

FAQ – Frequently asked questions Master Planning & Sustainability

[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 programme?](#)

You must have at least a university bachelor's degree to apply for the Master's programme, 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 training. If you have an atypical profile, you can defend your application and make the links that you consider useful with our training in your cover letter to be sent with your application.

[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 site: <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/web/france-visas/>

[In which language are the Master courses taught?](#)

The courses are given exclusively in English.

[What level of English do I need to have to enter the Master's programme?](#)

We require a minimum level in English: TOEFL score on paper = 567, TOEFL on the Internet score=87, TOEIC score=785, IELTS=5.0, Cambridge=FCE, etc.

Students coming from a non-native English speaking country will need to provide an official and valid certificate (dated 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.

However, your application can be assessed without this certificate so that you do not have to incur any costs until you are sure that you will be accepted into our Master's programme. If you are accepted, you will then have to send us the certificate before the 30 June 2023 by e-mail to

master.amenagement.polytech@univ-tours.fr

[What level of French is required before entering the Master's programme?](#)

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.

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

For the academic year 2023-2024, the First Year fees are €2700 and the Second Year fees are €5300.

Can I pay in instalments?

Yes, you can pay in instalments. However, payments will only be made by credit card, in 3 instalments. 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?

Scholarships and financial aid are not managed by the university. You should contact the French embassy in your country to find out about scholarships available.

The University of Tours has voted to exempt foreign students from differential fees, allowing them to pay the same price as French students. The prices quoted above are already exempt from differential fees and therefore correspond to what you will actually pay. This master's degree 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.

However, you should know that as a student you automatically benefit from meals at 3.30€ at the university restaurant and that you can also benefit from accommodation in a student residence in order to reduce your accommodation costs.

In addition, the second semester internship is paid at about 2000€ for the whole internship.

I have a French government grant (BGF), what will I have to pay?

If you are a French government scholarship holder (BGF), you will be exempt from paying an additional €200, but you will still have to pay about €5100 when you register. You can then request the reimbursement of this amount from Campus France with your school certificate.

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 (and with more limitations during internship which is equivalent to a work contract). You should know that it is however very difficult to be hired if you do not speak or at least understand French well because few French people speak English.