



STUDY IN FRANCE

From Application to Arrival



A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR
BANGLADESHI STUDENTS

(Bachelor's, Master's, & PhD)

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“Education is the passport to the future”

About This Book

This e-book is designed to provide general information for Bangladeshi students who are interested in pursuing higher education in France.

Admission, visa approval, tuition fees, and regulations depend on official French authorities and institutions and may change over time.

This book does not guarantee admission or visa approval and should be used as an informational guide only.

Purpose of This Book

Studying abroad is one of the most important decisions of your life. It shapes not only your education, but also your career, mindset, and future opportunities.

France offers world-class education at an affordable cost, but success depends on correct planning, organized preparation, and responsible decision-making.

This handbook will guide you through the overall process and help you understand what to expect on your journey to France.

This book is written to explain the real process, real costs, and real responsibilities of a student.

Who Should Use This Book

This book is for students who:

- Want to apply by themselves.
- Want to understand the official process.
- Want to avoid misinformation.
- Want to prepare a strong profile.
- Want transparency about costs and contacts.

Message to Future Students

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CHAPTER 01 || WHY STUDY IN FRANCE

Why France is a Top Study Destination

- France hosts over 400,000 international students every year.
- Degrees are globally recognized.
- Public universities offer low tuition fees.
- Many programs are taught in English.
- Students can work part-time during their studies.
- Strong career opportunities within the European Union.

France combines quality education with affordability, making it an excellent option for Bangladeshi students.

France Compared to Other Study Destinations

Compared to many English-speaking countries, France offers lower tuition fees, legal part-time work rights, and access to the European job market.

While every country has its advantages, the suitability of France depends on your academic background, language ability, and long-term career goals.

CHAPTER 02 || UNDERSTANDING FRANCE

Key Facts

- Capital: Paris
- Language: French
- Currency: Euro (€)
- Population: Approx. 68 million
- Member of EU & Schengen Area
- Education system aligned with European standards

French Culture & Student Life

French society values punctuality, respect, and clear communication. Students are expected to be independent and responsible in academic settings.

Learning basic French greatly improves daily life, social interaction, and internship opportunities.

CHAPTER 03 || EDUCATION SYSTEM

Degree Structure (LMD System)

- Licence – 3 years (Bachelor's).
- Master's – 2 years.
- Doctorat – 3 years or more.

French degrees follow the **European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)**, ensuring global recognition.

ECTS Credits

- Licence – 180 credits
- Master's – 120 + credits
- Doctorat – N/A

Note: Each academic year usually includes coursework, seminars, and examinations, with continuous assessments contributing to the final grade.

Types of Higher Education Institutions

- Public Universities – affordable and research-oriented.
- Grandes Écoles – elite and competitive institutions.
- Specialized Schools – arts, fashion, architecture.
- Private Institutions – business and professional programs.

Institution selection should be made carefully based on an individual's profile.

Academic Calendar

- Starts: September or October
- Ends: May or June
- Divided into two semesters (Autumn and Spring).
- Summer vacations generally last from July to August.

Grading System

The French grading scale is based on 20 points:

- 16–20: Excellent
- 14–15.9: Very Good
- 12–13.9: Good
- 10–11.9: Satisfactory (Pass)
- Below 10: Fail

Grades are often accompanied by qualitative remarks such as *Assez Bien*, *Bien*, or *Très Bien*.

CHAPTER 04 || PROGRAMS & LANGUAGE

Bachelor's programs are mostly **French**-taught.

Master's programs are available in **English** or French.

Language proof may include:

- IELTS / TOEFL
- DELF / DALF
- TCF

Language requirements vary by program.

Popular Fields of Study for International Students

- Computer Science & Information Technology
- Engineering (Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, etc.)
- Business, Management & Economics
- Artificial Intelligence & Data Science
- Public Policy & International Relations
- Fashion, Design, and Fine Arts
- Environmental Science and Sustainable Development

CHAPTER 05 || ADMISSION PROCESS

Admission Process Overview

- ➔ Program research.
- ➔ Application through Mon Master & eCandidat.
- ➔ Admission decision.
- ➔ Campus France interview.
- ➔ Student visa application.

All Bangladeshi students must apply through Campus France.

General Eligibility Criteria

- Bachelor's: HSC or equivalent.
- Master's: Bachelor's degree.
- PhD: Master's degree + research proposal.

Exact requirements vary by institution and profile.

Basic Document Checklist

- Passport.
- Academic certificates & transcripts.
- Language proficiency proof.
- CV.
- Study of Purpose/Motivation letter.
- Financial proof.

