

School: IÉSEG School of Management

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I. Introduction of IÉSEG

IÉSEG is renowned for its Grande École Program, a prestigious program that takes students from the beginning of their higher education studies through to a master's degree. Students have the choice to study at Lille or Paris campus. Consider of campus location, city environment, and living cost, I choose Lille campus. By the TGV, Lille is an hour from Paris, an hour and thirty minutes from London.

II. Preparation: Student long-term visa

Before getting the long-term student visa, you need to register an account at campus France Taiwan. (website: <http://www.taiwan.campusfrance.org>) Then, you need to follow the instruction of the website to fill all the form out. After this, you should plan one day to interview. Also, you need to pay the fee of the interview. Following are documents you should prepare for the interview.

1. Valid passport

2. Fill the form of long-term visa and OFII. Here to download the form:

[https://www.france-](https://www.france-taipei.org/%E8%A1%A8%E6%A0%BC%E4%B8%8B%E8%BC%89)

[taipei.org/%E8%A1%A8%E6%A0%BC%E4%B8%8B%E8%BC%89](https://www.france-taipei.org/%E8%A1%A8%E6%A0%BC%E4%B8%8B%E8%BC%89)

3. Certificate of registration of French school. (The period of study should be included)

4. Certificate of Degree or certificate of student status

5. Letter of academic motivation and career planning
6. Financial proof
7. Identity card
8. The proof of payment

People who apply the long-term student visa need to submit fifty euro for a visa.

Moreover, people can only book a day for an interview after completely filling the document. In addition, people cannot get the visa right after the interview. Therefore, it is better to get all the document ready as soon as possible.

III. Rules of master program

A. Requirements of graduate.

1. Earn 60 ECTS credits for courses
2. Obtain a minimum score of 880 on the TOEIC
3. Complete the thesis or the Consulting project (10/20 minimum)
4. Complete internship

B. Choosing a major

IESEG will ask students to choose a major. There are nine majors available: Audit Control, Finance, International Business and Economics, International Negotiation and Sales Management, Human Resource Management, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Management of Information System and Operations Management.

In order to validate, you must have satisfied the following requirements:

1. Chosen at least 60% of electives in this area (the obligatory electives count).
2. Validated the obligatory electives of the track.
3. Validated the core courses in the track.
4. Done the final thesis based on the same track.

C. Course format

- Intensive courses: Over 4 days, from Monday to Thursday mornings.
- Extensive courses: Over the semester, classes in the morning or in the afternoon.

D. Exam

- Intensive courses: generally on Friday mornings
- Extensive courses: during the mid-term and the final exam periods

E. Language courses

IESEG provide French course to exchange student. In total, it has five levels:

Beginner, Beginner+, Pre-intermediate, Intermediate and Advanced. You will have an oral test. Then, the professor will assign you to the level suitable for you. Teaching methods are based on communication and French culture.

IV. Transportation network

Lille is a human-sized city and you can do almost everything by just walking. You can also be quicker by using our TRANSPOLE transportation network through buses, metro (underground), tramway and bike. If you want to take public transportation, it would be more convenient that you have a Pass Pass card, which is used for all transportation system in Lille.

A. How to get a Pass Pass card

Give all elements mentioned following to transpole sales information offices located on the underground level of the Lille-Flandres train station.

1. Completed PASS PASS application form ☐
2. A recent identity picture to stick on the form (They may also decide to take a picture of you at the transpole sales information offices, but make sure you have an identity picture.) ☐
3. 4 Euros (Cash) ☐

V. Weather

Similar to other regions with an oceanic climate like Belgium and England, the summer months tend to be cooler. Lille offers a very pleasant climate in the summer, although you can expect a little rain, which intensifies in the fall. Moreover, the winter months prove to be mild as well.

VI. Leisure opportunities

Lille has a large number of bars. The most popular locations are in the Old City and the Old Halles districts. After dinner, you may check-out the various bars and pubs, in Lille or across the border, in one of Belgium's much appreciated beer palaces.

VII. Conclusion

If you are always in a hurry, France must be the best country to help you relax. If you tend to overlook something, France is a good place to train you to become more cautious. Exchange program provides a good opportunity for students to experience what you cannot experience in Taiwan. I appreciate and enjoy everything during this period.