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1 AN EXCELLENT SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION RESPONSIVE TO EVERY NEED

The French system of higher education is based on a network of **3,500 public and private** institutions found throughout the country.

2 PROGRAMS FUNDED AND GUARANTEED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT

The French government pays a **very large share of the real cost** of the education of every student: €10,000 to €15,000 per student per year.

3 A WIDE CHOICE OF PROGRAMS TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

Explore more than **1,500 academic programs** taught in English at <http://taughtie.campusfrance.org>.

4 ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP ECONOMIC POWERS

A world economic power, France ranks **third in Europe in gross domestic product** and is the second-largest European market (IMF 2018, Eurostat 2015).

5 A CERTIFICATION SYSTEM THAT HIGHLIGHTS EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

The "Bienvenue en France" label recognizes educational institutions that **provide high-quality support services** for international students.



6 AN ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

France **ranks fourth in the world** in hosting international students—after the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia (UNESCO 2016).

7 A PLEASANT AND STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

Situated right in the heart of Europe, **France is the world's top tourist destination** in terms of numbers of visitors (WTO 2018).

8 AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE

French is the world's fifth most widely spoken language, with 300 million speakers. It is the most studied language in the world after English. **French is the world's #3 business language and the #2 language for international news** (OIF 2018).

9 THE FRENCH LIFESTYLE

In France one finds more than **forty thousand monuments** and protected sites, **41 cultural treasures** appearing on UNESCO's list of world heritage sites, eight thousand museums, two thousand cinemas, and almost five hundred festivals.

10 ADVANCED RESEARCH

France is second in world in Fields Medals (mathematics), fourth in Nobel prizes, and second in applications for European patents (European Patent Office 2017). **42% of the doctoral candidates in France are international students.**