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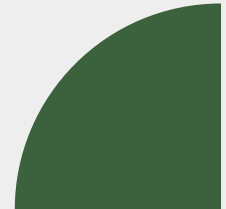
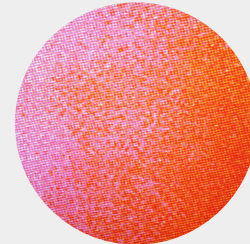
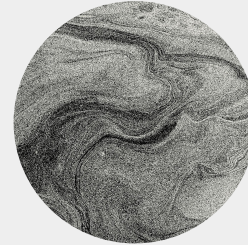
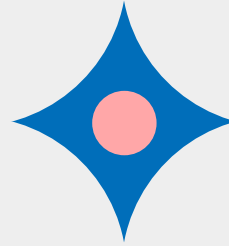
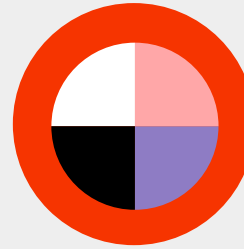
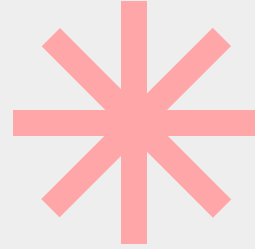
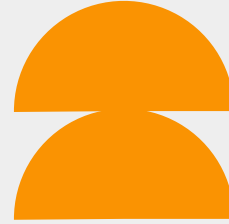
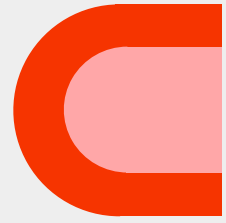
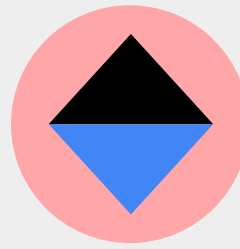
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Study Abroad

Lycee Franco Allemand

Mrs Rostaing - USA/ Canada

Mrs Wilson - UK/Netherland/Anywhere else



Where to Start ?

Goal: Understand your interests and priorities

A useful book to start with:

<https://www.enseignants.hachette-education.com/livre/mon-passorientation-lycee-cahier-de-leleve-ed-2023-9782017176411/>

- What do you want to study?
- What are you interested in?
- Location (city vs small town, cost of living, culture)
- What kind of job do you want?
- Budget and scholarships



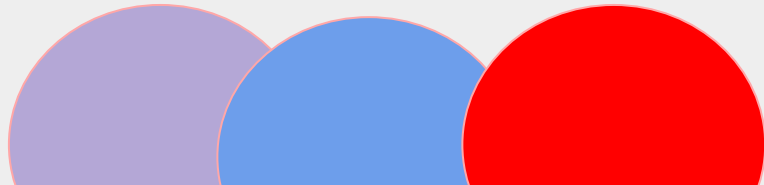
How to Research Universities?

Helpful website -

Double diplomas - France- UK

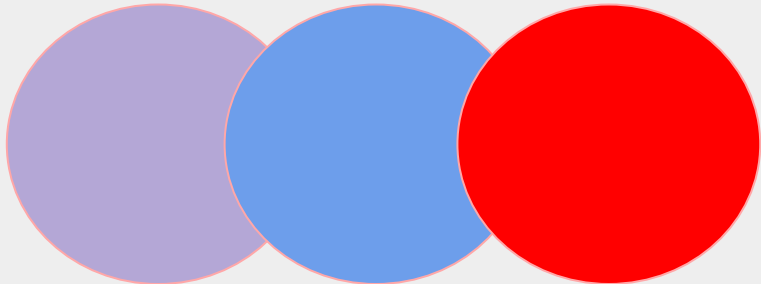
<https://uk.ambafrance.org/Doubles-diplomes-30242>

- Use search engines: "**Best [subject]** programs in Europe"; compare , **using rankings + student reviews**
- Check:
 - Entry requirements (grade levels, courses studied in high school)
 - Language level needed (Uk universities don't require this for **BFI students**) (IELTS/TOEFL)
 - Course structure (modules, internships, exams)
 - Campus life, support services
- Make a shortlist of 5–7 programs



Helpful Tips

- Attend online open days or in person
- Contact admissions offices to ask questions
- Note all deadlines and submit early
- Look for scholarships or EU fee status
- Keep a spreadsheet to track your applications



Studying in the USA



The average cost of attendance for a student living on campus at an in-state public 4-year institution is **\$27,146 per year or \$108,584 over 4 years**. Out-of-state students pay \$45,708 per year or \$182,832 over 4 years. Private, nonprofit university students pay \$58,628 per year or \$234,512 over 4 years

You might be eligible for financial aid allocated for international students, as well as scholarships, grants, and even private student loans.

