



**ECOLE
SUPÉRIEURE
D'ART
DE CLERMONT
MÉTROPOLÉ**

FACT SHEET

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

ESACM presentation	Since 2006, ESACM has been housed in a new 5000m2 building specially designed for its needs in the heart of the university quarter. 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. 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.
Semester calendar	Semester 1 <u>Courses start</u>: Third week of September for French courses, which non-French-speaking students with a level below C1 are required to take as part of their program. Otherwise, the last week of September or the first week of October for other courses offered at ESACM. <u>Arrival date</u>: few days before courses begin can permit to do administrative formalities, particularly for students who haven't found their accommodation. <u>Examination</u>: throughout the semester as part of the ongoing assessment, as well as at the end of the semester (semester review and/or end-of-semester committee, depending on the year of the program). <u>End of semester date</u>: mid-January or the first week of February for students who want to include the International short film festival as part of the curriculum. <u>Vacations</u>: 2 weeks for Christmas. National non-working day(s) during the school term.

Semester calendar	Semester 2 <u>Courses start</u>: mid-January <u>Arrival date</u>: few days before courses begin can permit to do administrative formalities, particularly for students who haven't found their accommodation. <u>Examination</u>: at the end of each semester (semester assessment) <u>End of semester date</u>: end of May, beginning of June <u>Vacations</u>: 1 week in February and 2 weeks in April/May. National non-working day(s) during the school term.
Programs open to International application	The degree programs open to international exchanges applicants are: Bachelor Programs / Art - <u>Second year</u>: semester 3 (30 ECTS) or semester 4 (30 ECTS) - <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. Master Programs / Art - <u>Fourth year</u>: semester 7 (30 ECTS) / semester 8 (30 ECTS) - 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. However, fifth-year students at their home institution may apply to follow the fourth-year programme during their exchange semester.
Mode of study	Training is carried out on a full-time basis. The programme is organised around the ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) which focuses on the student's learning journey. It is based on the workload a student must complete to achieve the programme's objectives, defined in terms of the knowledge and skills to be acquired. This workload corresponds to 30 ECTS credits per semester, which are divided amongst four learning units that structure the entire programme, namely: - Exploration - Scaffolding - Singularization/Individualisation - Relation to others/sharing Each year of study will have a teaching program based on specific teaching frameworks (Prisme, Fabrique, Focus, Parlons travail, foreign language classes), some of which include choices that students make regarding the content covered.
System of assessment	Each course is assessed through continuous assessment and procedures for validating learning outcomes, as set out in the course catalogue and specified during the semester. Attendance and engagement with all teaching activities form the basis of the student's commitment to the program. They therefore constitute one of the assessment criteria for each module, alongside criteria specific to each course in line with its particular nature. At the end of the semester, teachers give individual feedback reflecting the level of learning achieved in accordance with the learning outcomes for each year of study. It should be noted that the majority of feedbacks are determined collectively by a group of teachers. At the end of each semester, a committee comprising a panel of teachers and the coordinator for the relevant academic year meets to assess and analyze each student's overall progress. It cross-references the various assessments obtained and examines the diversity and relevance of the elective modules taken (Focus) in order to formulate general feedback of the semester and decide on the overall allocation of ECTS credits. Those ECTS, in addition to the feedbacks, provide the student with an indication of their level of learning attainment: - A = Excellent attainment - B = Very good level of learning, with only a few areas for improvement - C = Good level of learning, with areas for improvement - D = Satisfactory level of learning, requiring further consolidation - E = Weak level of learning, requiring further consolidation - FX = Insufficient level of learning - F = Very insufficient or no learning achieved Exchange students are assessed in the same way as ESACM students, although adjustments may be made, particularly for students who speak little or no English. At the end of the semester, exchange students are issued with: - a "Relevé de crédits" in French and English, setting out details of the modules taken and all the marks obtained during the semester. - a "transcript of records" in English, which lists the modules taken, the ECTS marks obtained and the credits earned, and includes a 'grading scale' to help understand the marks awarded according to the grading scale in use at our institution.

