



# FRENCH/AMERICAN DEGREE EQUIVALENCIES

## *French ENIC-NARIC comparability of US diplomas*



Diplomas	Length of study	Credits	Specificity	French ENIC-NARIC comparison
High school diploma	Secondary school leaving certificate (12 years of primary and secondary schooling)	-	SAT-AP	IV-4
Associate degree	2 years	Usually 60 (semester credits)	Credits can be transferred to a bachelor program	III-5
Bachelor's degree	4 years	Usually 120 (semester credits)	-	II
First professional degrees	Depending on the specialization program, usually up to 6 years	Usually 180 (semester credits), depending on the program	"Doctor" in the diploma title but not PhD	I-7
Master	Usually 2 years after bachelor's degree	Usually 60 (semester credits), depending on the program	First degree of graduate cycle	I-7
PhD	Research program, no specific duration	-	Independent research and defense of thesis	I-8

Source: CIEP



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The following section pertains to individuals with a degree from the United States

## Equivalencies of American diplomas

The **ENIC-NARIC France** is the French information center for the academic and professional recognition of qualifications:

- It issues comparability statement for foreign qualifications
- It provides information on the procedure for obtaining recognition of French qualifications abroad
- It provides information on the procedures to follow in order to work in a regulated profession

**ENIC-NARIC**, "European Network of Information Centres – National Academic Recognition Information Centres". In France, the legal principle of equivalence does not exist. You can obtain a certificate of recognition of your study level. This certificate helps make your course more transparent and can be shown to employers, authorities organizing competitive examinations and training institutions, to assist you in following your chosen path.

The recognition criteria used by the French ENIC-NARIC are the following (based on the Lisbon recognition convention – LRC):



<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Recognition of the qualification within the education system of the awarding country
	Status of the institution in the awarding country
<b>Assessment Components</b>	
<b>Formal Indicators</b>	Bilateral or multilateral agreement
	Position of the qualification in a national and/or international framework
	Official length of study
	ECTS/credits
	Admission requirements
	Program requirements (knowledge, competencies, learning)
<b>Quality assurance</b>	Professional and academic rights
	Existence of an independent and external assessment of the program and the institution

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**All the applications to get a certificate of recognition should be submitted online.** Please check the website for more details: [www.ciep.fr/enic-naricfr/index.php](http://www.ciep.fr/enic-naricfr/index.php)