

Université Grenoble Alpes International Class Program Fact Sheet CUEF / Faculty of Science & Faculty of Economics 2026-2027

I. Presentation of the Institution

Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA)

Université Grenoble Alpes is a public institution and one of the leading French universities in higher education and research. With over 60,000 students each year, including 10,000 international students, UGA offers a wide range of academic programs and conducts research in all major disciplinary fields. UGA ranks among the top 150 in the Shanghai ranking.

CUEF

Since its foundation in 1896, the CUEF has developed with a constant focus on quality and innovation. It has successfully acquired and maintained its position as an institution of excellence for teaching French as a foreign language. Each year, the CUEF in Grenoble trains around 2,500 students from more than 120 different countries. The CUEF is a 5-stars “Qualité FLE” certified center. It offers language and French culture courses 11 months a year and is vital part of the rich and dynamic environment of the campus!

Faculty of Science - DLST

The [Department of Science and Technology \(DLST\)](#) gathers all the students enrolled in the first two years of Science degrees (approximately 1,450 students in the first year, 1,200 in the second year, and around 100 students in the preparatory year to integrate the degree). At DLST you can study Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Physics, Mechanics, Civil Engineering, and Electronics.

Faculty of Economics

At the undergraduate level, the [Faculty of Economics](#) offers a general bachelor's degree in Economics and Management, as well as selective dual degree programs (Economics and Law, Economics and Languages). The Economics and Management bachelor's degree offers progressive specialization. Starting in the third year, various non-selective or selective tracks (Business Economics and Management, Applied Economics and Data Analysis, Economic Development and Public Policy) are

offered, some of which are organized by the IAE (UGA Graduate School of Management). In the third year there is as well a selective track in English medium.

II. Presentation of the training program

1st Semester: August 31, 2026 to December 18, 2026

The first semester will be an immersive French language course with 300 hours of French, cultural activities and sports. It will allow students to integrate gradually into French culture with the objective of reaching B1 level by the end of the semester.

- 300 hours of language classes (20 hours of intensive week classes + 20 hours of Graduate School classes + 260 hours of monthly intensive classes).
- 20 hours of immersive cultural activities. Visits of the city and museums with a guide.
- 10 hours of tutoring with a CUEF teacher.
- Optional: 26 hours of sports. Registration at the university sports service (SUAPS).

2nd Semester: January 8 to May 30, 2027

During the second semester students will keep learning French in order to reach B2 level and they will begin studying Science or Economics. There will be French courses on general and specific subjects, as well as on methodology. The training will be completed by three courses at either the Faculty of Science or the Faculty of Economics. At the end of the semester students will be trained to pass the DELF B2 exam.

- 120 hours of language classes
- 10 hours of mentoring with French students
- 24 hours of French for academic purposes or vocabulary classes
- 12 hours of DELF exam preparation
- 131 hours of Science or Economics in French

Description of Science and Economics courses: You have to choose either Science or Economics.

Faculty of Science

General Chemistry: 47.5 hours

This general Chemistry course focuses on molecules and the basic concepts of reactivity. It covers hybridization and molecular representations, detailing the different classes of isomers, as well as mesomerism and the electronic effects of groups. Part of the course will focus on coordination complexes, including their stereochemistry, crystal field theory, and ligand exchange. Finally, after a brief presentation of the main chemical functions and nomenclature rules, a final chapter will be dedicated to intermolecular interactions and reactivity in chemistry, with a more specific focus on substitution and elimination reactions. Tutorials and practical classes will illustrate and complement the theoretical aspect of this course.

Discovering applied mathematics: 54 hours

The course is organized around the following topics: Image processing and applied statistics. This course aims to introduce students to the field of Mathematical Engineering and familiarize them with the methods and software commonly used to solve industrial problems in applied mathematics. It is aimed both at students who intend to study Mathematics and those who have chosen an Engineering Science course. The first will be introduced to a less academic aspect of their chosen discipline, the latter will better understand Engineering Mathematics.

Geometrical optics: 30 hours

The lectures are divided into two parts, each containing a traditional lecture followed by a lecture based on questions asked by students. The first two lectures are devoted to Snell-Descartes laws, and the next two to lenses (simple assembly and lens combinations). The course handout is divided into four chapters:

- 0/ Review and fundamentals
- 1/ Snell-Descartes laws
- 2/ Thin lenses and plane mirrors
- 3/ Optical instruments, aberrations, and the human eye.

Tutorials and practical classes will illustrate and complete the theoretical aspect of this course.