- Decentralised
- Undergraduate/Graduate
- College/University
- Public or State vs. Private

Studying in the USA



Useful websites:

- www.commonapp.org
- www.collegeprowler.com
- <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- Individual university websites
- Guides - ex, *Fiske Guide to Colleges*

Ask advice from teachers, family, friends, SIA alumni

Application process:

- Application forms (with notable exception such as the University of CA system (www.commonapp.org))
- Personal statement/essay
- Teacher letters of recommendation
- Test scores (SAT or ACT)
- School forms
- Transcripts, diplomas
- Supplements
- Academic transcripts (with official English translation)
- Extracurricular résumé or activities list

Language requirements:

- Most universities accept the **BFI (French International Bac)** as proof of English level
- If needed, accepted tests are **TOEFL IELTS**
- Some selective universities may still request a test score if your BFI grades are low in English

Studying in the USA



Deadlines

- **Regular decision:**
 - varies from **November to March**,
 - but most before **January 1st**;
 - notification by **March 15th**
- **Early decision/Early action:**
 - **November 1st to November 15th**,
 - notification by **Christmas**;
 - obligation to accept if financial package meets family needs

Studying in Canada



Tuition fees for universities vary depending on the program and school you choose. On average in Canada, university tuition costs around:

- **\$36,100** per year for international undergraduate students
- **\$21,100** per year for international graduate students

On average, living costs are around **\$15,000** per year for university students

- University system similar to US
- Easier application process than the US
- Canada is officially French/English bilingual
- Costs can be lower than for studies in the US

Studying in Canada



Useful websites:

- <https://www.educanada.ca>
- <https://universitystudy.ca/>
- Individual university websites

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University system similar to US

- 4 year program to obtain a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. Equivalence with degrees in the US. In principle, equivalent to French L3, but in practice, no formal recognition.
- Wide choice of subjects over the first two years with specialisation over the last 2 years.
- Large campuses with lots of student residents and lots of organised social activities.

Studying in Canada



Useful websites:

- <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid.html>
- <https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

Financial Aid

- Specific for each university
- Small number of merit scholarships
- Need-based financial aid: usually a combination of scholarship + deferred low-interest student loan and part-time work on the campus.

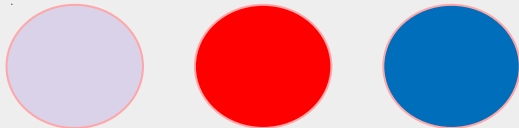
~36,000 Canadian \$/year (ave) for international students

- Advantage for French students in Quebec: Tuition is the same as non-Québécois Canadians, so significantly less than the international student tuition. There are three main English speaking Universities in Montreal: McGill, Concordia and Bishop.
~5,000 Canadian \$/year for French students

Studying in the UK

Useful websites:

- www.ucas.com
- www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk
- www.prospects.ac.uk
- www.whatuni.com



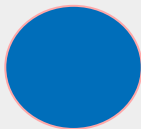
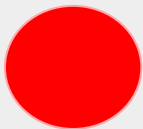
University System

- **Bachelor's Degree** - Awarded in 3 years
 - Ordinary Degree
 - Honours Degree - High Academic achievement (exception of **Scotland** - 4 years for Honours Degree)
- **Masters Degree** - typically 1 year
- **Doctorate** - up to 7 years

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Application system: UCAS

Key steps:

- Choose up to **5 universities**/courses on UCAS
- Write a **personal statement**
- **Predicted Grades** for the year terminale
- **Reference letter** from a teacher from the LFA
- Language level needed (Uk universities don't require this for **BFI students**) (IELTS/TOEFL non BFI)
- **Translated report cards** - here and Tle



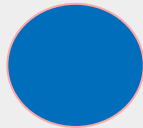
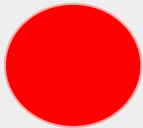
Tuition fees: ~£9,250/year for UK students,

~£22,000 per year, but can vary from £11,400 - £38,000 for international students

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- www.ucas.com



Deadlines

- UCAS October 15th / **LFA October 1st - Oxbridge / Medical Studies**
- UCAS January 15th / **LFA December 20th** for all other courses

Studying in the UK



Useful websites:

- <https://www.ucas.com/international/international-students/financial-information-international-students/what-finance-options-are-available-if-i-want-study-uk>

Financial Aid

- **Chevening Scholarship** is a UK scheme for scholarships that financially support international students with academic potential.
- **GREAT Scholarships** offer students from certain countries the opportunity for a scholarship towards their tuition fees for a wide range of one-year taught postgraduate courses.

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Useful document:

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/14D6hmAf0OYMfuf_V4B3fOoVDb-x8ESkDBCQE-QtxdOI/edit?usp=sharing

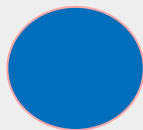
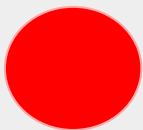
Download the guide here



Studying in the Netherlands

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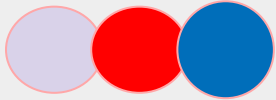
- www.studyinnl.org
- www.studiekeuze123.nl
- www.studielink.nl



Application process: Apply directly on www.studielink.nl

- Choose programs taught in **English** (many are!)
- Prepare **motivation letter**, transcripts, and possibly an **interview/test**
- Deadlines: often **Jan–April** for September entry
 - 📌 Tuition fees: ~€2,530/year for EU students
 - 📌 Most Bachelor programs last **3 years**

Studying Abroad



What you need to prepare in 1ere

- **SAT: \$125**
<https://fulbright-france.org/fr/etudier-usa/etudes-usa/tests-admission/sat>
- **TOEFL/TOEIC: US Universities - 216€**
<https://www.etsglobal.org/fr/en>
- **IELTS: UK, Australia, Germany - 285€ - 310€**
<https://ielts.britishcouncil.org/france>
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