

INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY CLASS

A cultural immersion program with L'École de design
Nantes Atlantique's expertise

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|  Program:
Foundation program | ✓ Eligibility:
A state diploma equivalent to the French baccalauréat and a French level equivalent to A2 assessed by a TCF1 or DELF2 test | € Tuition fees:
€5 500 |
|  Duration:
1 year | |  French Proficiency at Completion:
B2 (CEFR) |
| ▶ Course start date:
September 2027 |  Location:
Nantes, France | ✓ Progression:
Eligibility for our undergraduate programmes in French or English |
|  Language of instruction:
French | | |

Learn french. Explore design. Build your future

This cultural adaptation class and introduction to various design professions has been specifically designed for international students who wish to begin design studies in a French-taught program after obtaining a state diploma equivalent to the French Baccalauréat.



Course Outline

Total course load: 690 hours

SEMESTER 1

FLE (FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE): 220 HOURS

- › Progress from A2 > B1: basic comprehension and expression, acquisition of everyday vocabulary, first structured written productions

FOS (FRENCH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES): 40 HOURS

- › Specific vocabulary (shapes, materials, colors)
- › Presenting a sketch or a project simply in French

INTRODUCTION TO DESIGN: 120 HOURS

- › Observation drawing workshops, sketching, perspective
- › Introduction to design fundamentals: product, graphic, digital, spatial design
- › Building a sketchbook throughout the semester
- › Cultural visits

SEMESTER 2

FLE (FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE): 150 HOURS

- › Progress from B1 > B2.
- › Argumentation, comprehension of documents, structured writing
- › Preparation for the B2 certification exams (certification to be determined)

FOS (FRENCH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES): 80 HOURS

- › Presenting a project in French (oral + written)
- › Workshops / project pitches / learning to communicate
- › French for design (typography, color, materials, ergonomics)

INTRODUCTION TO DESIGN: 80 HOURS

- › Portfolio development
- › Color and volume drawing, introduction to model making



TOP 4



Ranked among the world's top 4 design schools in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026 – Art & Design, L'École de design Nantes Atlantique offers an

inspiring environment to develop your creative practice and experience a cultural immersion.

Supporting you every step of the way

Moving to France for the first time is an exciting adventure. But you don't have to figure everything out on your own.

From your first steps before departure to settling into your new life in Nantes, our international student support services are here to help you feel at home.

Through our **dedicated support and Feel Français platform**, you can get practical guidance on everything from visa applications and accommodation to banking, healthcare, transport and everyday life in France.

Finding accommodation is made easier through our partnership with Studapart, while a limited **number of rooms** in nearby CROUS student residences are **reserved for international students**, subject to availability.

How to apply?

1. Online application and payment of the application fee (€50);
2. Upload all required application documents;
3. Application review and online interview if your application is accepted;
4. Admitted candidates will be informed by email and will be asked to electronically sign a teaching contract to confirm their registration.

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