Language courses	The language of instruction at ESACM is French. Although some individual interviews, oral presentations and written assignments may be conducted in English where necessary, a minimum level of French is strongly recommended in order to get the most out of the exchange program. Otherwise, a minimum English language level of B2 is required, as specified in the partnership agreements with the exchange students' home institutions. No formal proof of language proficiency is required, but students are expected to state their level at the time of application in the CV they submit. Once on the exchange program, non-French-speaking students will benefit from French courses funded by ESACM, comprising approximately 35 hours per semester, delivered at the Clermont Auvergne University Language Centre, located near the school. To facilitate integration into the school and communication, in addition to the support provided by the mobility coordinator and the year coordinator, an ESACM student with a good command of English is employed (as a student mentor) to act as a key point of contact for incoming exchange students.
Exchange Students Application deadlines & procedure	Application deadline - Semester 1: May 1st - Semester 2: November 1st Application information: http://www.esacm.fr/fr/esacm/page/international/international-exchanges Application file (digital): - Exchange student application form - CV - Covering letter - Portfolio of works - Identity photo - Learning agreement signed by the sending institution After approbation: - Copy of ID card or passport, (both for non-European student) - 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> At their arrival, each exchange student will have one teacher tutor and a student mentoring among the other students of the same year.
Useful documents	ESACM brochure(French) ESACM Student handbook (French) Course catalogue (French and English) Exchange student application form (French and English)
Visa & Residence permit	Depending on their nationality, students should obtain entry clearance to France before leaving home. Students coming from the European Union usually only need to show valid passport or identity card. Non –European students 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 Préfecture du Puy-de-Dôme if they stay more than 3 months.

Tuition Fee	For exchange students, studies are free of any tuitions fees. 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. Equipment and resources available 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 abroad organised by the school are also financed to a large extent by the ESACM.
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LOCATION

City	Clermont-Ferrand
Population	141 569 inhabitants in the city / 469 922 in the urban area
Unique aspects about the city	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...
Distances from other cities	Paris: 3.5 hours by train Lyon: 1.5 hours by car Montpellier: 3 hours by car Bordeaux: 3.5 hours by car
Websites for further information	www.clermont-ferrand.fr www.auvergne-tourism.com

ACCOMMODATION / STUDENT SERVICES

Accommodation	The school does not provide accommodation or reserved places in a hall of residence. Exchange students are encouraged to look for accommodation using the following websites. The school can also, on request, help students find a room in a shared flat within the student community. They may also seek advice from the student acting as their mentor to help with their settlement, with whom they will be in contact prior to their arrival in France. CROUS University residence hall <u>Location:</u> 10 minutes by walk from the school <u>Prices:</u> rooms around 270€/month (with private shower and toilets). Bed sheets can be rent for about 15€ for the semester. Information and application: www.crous-clermont.fr For other kind of accommodation, Prices average: Private rooms in shared flat from 200 to 350€ per month, one room flat/studio from 400 to 550€ per month. <u>To find your accommodation:</u> - www.crous-clermont.fr - www.visale.fr - www.appartager.com Temporary accommodation 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). IMPORTANT: VISALE guarantee and flat insurance are compulsory for any kind of renting. See below.
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French financial guarantor	In order to get accommodation, students may be asked to provide a “Cautionnement 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. Students having no guarantor can ask for a VISALE. The VISALE can be used by all students that: - Have steady income but no family, friend or bank guarantor; - Are looking for housing in France for their studies; - Are 28 years old or less on September 1st of the year when the lease is signed; - 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. ... » <u>Information and VISALE request:</u> - www.visale.fr
French financial aid for accommodation	The APL 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. CAF – Cité administrative, rue Pélissier, 63000 Clermont-Ferrand <u>Information:</u> www.caf.fr <u>Request:</u> on line form
Cost of life	Bus pass is around 30€ per month / book of 10 tickets = 12.10€ 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. A single course in a plain restaurant : 8 Euros. A coffee : 1.2 to 2€
Student Services	Municipal libraries: www.bibliotheques-clermontcommunaute.net University library: www.bibliotheque.clermont-universite.fr University culture service (SUC): www.culture.clermont-universite.fr Sports Centre (SIUAPS): www.sport.clermont-universite.fr University health service (SSU): www.sante.clermont-universite.fr

