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- Languages

What are the teaching languages?

Lectures and studio work are delivered in French in the Foundation Year and at Bachelor level (some Bachelor studios are given in English). Master/MAS programmes are largely bilingual (English/French).

Do I need a language certificate to enrol in an ECAL course?

No language certificate is required. However, fluency in French is essential for the Foundation Year and Bachelor programmes. The same applies to English (as a minimum) for Master programmes. Language proficiency is checked by the juries upon the competitive examinations.

Upon completion of the admission procedure, ECAL reserves the right to require that eligible candidates whose command of French or English is approximate follow intensive language courses in the summer break as a prerequisite for final admission.

- Accommodation

Does ECAL offer boarding?

ECAL is not a boarding school but may, to the extent possible, guide students in looking for accommodation. As the housing market in the Lake Geneva area is relatively tight, students are invited to make related arrangements well in advance.

Can ECAL guarantee that foreign students will find accommodation?

No.

- Scholarships / Tuition Fees

May I obtain a scholarship in Switzerland as a foreign student?

Training aid (grants or student loans) may be awarded by the cantons to Swiss students (nationals, foreign permanent residents and persons with refugee status). Foreign citizens residing in Switzerland for studying purposes only do not have access to these scholarships.

However, the [Swiss Confederation](#) offers excellence scholarships to foreign students, researchers and artists for a period of study or research in Switzerland.

I am a foreign student. Are my tuition fees at ECAL higher than those of a Swiss student?

Within the same Bachelor, Master or MAS programme, tuition fees are identical for all students.

However, a valid private liability insurance is required for any loan of ECAL equipment.

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- Miscellaneous

Does ECAL offer evening classes?

No.

May I have a tour of ECAL?

Apart from events organised by ECAL (various exhibitions, Half-Time, Open Day, etc.), no individual visits are allowed. Group tours may be arranged subject to advanced planning – please contact the [ECAL Secretariat](#).

My company wishes to hire an intern. How do I go about this?

Please contact the [ECAL Secretariat](#). After reviewing your request, an ad can be posted on the alumni section of the website or on the dedicated notice boards at ECAL.