



**ECOLE  
SUPERIEURE  
D'ART  
DE CLERMONT  
METROPOLE**

## FACT SHEET

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### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

<b>ESACM presentation</b>	<p>Since 2006, ESACM has been housed in a new 5000m2 building specially designed for its needs in the heart of the university quarter.</p> <p>Developing a programme of generalist education in the visual arts within its 'art' department, ESACM pays close attention to all areas of contemporary creativity: drawing, painting, printing, space as volume, photography, video, film, contemporary art, history of art, philosophy and general culture.</p> <p>Renowned artists and art specialists, all of them strongly rooted into the field of contemporary creation, are in charge of the students' education. In the meantime, around thirty outside personalities such as artists, philosophers, researchers, theorists, writers... are invited every year to take part in the courses.</p>
<b>Semester calendar</b>	<p><b>Semester 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Courses start: last week of September or first week of October.</li><li>- Arrival date: few days before courses begin can permit to do administrative formalities, particularly for students who haven't found their accommodation.</li><li>- Examination: at the end of each semester (semester assessment)</li><li>- End of semester date: first or second week of February to include the International short film festival (part of ESACM student curriculum).</li><li>- Vacations: 2 weeks for Christmas (school is closed)</li></ul>

<p><b>Semester calendar</b></p>	<p><b>Semester 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Courses start: first or second week of February to include the International short film festival (part of ESACM student curriculum).</li> <li>- Arrival date: few days before courses begin can permit to do administrative formalities, particularly for students who haven't found their accommodation.</li> <li>- Examination: at the end of each semester (semester assessment)</li> <li>- End of semester date: end of May, beginning of June</li> <li>- Vacations: 1 week in February and 2 weeks in April/May (school can stay open)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Programs open to International application</b></p>	<p>The degree programs open to international exchanges applicants are:</p> <p><b>Bachelor Programs / Art</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Second year</u>: semester 3 (30 ECTS) or semester 4 (30 ECTS)</li> <li>- <u>Third year</u>: semester 5 (30 ECTS). The school do not accept exchange students in semester S6, too many credits are devoted to the bachelor diploma. Students accepted in the semester 5 could be allowed to stay for the second.</li> </ul> <p><b>Master Programs / Art</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Fourth year</u>: semester 7 (30 ECTS) / semester 8 (30 ECTS)</li> <li>- ESACM do not accept exchange students during the fifth year of the curriculum, too many credits are devoted to the master thesis and the diploma.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mode of study</b></p>	<p><b>Training is carried out on a full-time basis.</b> It comprises Teaching Units (UE) which combine Lesson Units (UC) with various formats (lectures, theory and practice, seminars, tutorials, studios, interviews, workshops, training etc.). In some Teaching Units, students may decide to choose Lesson Units for obtaining the 30 ECTS required for validating their semester. This method promotes the choice, initiative and commitment of students who are responsible for their course and who build up the way it moves forward.</p> <p><b>Regular and active attendance to courses</b> is compulsory at ESACM; this will be part of the assessment criteria.</p>
<p><b>System of assessment</b></p>	<p><b>Two types of assessment</b> are used together: on-going assessment by heads of each Lesson Unit and at the end of each semester assessment by a teachers' college. The incoming students will be assessed in the same conditions as the ESACM students. If necessary some part of the work and of the assessment could be done in English (written statement on the work, oral presentation...)</p> <p><b>Credits are awarded in relation to both quality and quantity</b> (attendance, motivation, quality of work produced, dialogue with teachers). For proper assessment of work and projects undertaken, credits are scored using local scores graded from 0 to 20. An average score of 10 out of 20 is required within each UC for acquiring the corresponding credits. To ensure results are comprehensible worldwide, <b>local scores are converted to ECTS points in line with EU norms</b>. A comparison table with numeric and ECTS grading scale is provide with the transcript of records.</p>
<p><b>Language courses</b></p>	<p><b>The language of instruction at ESACM is French.</b> Even if some individual tutorials, work presentation, essays can be done in English if necessary, knowledge of French is highly recommended to fully take advantage of the exchange program.</p> <p><b>French lessons:</b> The students may attend French courses at the university. The cost is 350€ for one semester (50 hours). Students have to inform the coordinator, before their arrival, if they want to attend these courses.</p>

