

TEAM FRANCE 2019

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THE FRENCH
UNIVERSITY
EXPERIENCE:
A CRASH
COURSE



THE BIG PICTURE

EACH YEAR IS 2 SEMESTERS OF 12-14 WEEKS

SEMESTER 1: END OF SEPTEMBER OR THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER TO THE MIDDLE OR END OF JANUARY

SEMESTER 2: THE END OF JANUARY OR BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY TO THE END OF MAY OR MID-JUNE

A UNIVERSITY DEGREE GENERALLY TAKES 3 YEARS

1ST YEAR: LICENSE 1 OR L1: SEMESTERS 1/2

2ND YEAR: LICENSE 2 OR L2: SEMESTERS 3/4

3RD YEAR: LICENSE 3 OR L3: SEMESTERS 5/6

DEGREE PROGRESSION

L1: GENERAL AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSES

L2: CONSOLIDATION OF SUBJECT AREA

L3: DISCIPLINARY SPECIALIZATION

COURSE TYPES AND LOGISTICS

COURS MAGISTRAL: A GENERAL COURSE, USUALLY IN AN AUDITORIUM; GENERALLY THE PROFESSOR LECTURES; PROFESSOR-STUDENT INTERACTIONS ARE RARE, BUT STUDENTS CAN ASK QUESTIONS; 60, 90, OR 120 MINUTES LONG

TRAVAUX DIRIGÉS: A SMALLER CLASSROOM COURSE; OFTEN MORE SPECIALIZED OR PRACTICAL APPLICATION; MORE PROFESSOR-STUDENT INTERACTION; 2, 3, OR EVEN 5 HOURS LONG

ASSESSMENT

WHAT MIGHT ONE FIND ON THE SYLLABUS?
JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING ONE MAY FIND ON AN
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY COURSE SYLLABUS

- IN-CLASS WORK
- CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT
- MULTIPLE CHOICE EXAMINATIONS
- DISSERTATIONS
- ESSAYS
- CLOSE READING/LITERARY OR TEXT ANALYSIS
- QUIZZES
- ORAL EXAMINATIONS
- SUMMARIES
- LAB WORK
- MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAMS
AND SO MUCH MORE...

GRADING SCALE:

FROM 0-20

10 OR HIGHER IS PASSING

13 OR 14 IS CONSIDERED A GOOD GRADE

A WELL-KNOWN QUOTATION ABOUT THE FRENCH
GRADING SYSTEM: "18 IS FOR THE BEST STUDENT,
19 IS FOR THE PROFESSOR,
20 IS FOR GOD"