

INTERNATIONAL BACHELOR OF DESIGN

Start your design journey in France. Take it to the world.

 Degree: Bachelor of design - BDes (pending certification)	▷ Course start date: September 2027	📍 Location: Nantes, France
✓ Specialty: Space & Industrial Design or UX & Graphic Design	💬 Language of instruction: English	€ Tuition fees: Year 1 : €7 500 EU / €8 900 non-EU Year 2 and 3 : €8 900 EU / €9 900 non-EU
📅 Duration: 3 years with a 2-to-4-month internship	✓ Eligibility: A state diploma equivalent to the French baccalaureate and an English level equivalent to B2	✓ Scholarship: Eligible
+ Credits: 180 ECTS (60 / year)		

An English-taught Bachelor combining French design culture, project-based learning and an international community.

Experience the best of both worlds: French design culture and an international learning environment. Study in English alongside students from France and around the world, develop your creative practice in Nantes, and prepare to work as a designer in an increasingly global industry.

Choose your design pathway

Choose your area of specialisation from the start of your Bachelor and develop your expertise with a transdisciplinary approach.

› Space & Industrial Design

Explore objects, products and environments through creative, technical and functional approaches, at the crossroads of industrial design, space design and scenography.

› UX & Graphic Design

Explore user experiences, interfaces, visual identities, media contents and communication, placing users and their needs at the heart of your design process.

One Bachelor

Two pathways

Your creative direction



Digital workshop



Luoning Bai / The Third Surface / Renovating an abandoned cotton mill into a vibrant community space by reusing its materials, structures and memories.

Why choose the International Bachelor of Design?

1. LEARN BY DOING

A hands-on approach to Design. Work on real-world projects, experiment in 700 m² of dedicated workshops in a unique 11,500 m² campus, develop prototypes and collaborate with design professionals and partner organisations.

With **a network of more than 1,000 national and international partner companies and organisations**, you will engage with real design challenges throughout your studies.

An **integrated 2-to-4-month internship** allows you to step into a professional environment, apply your skills and build your first professional network.

Projects

Making

Prototyping

Professional Experience

2. INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

5 scholarships covering 50% of tuition fees are available for the 2027 intake of the International Bachelor in Design.

Awarded for the entire duration of the programme, these scholarships recognise international students who demonstrate academic excellence, a strong portfolio and outstanding motivation.

Scholarship available

3. STUDY IN A LEADING DESIGN SCHOOL

Ranked among the top 4 French design schools in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026 – Art & Design, L'École de design Nantes Atlantique offers an inspiring environment to develop your creative practice and prepare for an international career.

Located in Nantes' Creative area, **the school is at the heart of a vibrant ecosystem** where design, innovation, culture and entrepreneurship come together.

The Bachelor opens the door to start a design career but also offer the **possibility to postgraduate studies** in France or abroad, including further study within L'École de design Nantes Atlantique.

Top 4 in France

Nantes Creative area

International career opportunities

Course Outline

YEAR 1: DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS

612 hours / 60 ECTS

GENERAL STUDIES (204 hours / 20 ECTS):

› Languages, humanities and social sciences, art history, design history, intercultural studies

MODES OF EXPRESSION (96 hours / 10 ECTS):

› Visual representation, drawing, 3D/form and perspective, colour

TECHNICAL AND BUSINESS CULTURE (72 hours / 8 ECTS)

DESIGN PROJECT (168 hours / 16 ECTS)

SPECIALISATION (72 hours / 6 ECTS):

› Space & Industrial Design or
› UX & Graphic Design

YEAR 2: SPECIALISATION

620 hours / 60 ECTS

GENERAL STUDIES (154 hours / 12 ECTS):

› Languages, art history, design history, anthropology

MODES OF EXPRESSION (48 hours / 4 ECTS):

› Visual representation, graphic design, drawing, 3D/form

TECHNICAL AND BUSINESS CULTURE (20 hours / 2 ECTS)

DESIGN PROJECT (70 hours / 7 ECTS)

SPECIALISATION (292 hours / 29 ECTS):

› Space & Industrial Design or
› UX & Graphic Design

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (36 hours / 4 ECTS)

YEAR 3: ADVANCED PRACTICE

614 hours / 60 ECTS

GENERAL STUDIES (114 hours / 11 ECTS):

› Languages, introduction to research, dissertation preparation, contemporary social and economic issues

SPECIALISATION (456 hours / 45 ECTS):

› Space & Industrial Design or
› UX & Graphic Design

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (36 hours / 4 ECTS)

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