<p><b>Exchange Students Application deadlines &amp; procedure</b></p>	<p><b>Application deadline</b>  - Semester 1: May 1st  - Semester 2: November 1st</p> <p><b>Application information:</b>  <a href="http://www.esacm.fr/english/student-exchange/">http://www.esacm.fr/english/student-exchange/</a></p> <p><b>Application file (digital):</b>  - Exchange student application form  - CV  - Covering letter  - Portfolio of works  - Copy of ID card or passport  - Learning agreement signed by the sending institution</p> <p><b>After approbation:</b>  - Identity photo  - Copy of their visa (for non-European student)  - Copy of social insurance (health care). The coverage must be valid for the entire duration of the student's stay at the school. <i>For European students: "European Health Insurance Card" / For non-European students, it's compulsory to take a social insurance.</i>  - Copy of civil liability. <i>It will be contracted with LMDE or SMERRA once the student is in Clermont-Ferrand (the school will provide help for these procedures). This insurance covers damage students might cause to another person or to another person's property. All international exchange students must provide proof of civil liability insurance upon arrival in order to enrol at school. It costs approximately 15 euros.</i></p> <p>At their arrival, each exchange student will have <b>one teacher tutor and a student mentoring</b> among the other students of the same year.</p>
<p><b>Useful documents</b></p>	<p><b>ESACM booklet:</b> <a href="#">download</a>  <b>ESACM Student handbook:</b> <a href="#">download</a> (French)  <b>Course catalogue:</b> <a href="#">download</a>  <b>Information sheet:</b> <a href="#">download</a>  <b>Exchange student application form:</b> <a href="#">download</a></p>
<p><b>Visa &amp; Residence permit</b></p>	<p>Depending on their nationality, students should obtain entry clearance to France before leaving home.</p> <p><b>Students coming from the European Union</b> usually only need to show valid passport or identity card.</p> <p><b>Non –European students</b> need to apply for:  - a visa at their nearest French Embassy / Consulate. <i>Be careful: A touristic visa can't be changed into a student visa. French visa can't be modified once arrived.</i>  - a "student residence permit" (titre de séjour étudiant) at the <a href="#">Préfecture du Puy-de-Dôme</a> if they stay more than 3 months.</p>
<p><b>Tuition Fee</b></p>	<p><b>For exchange students, studies are free of any tuitions fees.</b>  After administrative registration, the student receives the official student card and will be able to have lunches in University restaurants, discounts on train, bus and tramway tickets, discounts at museums, theatres, concerts, swimming pools, ski resorts, restaurants, etc.</p> <p><b>Equipment and resources available</b>  ESACM provides students with the main tools and consumables required for inductions and work carried out in the main artistic disciplines, so they can borrow cameras, use photographic apparatus and premises, recorders etc. to achieve their projects. Study trips and travel in France and aboard organised by the school are also financed to a large extent by the ESACM.</p>

## LOCATION

<b>City</b>	Clermont-Ferrand
<b>Population</b>	141 569 inhabitants in the city / 469 922 in the urban area
<b>Unique aspects about the city</b>	Created from the union, in the 17th century, of Clermont, the city of bishops, with Montferrand, the city of the counts of Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand is a regional metropole, natural gateway to the vast territory of the Massif Central and has a strategic position in the center of France. It stretches out at the foot of the Chaîne des Puys with its 80 volcanoes, against a unique backdrop, in an area protected by the largest natural park in France, the Parc Naturel Régional des Volcans d’Auvergne. The anthracite city, where Pascal was born in 1623, is home to 40,000 students, including 5,000 international students, and has been recently named as one of the best cities in Europe for students (L’étudiant magazine). Clermont-Ferrand is also a cultural center with the International Short Film Festival, countless shows, museums, heritage sites...
<b>Distances from other cities</b>	Paris: 3.5 hours by train Lyon: 1.5 hours by car Montpellier: 3 hours by car Bordeaux: 3.5 hours by car
<b>Websites for further information</b>	<a href="http://www.clermont-ferrand.fr">www.clermont-ferrand.fr</a> <a href="http://www.auvergne-tourism.com">www.auvergne-tourism.com</a>

