



Ingénieur Polytechnicien Program

Grading System



Established in 1794, École Polytechnique is regularly ranked as France's first science and technology university awarding Bachelor, Master and PhD level diplomas, and among the first institutions worldwide for employability and internationalization.

École Polytechnique's Ingénieur Polytechnicien Programme is a unique 4-year graduate degree providing students with both:

- Multidisciplinary undergraduate-level courses (years 1 & 2) which give students a solid scientific background in pure and applied mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, mechanics, computer science, economics and social sciences;*
- Specialized graduate-level courses (year 3) in one of the following concentrations: Biology, Bioinformatics, Chemistry, Economics, Electrical Engineering, Energy, Innovation Technologies, Environmental Engineering, Computer science, Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Space Engineering, Public Affairs, Material Sciences, Mechanics and Physics.*

Course Codes

Course codes are alphanumeric and range from 300- to 500- level courses ; first-year courses are typically indicated with a 300- level code, second-year courses with a 400- level code, and third-year courses with a 500- level code.

ECTS credits

École Polytechnique's second and third years of *Ingénieur Polytechnicien* Program consists of six terms over the course of which at least 120 ECTS credits must be obtained, with three terms per academic year and an average of 9 weeks of courses per semester. The final year includes a research-based internship.

Each term allows students to obtain at least 20 credits and a maximum of 30 credits. ECTS credits are awarded to each validated course.

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Key to literal grades			GPA
A	Very High Honors	Pass	4.0
B	High Honors	Pass	3.7
C	Honors	Pass	3.2
D	Below Expectations	Fail	2.5
E	Very Below Expectations	Fail	1.5
F	Disciplinary Grade	Fail	0
ABS	Absence at the final exam	Fail	0

The nominal proportions of A and B grades are set in advance in relation to the number of students graded in the course (with a fluctuation interval depending on the number of students) : 33% A grades, 40% B grades. No nominal proportion is fixed for grades lower than or equal to C.

Please note that the literal grades are the only ones that are considered in the assessment of students' performance at Ecole Polytechnique.

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