

Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Strasbourg

STRASBOURG



DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Diploma basis (first cycle): 3-year programme	Diploma of Architectural Studies: granting the graduation degree in 3 years. The diploma makes the student eligible for the Master cycle.
Master programme: 2-year programme	State Diploma of Architect: granting the Master degree in 2 years. An additional year enables the graduate to practise the profession. Architect Diploma DPLG: until December 2007

Profile of the faculty

The Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Strasbourg belongs in the network of 20 Higher National Schools of Architecture under the authority of the Ministry of Culture and Communication. All these schools have joined the educational reform LMD since 2005-2006.

Structure of the curriculum

The courses aim at providing the student with a general background spanning from history of architecture, of town, of art to sociology, and certainly, to the necessary building knowledge. Fine art teaching is part of the learning of the architectural project. The diploma should prove student's capacity to master the architectural concepts and apply the knowledge and methods acquired during the study years.

If the formation aims to educate students a certain discipline and profession, then the National Higher Schools of Architecture set as goal and vocation the spreading and disseminating of the architectural culture through public lectures, competitions, and actions of awakening the public awareness.

Research programme

A young research team working together with INSA has been recently accepted in the framework of the 2006-2010 campaign: "Architecture, Morpho-genesis and Urban Project" whose problematic is "to set in epistemological relation of complementary enquiry on the form and meaning of architectural and urban space with the project dimension" through the study of the architecture and urban project as process and, on the other hand, the architecture and urban project as enquiry method.

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GENERAL INFO

Application deadline:	end of April for the French applicants, end of January for foreign applicants
Tuition and fees:	€ 284,57 (1st cycle) + social covering
Accommodation:	Students could benefit of rooms on campus or rent rooms from private owners by appealing to accommodation office CROUS. There is a university restaurant within reach.
Setting:	The Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Strasbourg is located close to the railway station, not far from the city centre. Strasbourg, the European capital sited on the border with Germany, holds a privileged place in the heart of Western Europe and within the region of Upper Rhine.
Student population:	712 of which 66.5% are lady students and 16.5% foreigners (44% European, 20% via Erasmus). 118 students in the 1st year for 600 submissions. About 50 diploma per year within the DPLG framework.
Faculty:	34 full-time, associated or part-time (of which 32 architects and 7 University PhD) assisted by 42 part-time professors, 27 administrative officers.
Student service/activities:	There is an association, the AREA, that runs a cafeteria and offers services for students: a cooperative shop, travel office, exhibitions, organization of events.
Facilities:	The Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Strasbourg has several facilities among which a photo lab, free access to computers, exhibition room, and a cafeteria. The Library-documentation centre can offer around 8,000 publications directly accessible, 4,000 in library storage, 200 French and overseas periodicals that will be subscribed at or belong in older collections, covering the following fields: architecture, exhibition catalogues, human sciences, urbanism, and city planning.
Admission requirements:	Baccalaureate or a similar high-school leaving certificate, validation of course.
Language:	The courses are taught in French.



Educational programme

The Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Strasbourg has privileged the developing axes based on the Upper Rhine area and defined its identity as an architectural school within that cultural and geographical space; at the same time, its goal is to offer a diploma that is recognized at the bi- or three-national level. The collaboration with the universities and higher academic institutions from Strasbourg area, especially with INSA and the National Higher School of Architecture from Nancy are also placed at the heart of the school project.

Due to its across-border position in Europe that places it in convergence with other regions, mainly with that of Alsace, the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Strasbourg wishes to assert its role as a center of excellence in the field of durable and sustainable development.

Graduation Diploma Cycle

The red thread in the educational process structure is the introduction into the architectural and urban project. It integrates the courses that participate and aim at developing student's capacity of understanding and mastering its complexity. The pedagogical field trips allow the student to complete his/her architectural culture. The projects, sketches, and options allow the immersion into original problems. Courses like architectural drawing, the art and techniques used in applied geometry, construction (building materials, physics of construction), fine arts (volume, life models, perspective drawing) and human and social sciences (urban geography and urban analyses) are also taught. Foreign languages are taught through the study years. Each year of the cycle has 30 credits per semester. The cycle is graduated provided the student has passed all courses (average 10) in five years maximum. One of the strong points of the School is the balance and coherence between arts and technical studies. This approach places architecture in the general field of conception and materialization of the work. The manner in which the architecture materials are tackled is deemed essential during the first year. They establish a double relationship between architecture and technical sides. Two stages are compulsory during this cycle. At the end of the first stage, there is the so-called "worker" stage of 4 weeks. In the 3rd year, there is the "first practice" stage of one month, in France or overseas.

Master programme

It will train the student in various manners of architectural exercise or architectural research.

Three study fields have been identified and have given the structure of this cycle that grants the Master Degree: Architecture-Town-Territory-Temporality, Architecture and Heritage, Architecture-Art and Technology.

Additionally, the school teaches three Masters in Research: the Master in Space, Society, Territories, specialty "Architecture, Structure, and Urban Project" in cooperation with INSA, Marc Bloch University, and Louis Pasteur University, and the Master "Global Design", specialty research "Modelling and Simulation of Built Spaces" in collaboration with Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Nancy in association with Henri Poincaré University, Institut National Polytechnique of Lorraine, Nancy. The School is associated with the very same institutions for a Professional Master "Mechanics, Energy, Procedures, and Products", specialty "Science of wood and its application in building".

The registering to such research masters becomes meaningful in the perspective of the fact that the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Strasbourg enters a doctoral school of Strasbourg universities whose merging is set in 2009-2012 and coincides with the change of its status into EPSCP.

PhD programme

The Specific Diploma for Schools of Architecture (Diplôme Propre aux Ecoles d'Architecture) "Architecture and Archaeological Patrimony".

This special programme of the Architecture Schools of Strasbourg and Paris-Belleville, shared also by the Schools of Architecture of Nancy and Toulouse, Marc Bloch University of Strasbourg and Research Institute on Antique Architecture –CNRS University of Aix en Provence is unique in Europe and addresses architects who want to work in the field of archaeological patrimony and in the universities engaged in the study of built vestiges or monuments. It is open to students with a Diploma of Architect, Diploma of European Master, a Diploma of Master in Art History and/or in Archeology, and the professionals in the field of patrimony. It is limited to 15 students selected according to their record and lasts for 1 year in 5 intensive sessions.

Continual Professional Training

The Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Strasbourg offers continual training leading to a State Diploma of Architect for those who have acquired professional expertise in architecture, construction, and space planning.