French & Technology Studies in France

INSTITUT NATIONAL POLYTECHNIQUE DE GRENOBLE (INPG)

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Guest Program (fall only or academic year program):
- Fall semester - Focus on French language, European Politics & Culture, and seminars in Science & Technology.
- Spring Semester - Regular courses (areas listed below) • French language (if needed - described below) • Internships.

Regular Exchange Academic Options (fall, spring, or academic year)
Regular courses (areas listed below) • French language (if needed - described below) • Internships.

French Language Options: Intensive French week prior to beginning of each semester; 2 hours/week offered during the semester; “French for Science” online modules-students work at their own pace.

Regular courses (in French) offered in the following areas:
- Advanced Systems and Networks • Energy, Water and Environmental Sciences • Industrial Engineering and Design • Informatics, Applied Mathematics, Telecommunications • Paper Science, Print Media and Biomaterials • Physics, Applied Physics, Electronics and Materials Science

HOUSING

Residence Halls, Apartments
*Housing insurance is mandatory for all students.

PROGRAM FEES

Includes tuition:
- One Semester: $3,400
- Academic Year: $6,400

Students will also pay a non-refundable $150 UI application fee when they apply.

ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.5 GPA
- Major in field offered at INPG
- At least 4 semesters of French

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall/Academic Year: April 1
Spring: October 15

To Apply: www.uidaho.edu/ipo/abroad/search/programs/ui/fr_inpg.htm
The Institut National Polytechnique de Grenoble, also known as Grenoble IT, is located in the picturesque capital of the old Dauphiné region of France. Situated in the heart of the Alps, the city of Grenoble will not disappoint sports and outdoor enthusiasts. The university is in close proximity to dozens of ski resorts and in fact, roughly 30 ski resorts are less than an hour away. Students enjoy discounted ski passes in the winter and trips to the Chartreuse and Vercors national parks for hiking and mountain biking in the summer. For those who love water, nearby mountain lakes also provide wonderful weekend getaways.

Grenoble IT is considered one of France’s leading engineering training centers and one of Europe’s finest technology universities. There are currently more than 5,300 students and 1,100 teaching & research fellows and staff. Each year, more than 1,000 engineering degrees and 500 advanced degrees are awarded. Students choose from eleven different engineering training tracks, ranging from fluids, mechanics and the environment to micro and nanotechnologies. With over 38 research laboratories and partnerships with more than 53 countries, Grenoble IT is committed to basic and applied research, preparing students to be innovative engineers, and increasing the institution’s international reach. In recent years, Grenoble IT has played a leading role in two industrial clusters: Minalogic, which focuses on micro and nanotechnologies and software and Tenerdis, which focuses on renewable energy. In addition to developing programs in close relationship with industry, Grenoble IT also has a well-developed business promotion policy.

INTERNSHIPS — It may be possible to participate in an internship through this program. While it is the student’s responsibility to arrange for this internship, Grenoble IT has close connections with many local and national businesses and institutions, and can help students find an appropriate employment site.

About France

France draws up many images—romantic couples strolling through the quiet neighborhoods of Paris, disgruntled farmers dumping produce on streets as a protest against governmental agricultural policies, high-speed TGV trains flying through the countryside, the opening spectacle of the Winter Olympics in Savoie, the existentialism of Sartre, fashion, bureaucracy, the Foreign Legion, perfume, the Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau, gothic churches, the birth of democracy and the death of Marie Antoinette on the guillotine. Perhaps no other country stirs up such emotions as France. It is an enigma, a feast of the senses, a place that always seems to be reinventing itself.

France has a Parliamentary government, with two branches - the National Assembly (577 members) and the Senate (321 members). A President is elected for a term of seven years. France has the fourth largest economy in the world, and is the second largest exporter of agricultural products, including its famous wines. The French visit restaurants more often than their northern European neighbors, and leisurely meals are an important element of French culture. Although there has been some resistance to fast food, this effort has not been entirely successful, and a number of fast food chains have gained a firm foothold on French soil.

French Educational System

Undergraduate studies at a French university are organized into two cycles. In the first two-year cycle, students take multidisciplinary subjects. In the second cycle that lasts one year (or two if students are doing research), students focus more on their specialty. Classes usually consist of lectures and seminars, and grades are based on final exams that may have a written and an oral component. Grades are based on a scale of 0-20 with 10 considered passing, 11-12 good and 13-14 very good. Scores of 16 or above are rare. The academic calendar typically runs October to January and February to June.