

FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions Master Planning & Sustainability

How can I apply for the master's program?

The entire application procedure is explained to you in the "How to apply" document available for download on our [website](#).

Do I need to have done a master's degree before joining this one? What fields of study do I need to have done to enter the master's program?

You must have **at least a university bachelor's degree** to apply for the master's program, although you may have done it in any language. However, we will ask you for a photocopy of the **diploma and transcripts in English or French**.

You must have studied in the field of environment, planning, architecture, sustainable development or any other related field. The Selection Committee will judge the coherence of your background to integrate our program. If you have an atypical profile, you can defend your application and make the links that you consider useful with our program in your cover letter to be sent with your application.

What level of English do I need to have to enter the master's program?

We require a minimum **B2 level in English**: TOEFL on the Internet score=72, TOEIC (Listening & Reading) score=785, IELTS=5.5, Cambridge=160, ...

Students whose nationality is coming from a non-native English-speaking country must provide an **official certificate** issued less than 2 years ago. Letters attesting the fact that students have taken courses exclusively in English at home university **are not considered as official certificates**.

To determine which countries are considered as native English-speaking, we rely on the English Government's list which you can find an example of on many UK universities website, as this one: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/international/english-speaking-countries>

Please **check if your country is in this list** or not.

Your application will be automatically rejected if you are unable to provide us with a **certificate at the level requested**.

What level of French is required before entering the master's program?

No level of French is required to enter our course but please note that most administrative procedures will be carried out in French.

However, we will provide you with student tutors on your arrival to facilitate your integration and your administrative procedures.

In which language are the Master courses taught?

The courses are given **exclusively in English**.

Do I need a VISA? Which steps do I need to take to get my VISA?

You can find all the information you need on this website: <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/web/france-visas/>

How much are the fees for the Master Planning & Sustainability?

The differentiated fees established in French universities apply to the Master Planning & Sustainability. For the **2025–2026** academic year, **the differentiated fees are €3,941 per year of enrollment.**

These fees **do not apply if:**

- You are a national of a **member country of the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA), or Switzerland** ;
- You are a national of a country that has entered into an **agreement with France** providing for payment of tuition at the same rates as French students: **Andorra**, Canada (with your legal residence in **Quebec**) ;
- You are a national of a country other than those listed in points 1 and 2 and...:
 - o You are the recipient of a **French government scholarship** or of a **tuition exemption grant awarded by the French embassy** in your country of origin or the country in which you live.
 - o You have [refugee status](#) or [benefit from subsidiary protection](#)
 - o You are a [legal resident](#) of France or hold a [residency permit marked “vie privée et familiale”](#)

For the **2025–2026** academic year, **the non-differentiated fees are €254 per year of enrollment.**

Can I pay in instalments?

Yes, you can pay in instalments. However, payments will only be made by **credit card, in 3 instalments when you are in Tours**. The first payment is made when you register at the university and the other two payments are made in the following months. Please make sure that your account is well funded and that your bank allows large payments.

Do you have any financial aid or scholarships to pay for the Master?

The University of Tours **does not award any scholarship**. You should contact the French embassy or your Campus France in your country to find out about scholarships available.

The master's program is **not eligible for the Eiffel scholarship**.

This master's program has a significant cost, so be sure to calculate the budget needed to live comfortably in France and to have the necessary funds when you arrive so as not to put yourself in difficulty. It is advisable to have a **monthly budget of approximately €800** to cover food, transport and accommodation costs. Of course, this sum varies according to the location of the stay and the type of residence of the student.

Can I work at the same time as my studies to finance my stay in France?

France has strict laws on foreign workers, it allows a salaried activity on an accessory basis within the limit of 60% of the legal annual working time, i.e. 964 hours in total.

You can therefore work outside your course hours within the limit defined above. You should know that it is however **very difficult to be hired if you do not speak French** because few French people speak English.