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Academic calendar

Application deadlines	Fall semester : June 30th / Spring semester : October 30th
Arrival dates	Before August 29 / before January 9
Orientation week	August 29 to September 2 / January 9 to 12
Courses	September 1 to December 11 / January 15 to April 27
Exams period	December 12 to 22 / May 7 to May 29 / resit : June 18 to June 30

Credits and Grading system

French grading system	Grades in France are awarded on a scale from 0 to 20. 20 = highest 0 = lowest. From 10 to 20 = pass and student obtains the ECTS credits
European Credits ECTS	30 ECTS for one semester and 60 ECTS for one year

Other information

Accommodation	There is no campus at ICES. Accommodation options are : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICES catholic freshmen's residence private flat : average monthly rent = 280 € - 350 € (utilities excluded) host family public residence « Escale Rivoli » : average monthly rent = 300 € (including gas, water, electricity & internet)
Visa / immigration	Students from outside the European Union will need a visa. Immigration regulations are subject to frequent change thus we encourage you to check with your local French Embassy what type of visa you need. Upon arrival in France, non Europeans Citizens must register at the French Office of Immigration and Integration OFFII http://www.ofii.fr/ (60 Euros fee)
Health insurance (required)	If your stay is longer than 3 months you must take the French health insurance (fees+/- 230 €) Are exempted from these fees, students holding : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) - SE401Q102 or SE401Q106 form (R.A.M.Q. / Québec) The French medical coverage begins on October 1st : non-European students arriving in France before that date must subscribe to a personal medical insurance for the period preceding the French coverage. Note that the French medical system will not cover 100% of your medical bills. You must subscribe to a personal medical insurance to cover the rest of the bills <i>More information on http://www.smeba.fr/foreign-students.html</i>
Bank account and room insurance	Each student must have a French bank account. ICES will assist you with it. The fees are : visa card + room insurance = 65 euros/year (compulsory).
Pick up service upon arrival	ICES can provide a pick up service. Make sure to forward your travel details 72h before the day of your arrival. How to reach La Roche sur Yon ? 1) Fly to Charles de Gaulle (CDG) or Nantes (NTE) Airports 2) take TGV (high-speed) train from Charles de Gaulle Airport (ROISSY TGV) to Nantes and then direct train from Nantes to La Roche sur Yon
Student Handbook	http://ices.fr/l-international/come-and-study-in-france-welcome/