Faculty of Economics

Economic Analysis 2: 60 hours

The objective of this course is to develop students' ability to explain economic mechanisms and construct reasoned and critical arguments on issues related to economic functioning drawing on different theories. The lecture focuses more specifically on the regulation of the economy and explores the controversies between the liberal and Keynesian approaches and their contemporary developments. It is structured as follows:

- The foundations of neoclassical liberalism, issues, methods, microeconomic approaches, and transposition to macroeconomics.
- Keynes and the political regulation of the economy.
- Introduction to the contemporary renewed controversies between orthodoxy and heterodoxy in Economics.

Lectures are completed with tutorials.

Introduction to Business Management 2: 30 hours

This course is dedicated to contemporary practices in management. It focuses on contemporary management issues. The objective of this semester will be to build an economic and managerial culture, using practical examples to understand the current issues and challenges faced by businesses. To do this, we will study entrepreneurial dynamics and management methods, which will incorporate issues of governance and Corporate Social Responsibility.

Introduction to Microeconomics: 42 hours

By the end of this course students will be able to:

- Explain the microeconomic approach (its methods and fundamental assumptions);
- Understand consumer and producer decisions by mathematically formulating the decision that each actor must make;
- Calculate the equilibrium price of a market, identify events likely to impact this price (lower production costs, opening up to a new market, or government intervention), and explain the consequences of these events on the equilibrium price and traded quantities;
- Calculate consumer and producer surplus and the impact of government intervention on societal welfare;

- Give examples of market failures.

Degrees you can access after the International Class:

Science and Technology

- **10 Bachelor's Degrees** in [Chemistry](#), [Electronics](#), [Electrical Engineering](#), [Automation](#), [Civil Engineering](#), [Computer Science](#), [Mathematics](#), [Mechanics](#), [Science and technology](#), [Physics](#), [Earth Sciences](#), [Life Sciences](#).
- **16 Master's degrees** in [Fundamental Physics and Applications](#); [Mechanics](#); [Nuclear Engineering](#); [Electronics, Electrical Energy and Automation](#); [Nanoscience and Nanotechnology](#); [Earth, Planet and Environment Science](#); [Civil Engineering](#); [Mathematics and Computer Science Applied to the Humanities and Social Sciences](#); [Computer-Aided Business Management](#); [Mathematics and Applications](#); [Computer Science](#); [Biology](#); [Plant Biology](#); [Chemistry](#); [Process and Bioprocess Engineering](#); [Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution](#).

Economics and Management:

- **1 Bachelor's Degree** in [Economics and Management](#).
- **5 Master's Degrees** in [Mathematics and Computer Science Applied to the Humanities and Social Sciences](#) (in collaboration with the Faculty of Human and Social Science); [Organizational Economics](#); [Development Economics](#); [Environmental, Energy, and Transport Economics](#); [Social Science](#) (in collaboration with the Faculty of Human and Social Science).

III. Student life

UGA has been awarded the 2-star "Bienvenue en France" quality certification by the Ministry of Higher Education and pays particular attention to welcoming and integrating international students.

Accommodation

CUEF will help you book your accommodation at a [partner international student residence](#) near the campus (4 kilometers), connected by public transportation.

Campus life

Students will be able to participate in [campus life](#) through the many student associations, festive, cultural and sports events offered by UGA. They will also have access to university restaurants and libraries.

IV. Tuition fees

Fees for the International Class (1st year)

Tuition fees: €5,300 + €30 application fee paid to the CUEF

Upon arrival, students must pay the Student and Campus Life Contribution - CVEC (€103*) and University fees (€57*). * Subject to price changes

2025-2026 Fees for the bachelor's and master's degree (for your reference)

International students are exempted of tuition fees, but have to pay CVEC (€ 103) and University fees (€57)

V. Application and enrollment procedures

Application

Application deadline: May 15, 2026.

- 1) **Complete the application form** and return it to cuef-classe-internationale@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr along with a resume, cover letter, and academic record (transcripts from the last two years + current year).
- 2) **The application will be reviewed by the selection committee** of the Faculty of Science (if you have chosen the Science program) or by the committee of the Faculty of Economics (if you have chosen the Economics program).
- 3) **If your application is approved by the selection committee:**
 - You already have A2 level (or B1 for China): you are admitted to the international class. A pre-admission letter will be sent to you with the invoice.
 - You do not have A2 level (or B1 for China): you are admitted subject to validating A2 level (or B1 for China) by July 2026 at the latest. A pre-admission letter, subject to validation of your language level, will be sent to you. Upon receipt of your DELF certificate, the CUEF will send you a letter confirming your registration.

Registration

Upon receipt of the **pre-admission letter**, and by July 2026 at the latest, the student pays the full cost of the course to the CUEF, i.e. €5,330, by bank transfer.

A **confirmed registration letter** will be sent to the student upon receipt of payment by the CUEF.