



# ARUCC

Wednesday, June 27, 2012 :

9h00 – 10h15 D7 - L'admission dans les universités canadiennes de titulaires de diplômes de fin d'études secondaires européens : l'exemple du baccalauréat français.

10:50 – 12:05 E7 – Admitting Students with European Secondary School Diplomas to Canadian Universities : the Example of the French Baccalauréat

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## Let's start with one of these questions :

« Is equality a threat to liberty ? »

« Is art less necessary than science ? »

And now let's pretend you have 4 hours, a pen and some sheets of paper, and you have to answer one of these questions, and you aren't allowed to use anything but your memory and your intelligence !

Every year in June, philosophy is the inaugural written exam of the « baccalauréat », making headlines on French television news ! It is symbolic and revealing as well : in some extent philosophy exemplifies our curriculum's requirements.

The « baccalauréat » is a rite of passage for every 12th grader, opening the door to a higher state : university.

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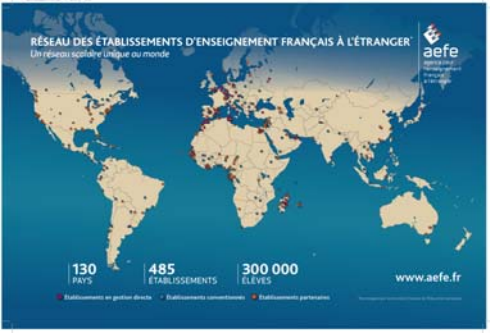
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## A Stamp of quality everywhere in the world : the agreement by AEFE

- Frequent individual teachers' inspections in the classes
- Assessment of the implemented curriculum conformity and quality to the French standards
- Teachers' counselling and professional training...

... supplied by French inspectors for the primary and secondary schools.

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## What kind of Baccalauréat are we talking about ?

Actually the word « baccalauréat » isn't sufficient in itself :

Universities are mostly interested in students graduating the...

- Baccalauréat professionnel
- Baccalauréat technologique
- ...Baccalauréat général :
  - L like Literature
  - ES like Economics and Social Studies
  - S like Sciences and Mathematics

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## 3 separate tracks ; however with many classes in common

- At the end of the class of « seconde » (grade 10) each student is admitted to the two year track of his choice provided he reached its specific requirements.
- During « première » (grade 11) 60% of the curriculum is the same for the 3 tracks ;
- During « terminale » (grade 12) it falls to 30% ;
- A student can switch to a more appropriate track if need be.
- For the past 10 years we have been emphasizing on the « compétences » (abilities or skills) which is a notion larger than « connaissances » (learning)

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## What is a student supposed to know if he wants to achieve successful studies ?

- He is supposed to be able to achieve tasks involving a certain degree of complexity, and to make his way through a series of documents (eg : in history, in geography, in physics or biology as well)
- He is not only supposed to use formulas but also to demonstrate some of them (in maths, in physics)
- He should be able to discriminate, analyse, discern, argue, explain,...
- He is also supposed to master methods and to have some automatisms, eg : starting with a draft or a blueprint, writing an introduction and a conclusion, etc...

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## Hours per year : Scientific track

BAC S : Sciences et Mathématiques			
HORAIRES PAR AN ET COEFFICIENTS A L'EXAMEN FINAL			
Disciplines	1ère	Terminale	Coef.
Mathématiques	136	204	7
Physique/Chimie	102	170	6
Sciences de la vie et de la terre	102	119	6
Français	136	-	4
Philosophie	-	102	3
Anglais	85	102	3
Langue vivante 2	68	102	2
Histoire/Géographie	153	-	3
Education physique et sportive	68	68	2
Spécialisation : une au choix			
Mathématiques	-	68	2
Physique/Chimie	-	68	2
Sciences de la vie et de la terre	-	68	2
2 options au plus, parmi :			
Latin ou Grec ancien	102	102	3
Art	102	102	2
Cinéma	102	102	2
Théâtre	102	102	2
Histoire/Géographie	-	68	2

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## Hours per year : Economics and Social Studies track

BAC ES : Sciences économiques et sociales			
HORAIRES PAR AN ET COEFFICIENTS A L'EXAMEN FINAL			
Disciplines	1ère	Terminale	Coef.
Sciences économiques et sociales	170	170	7
Mathématiques	102	136	5
Histoire/Géographie	153	153	5
Français	136	-	4
Sciences	51	-	2
Philosophie	-	136	4
Anglais	85	68	3
Langue vivante 2	68	68	3
Education physique et sportive	68	68	2
Spécialisation : une au choix			
Mathématiques	-	51	2
Sciences sociales et politiques	-	51	2
Economie approfondie	-	51	2
2 options au plus, parmi :			
Latin ou Grec ancien	102	102	3
Art	102	102	2
Cinéma	102	102	2
Théâtre	102	102	2

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## Hours per year : Literary track

BAC L : Littérature			
HORAIRES PAR AN ET COEFFICIENTS A L'EXAMEN FINAL			
Disciplines	1ère	Terminale	Coef.
Français	136	-	5
Philosophie	-	272	7
Littérature française	68	68	2
Littérature anglaise	68	51	-
Anglais	85	68	4
Langue vivante 2	68	68	4
Histoire/Géographie	153	153	4
Sciences	51	-	2
Education physique et sportive	68	68	2
Spécialisation : une au choix			
Langue vivante renforcée	102	102	2
3ème langue vivante	102	102	2
Latin ou Grec ancien	102	102	2
Mathématiques	102	136	2
2 options au plus, parmi :			
Latin ou Grec ancien	102	102	3
Art	102	102	2
Cinéma	102	102	2
Théâtre	102	102	2

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## Honors levels on final exams

HONORS LEVELS ON FINAL EXAMS				June 2011		
Scores	US	Canada	France	ES (Economics & Social Studies)	L (Literature)	S (Sciences & Maths)
16 -20/20	Highest Honors	Summa Cum Laude	Mention très bien	4.20%	4.60%	10.50%
14 -15.9/20	High Honors	Magna Cum Laude	Mention bien	12.70%	11.00%	18.60%
12 -13.9/20	With Honors	Cum Laude	Mention assez bien	27.80%	25.50%	28.20%
10 -11.9/20	Passing	Passing without honors	Mention passable	55.30%	58.90%	42.70%
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## How to read a French report card?

- Most of the universities pick up the students before even knowing that they passed the final exam ;
- The report cards issued every trimesters are the main resource ;
- In addition to the students' scores, the report cards provide a literal appreciation which may often be useful

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Two ways to get information related to the French educational system : google it !

BOEN = Bulletin Officiel de l'Education Nationale

[http://www.education.gouv.fr/pid25535/bulletin\\_officiel.html?cid\\_bo=57575](http://www.education.gouv.fr/pid25535/bulletin_officiel.html?cid_bo=57575)

(Programme HG term)

EDUSCOL

<http://eduscol.education.fr/pid23233-cid58536/serie-s-a-partir-de-2013.html>

(Eduscol Bac S)

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