CHAPTER 06 || SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

Popular Scholarships in France

France offers a wide range of government, institutional, and regional scholarships for international students. Bangladeshi students can benefit from several funding opportunities provided by the French government, higher education institutions, and international organizations.

- Eiffel Excellence Scholarship.
- France Excellence Scholarship.
- Erasmus+ Joint Master Degrees.
- University-based merit scholarships.

Scholarships are competitive and profile-dependent.

Scholarships may cover:

- Full or partial tuition fees.
- Monthly allowance for living expenses.
- Travel, health insurance, or accommodation support.

Scholarship Reality Check

Scholarships do not guarantee admission or visa approval. Strong academic background and clear study plans are essential.

CHAPTER 07 || STUDENT VISA OVERVIEW

French Student Visa (VLS-TS)

The long-stay student visa allows students to live, study, and work part-time in France. It also permits travel within the Schengen Area.

Visa Process Summary

Campus France approval → VFS appointment → Visa decision → Arrival → Online validation

Common Visa Mistakes

- Weak study plan
- Poor document preparation
- Financial inconsistency
- Late application

CHAPTER 08 || LIVING IN FRANCE

Monthly Living Cost

Average student expenses range between €800–€1,300 per month depending on city and lifestyle.

Accommodation Options

- University residence (CROUS)
- Shared apartment
- Private studio

Health & Transportation

Students are covered by public health insurance. France has an excellent public transport system with student discounts.

CHAPTER 09 || POST-STUDY OPTIONS

Work During Study

Students can work part-time and often complete paid internships as part of their program.

After Graduation

France offers post-study opportunities depending on qualification and career planning.



CHAPTER 10 || APPLICABLE EXPENDITURE

Estimated Expenses for Studying in France

Below is an estimated breakdown of costs that a Bangladeshi student should expect before and after obtaining a French student visa. Actual expenses may vary depending on university location (Paris vs. other cities), lifestyle, and accommodation type.

Costing Heads	Approx. Cost
University Application	→ Free (Public)
Campus France Fee	→ BDT 10,000
Visa Fee	→ €50
Document Preparation	→ BDT 5,000–10,000
Air Ticket	→ BDT100,000–150,000
Tuition Fee (Yearly)	→ €254–€4,400
Accommodation (Monthly)	→ €200–€800
CVEC Fee (Yearly)	→ €104
Living Expenses (Monthly)	→ €200–€500

CHAPTER 11 || SELF ASSESSMENT

Self-Check Questions

- Is my academic background suitable?
- Do I meet language requirements?
- Am I financially prepared?
- Do I have a clear career goal?

Important Note

Every student profile is unique. Wrong decisions or poor preparation can delay or block your study plan. Be careful! These mistakes can cause rejection:

- Applying for irrelevant programs
- Using generic or copied SOPs
- Failing to explain funding clearly
- Depending entirely on agents
- Missing application deadlines

Need Personalized Guidance?

This ebook provides general information only. For profile assessment, university selection, and visa preparation, professional guidance is strongly recommended.

Final Words

Studying in France can be life-changing when planned correctly. Be honest, prepared, and responsible in every step of your journey.

CHAPTER 12 || CONTACT DETAILS

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Call center: (+88)0 9666 911 578 | Sunday to Thursday,
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Email: info.francebgl@vfshelpline.com

Website: <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/bgd/en/fra/>

Embassy of France in Bangladesh

Madani Avenue, Corner with Park Road
Diplomatic enclave, Baridhara
Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh

Call center: (+880 2) 55 66 86 00 / Fax (+880 2) 55 66 86 38

Email: visas.dacca-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr

Website: <https://bd.ambafrance.org/-Visas-102->

CHAPTER 13 || FRENCH UNIVERSITIES

France has more than **3,500** higher education institutions, including public universities, private institutes, and elite Grandes Écoles. Below are some renowned institutions that attract international students:

- Université Paris-Saclay
- Sorbonne Université
- Université PSL (Paris Sciences et Lettres)
- Université de Lyon
- Université Grenoble Alpes
- Université de Bordeaux
- Université de Strasbourg
- Université Toulouse III – Paul Sabatier
- Sciences Po Paris
- École Polytechnique
- HEC Paris (École des Hautes Études Commerciales)
- INSEAD
- ESSEC Business School
- ESCP Business School
- EDHEC Business School
- Audencia Business School
- École Centrale de Lyon
- Mines Paris – PSL
- École des Ponts ParisTech
- Université de Lille
- Université Côte d'Azur (Nice)

BON VOYAGE!!!

France offers quality education, global exposure, and strong career potential. This handbook helps Bangladeshi students understand the journey – from planning to student life abroad.



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