

# COMPARATIVE CHART OF FRANCE AND US EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS

FRANCE		European Higher Education Area (LMD project)	Years of Studies	
LYCÉE	BAC		0	
PREMIER CYCLE	DEUG <i>(diplôme d'études universitaires générales)</i>	---	1	
			2	
DEUXIÈME CYCLE	LICENCE	L <i>Licence</i>	3	
	MAÎTRISE		4	
TROISIÈME CYCLE	D.E.A. <i>diplôme d'études approfondies</i>	M <i>Master</i>	5	
			D.E.S.S. <i>diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées</i>	6
				7
	DOCTORAT		D <i>Doctorat</i>	8
	POST DOCTORAT			

U.S.			Years of Studies
HIGH SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA		0
UNDER GRADUATE STUDIES	ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE	<i>(Freshman Year)</i>	1
		A.A <i>(Associate in Arts)</i> A.S <i>(Associate in Science.)</i>	2
UNDER GRADUATE STUDIES	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	B.A. <i>(Bachelor of Art)</i>	3
		B.S <i>(Bachelor of Science)</i>	4
GRADUATE STUDIES		MASTER'S DEGREE	5
			6
			7
		PH. D	8
		POST DOCTORATE	

UNIVERSITÉ

UNIVERSITY

French *Baccalauréat* (secondary school diploma) = high school or high school + one year of university studies ; *DEUG, DEUST, DUT, DU* = between two and two and on-half and three years of American university studies (four years equal the Bachelor of Arts/Science); *Licence* (three years French University diploma) = between four and five years of American university studies (four years equal the Bachelor of Arts/Science); *Maîtrise* Diploma (four-year, third cycle) = One or two years of graduate school; The number of years required for the masters varies according to the program and field of study, in general, one, two or three years after the Bachelors degree; *Doctorat* = American Doctorate.

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