# THE ENS SYSTEM

## INITIAL TRAINING (ENS SYSTEM VS INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM)

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## ENS SYSTEM VS UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

### ADMISSION

**ENS system**: Admission by highly selective national competition usually taken after a two-year post-baccalauréat preparatory programme

**University system**: Admission on the basis of qualification: students must hold a French baccalauréat (secondary school national diploma) or equivalent diplomas

### STATUS

**ENS system**: Normalien status = student + trainee civil servant

**University system**: Student
COURSE OF STUDY

**ENS system**: Double curriculum = University curriculum + complementary training within ENS Rennes – from Bachelor's to Ph.D levels

**University system**: University curriculum (from post-baccalauréat to PhD levels)

NUMBER OF STUDENTS

**ENS system**: Around 3,000 normalien students in all 4 ENS

**University system**: Around 1,300,000 students in the French State Universities

MANAGEMENT

**ENS system**: The presidents of the Écoles Normales Supérieures are appointed by the President of the French Republic

**University system**: The presidents of the universities are elected by their respective University Councils

*ENS Rennes has close links with partner universities within the framework of their traditional degree programs: Rennes 1 and Rennes 2 Universities.*

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5 TEACHING AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENTS

- Economics - Law - Management
- Computer Science and Telecommunication
- Mathematics
- Mechatronics
- Sport Sciences and Physical Education