

> Frequently asked questions

Questions regarding the admission

1. **When could I apply for the Master?**

Right now, until the end of June (Friday June 27th, 2008)

2. **When will be the next session of the master?**

The next session of the master will be the Friday October 3 , 2008

3. **How can I apply?**

Fill in our application form and attach the following documents (you can download our application form on our website : www.emse.fr/sisa):

- Detailed resume
- Application fee of 100 €, payable by bank or postal check or international mandate to l'ecole des Mines de Saint Etienne - An application with no fees payment will not be treated.
- 3 passport size photographs of yourself
- Copies of graduate or post-graduate level degrees or diplomas
- Letters of recommendation
- Any other relevant document that might support your application
- Contact in your University or Place of work
- SEND THESE DOCUMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Nouria CHAOUY

Ecole des Mines de Saint-Etienne

Site Georges Charpak

880, avenue de Mimet

13451 Gardanne France

After having applied, what will be the next steps?

- I will send you a mail to confirm the reception of your application
- Our admission board will study your application – If accepted you will be allowed to follow the courses.
- I will keep you aware regarding the board admission decision 10 days maximum after having received your documents
- If your application is accepted I will send you an admission letter mandatory to apply for the French visa. The registration will be considered as definitive upon the receipt of the 10% tuition fees - 600 euros.
- In the same time, we will guide you to book your accommodation on the campus and we will send you an accommodation proof in order to obtain your visa.

4. **What are the requirements to apply for the Masters?**
2 kinds of profile are accepted:
Engineers with many different background:
 - Electronics and Microelectronics but also
 - Computer science
 - Telecommunication
 - Mathematics
 - Mechanics

OR

Experienced persons with 3-4 years of undergraduate study in a technical field plus 3 years minimum professional experience.
5. **What are the admission criteria?**
The admission is based on an application form plus an interview if in necessary
6. **Do I need to take TOEFL?**
TOEFL is not required to apply for the Masters. However, your English level may be assessed by the admission board during an Interview.
7. **Where the courses are located?**
In south of France close to aix en provence. The courses are given in a new Ecole des Mines de saint Etienne campus.

Questions regarding the master's curriculum

1. **Is this master degree is it acceptable everywhere and by all universitie for further research or study or by companies or organisations all over world?**
Yes, it's French degree delivered by french engineer school (see their website : www.emse.fr)
This diploma **is a post graduate degree** (6 years studies).
It's given by French Ministry of industry and accredited by french" conf rence des grandes (French high school consortium).
This degree is acceptable everywhere and in all universities across the world.
2. **What will be the course's frequency?**
Two weeks per month from October to July. The two other could be used to do the internship.
3. **Which language is usually used during the courses?**
The courses always taught in English.
4. **I don't have any knowledge of French language so is there any requirement for French language to apply?**
No, you don't have to speak French either to follow the master's courses or do your internship. But if you have some knowledge in French that will be more convenient to live in France!.
5. **Would it be possible to have more information about the programs?**
If you want more information about master program, internship, scholarship, accommodation, Don't hesitate to visit our website at the following addresses :
Or contact Olivier MARRONE
By email : ms-recruit@emse.fr
By phone : +33 6 74 90 21 01

Questions about the internship

1. **What will be the internship duration?**
 - 24 weeks (6 months)
2. **Is the internship remunerate?**

The internship remunerate average is between 800 euros and 1.2 euro gross / month (for full time).
3. **Which kind of positions can I expect after graduation?**

Most of our graduate students work in those following positions:

 - Component designer
 - Application developer
 - Team manager
 - Security expert
 - Security evaluator (lab)
 - Consultant
 - R&D

Formalities & practical enquiries

1. **How & when do I pay the fees?**

You can pay by bank transfer, by bank draft & once you open a French bank account, by check. Besides, tuition fees are payable in three installments.
2. **Is there any scholarship available?**

Yes. Each year the French embassy offers scholarships to foreign students. More details will be given to you while applying for the Master.
3. **What about the accommodation?**

The "Ecole des Mines" engineer school offers halls of residence accommodation on their campus. All studio flats are en-suite and have a wireless internet access (included in the rent).
The Studio flat rent is 450 euros per month but you can apply for the APL (housing benefits granted by the French government) to pay less rent. Pictures of the campus & the studios will soon be available on the website.
4. **What about health & insurance?**

The medical/health insurance is compulsory for all students below 28 years old & is strongly suggested for students above 28 years old. The University will provide you with the necessary documents & will apply for you.
5. **Which documents should I have to apply for the VISA?**

Generally they ask you to provide:

 - An admission letter
 - an accommodation proof
 - a document proving that you have enough money to cover living expenses
 - Medical insurance
 - CV + diplomas + passport + photos
6. **Could you help us on VISA matters?**

We can guide you during the process & if necessary contact officials from embassies or consulates.