## ACCOMODATION / STUDENT SERVICES

<b>Accommodation</b>	<p><b>CROUS University residence hall</b> ESACM signed an agreement with the CROUS to reserve some rooms for exchange students from the 1st September to the 1st February and from the 1st February to the end of June. <u>Location:</u> 10 minutes by walk from the school <u>Prices:</u> Plain room around 150€/month, improved plain room around 170€/month (with shared shower and toilets), renovated rooms around 250€/month (with private shower and toilets). Bed sheets can be rent for 15€ for the semester. To see some pictures: <a href="#">Résidence Clos Saint-Jacques</a> <u>To make a demand:</u> Inform the International exchanges coordinator as soon as possible if you are interested. In any case before the 1st of June for the first semester and before the 10<sup>th</sup> December for the second.</p> <p><b>For other kind of accommodation,</b> students have to arrange their own accommodation. <u>Prices average:</u> Private rooms in shared flat from 200 to 350€ per month, one room flat/studio from 300 to 450€ per month. <u>To find your accommodation:</u> - <a href="http://www.crous-clermont.fr">www.crous-clermont.fr</a> - <a href="http://www.lokaviz.fr">www.lokaviz.fr</a> - <a href="http://www.appartager.com">www.appartager.com</a></p> <p><b>Temporary accommodation</b> Students must also have enough money available for temporary accommodation at the start of their mobility time to find room / flat to rent or if they arrive to late to get the key of their room at the CROUS University residency hall (the reception closes at 22:00 pm).</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT: VISALE guarantee and flat insurance are compulsory</b> for any kind of renting. <i>See below.</i></p>
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<p><b>French financial guarantor</b></p>	<p>In order to get accommodation, students may be asked to provide a “Caution solidaire”, which corresponds to a “joint security”, a person who lives and works in France who will act as guarantor for students and will guarantee to pay any outstanding amounts that students have not paid.</p> <p><b>Students having no guarantor can ask for a VISALE.</b> It can be used by all students that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have steady income but no family, friend or bank guarantor;</li> <li>- Are looking for housing in France for their studies;</li> <li>- Are 28 years old or less on September 1st of the year when the lease is signed;</li> <li>- Are 28 years old or more on September 1st of the year when the lease is signed but with a PHD dated less than six months and a non-tenure researcher position in a lab or research unit for a fixed-term contract. ... »</li> </ul> <p>Information and VISALE request: <a href="https://www.visale.fr">https://www.visale.fr</a></p>
<p><b>French financial aid for accommodation</b></p>	<p><b>The APL</b> is French financial aid for accommodation made by the Caisse d'Allocations Familiales (called CAF = Family Benefit Fund). It may be possible to get this financial aid.</p> <p>CAF – Cité administrative, rue Pélissier, 63000 Clermont-Ferrand</p> <p>Information: <a href="http://www.caf.fr">www.caf.fr</a></p> <p>Request: <a href="#">on line form</a></p>
<p><b>Cost of life</b></p>	<p>Bus pass is around 30€ per month / book of 10 tickets = 12.10€</p> <p>Meals: CROUS cafeterias are very near the school (one full meal: 3.10€). Meals can also be heated in a room provided for this purpose in the school.</p> <p>A single course in a plain restaurant: 8 Euros.</p> <p>A coffee: 1.2 to 2€</p>
<p><b>Student Services</b></p>	<p>Municipal libraries: <a href="http://www.bibliotheques-clermontcommunaute.net">www.bibliotheques-clermontcommunaute.net</a></p> <p>University library: <a href="http://www.bibliotheque.clermont-universite.fr">www.bibliotheque.clermont-universite.fr</a></p> <p>University culture service (SUC): <a href="http://www.culture.clermont-universite.fr">www.culture.clermont-universite.fr</a></p> <p>Sports Centre (SIUAPS): <a href="http://www.sport.clermont-universite.fr">www.sport.clermont-universite.fr</a></p> <p>University health service (SSU): <a href="http://www.sante.clermont-universite.fr">www.sante.clermont-universite.fr</a></p>

