historical research and the cultural heritage, the broadening of its public to include Masters candidates and the enhancement of its international reputation, notably in Europe.

## ◆ MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

The École nationale des chartes offers three initial training programs:

- The three-year and 9 months Archivist-Palaeographer program is intended to give future civil servants specialised training in the preservation of the cultural heritage in its written, visual and monumental forms. This training involves the preparation of a thesis leading to the Archivist-Palaeographer diploma. Access to the program is selective: the competitive examination for admission to the first year of studies is open to holders of the French baccalauréat or its equivalent. The competitive exam for admission to the second year is open to students with an undergraduate diploma who have never taken the first-year entrance exam; two-year preparatory programs in the humanities are offered throughout France, train candidates for the first-year competitive examination.
- Masters in History and New Technologies
- Option History covers various historical specialisations jointly accredited with the Université de Paris 4 Paris-Sorbonne and the Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne:
  - Option New Technologies Applied to History specific to the École Nationale des Chartes. Its objective is double: to offer those who wish to pursue doctoral studies training in methodology which involves considerable recourse to digital technologies in the development of

their research and to give young historians the possibility of finding employment in multimedia publishing (e.g., in the companies designing websites for cultural heritage institutions).

- PhD in History

## ◆ RESEARCH

The academic priorities follow from the school's basic mission: combining different disciplinary fields and developing the techniques of erudition which permit the critical use and interpretation of historical sources, whether these take the form of written, visual, sound, film, archaeological, artistic or architectural documents. Particular attention is given to methodology, the production of reference tools, and the critical editing of sources, from the Middle Ages to the contemporary period. Because it trains a large number of future curators, the École Nationale des Chartes attributes a central role to the question of constituting, preserving and transmitting the cultural heritage.

## ◆ STRENGTHS

Specific course offerings:

- Sources for Medieval History
  - Sources for the History of the Modern and Contemporary Periods
  - Medieval Manuscripts and Literature
  - The Printed Book and the Media
  - Digital Technologies and Research
- Compulsory internships in France (4 months and 1 month) and/or abroad (3 months).

## ◆ LOCATION

Paris: Latitude 48.86733 - Longitude 2.337426



## IDENTITY FORM

- ◆ **Precise name of the institution**  
École nationale des chartes
- ◆ **Type of institution**  
Public Scientific, Cultural and Scientific Establishment with the status of a Grand Établissement
- ◆ **City where the main campus is located**  
Paris
- ◆ **Number of students**  
150
- ◆ **Percentage or number of international students**  
10%
- ◆ **Type and level of qualifications awarded**  
Master in History and New Technologies - PhD in History  
- Archivist-Palaeographer
- ◆ **French language courses**  
Yes
- ◆ **Programs for international students**  
Yes
- ◆ **Programs in English**  
No
- ◆ **Registration fees/year (for information only)**  
National tuition fees : 256 euros/year for Master degree, 391 euros/year for Doctorate degree
- ◆ **Postal address**  
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