

EP Paris → aivancity

*Grande École Pathway

English for Academic Purposes (12 Weeks) +
Grande École Programme in Artificial Intelligence
& Data Science

A structured, visa-secure academic pathway to
one of France's leading AI Grande Écoles —
without IELTS

**The Grande École Programme is a five-year programme comprising a Bachelor's Cycle designed to acquire solid skills and open you up to the world, and a Master's Cycle designed to enable you to specialize according to your ambitions.*



Programme Overview

This exclusive pathway enables international students to start their studies in Paris, prepare for their higher education course through English for Academic Purposes (EAP) at English Path Paris, and progress directly to aivancity's Grande École Programme in Artificial Intelligence & Data Science. Students obtain a French long-stay student visa (VLS-TS – D type) before arrival and may work part-time in France during their studies.

Why choose English Path Paris?

English Path Paris is part of the GEDU Global Education Group, delivering academic English and pathway programmes across Europe, the UK, Canada, Australia and the Middle East.

Key advantages include purpose-built academic pathways, strong focus on academic skills, continuous assessment, and direct academic coordination with aivancity admissions.

Why study English for Academic Purposes (EAP)?

The EAP programme prepares students for English-medium higher education by developing academic writing, research, critical reading, note-taking and presentation skills. Successful completion replaces the need for IELTS for aivancity admission.

Why progress to aivancity - Grande École Programme?

Aivancity is a leading French Grande École dedicated to Artificial Intelligence and Data, recognised by the French Ministry of Higher Education and ranked #1 AI & Data School in France (Eduniversal 2024, 2025 & 2026).

Entry Requirements

English Path Paris – EAP (12 Weeks)

- ✓ Academic: Completion of upper secondary education (high school diploma) or equivalent.
- ✓ English: Minimum CEFR B1, assessed via EP internal test or recent English test if available.
- ✓ IELTS is not required to start EAP.

aivancity Grande École MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

- ✓ Academic (depending on entry point): High School Diploma (Baccalauréat) or Bachelor degree (Bac+3 or higher). Applicants with prior university study may be eligible for advanced entry into MSc Data Management or MSc Data Engineering.
- ✓ Admissions include academic file review, possible written assessments, and a mandatory motivation interview.
- ✓ English: IELTS/TOEFL not required for students progressing via EP Paris EAP.

Grande École Programme (PGE)

Integrated Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

State-approved diploma – RNCP Level 7

Master degree approved by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research

The Grande École Programme follows a 3+2 structure:

- **Years 1–3:** Undergraduate cycle (Bachelor-level foundations)
- **Years 4–5:** Graduate cycle (Master-level specialization, often work-study)

Students can enter at different years depending on their academic background.

Year-by-Year Academic Overview

Year 1	Foundations in AI, Data & Business
Student profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High school graduates (Baccalaureate or equivalent)
Academic focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programming fundamentals (Python, algorithms)• Data acquisition, preprocessing & visualization• Mathematics & statistics for AI• Introduction to Machine Learning• Business & economic fundamentals• AI ethics, law & philosophy
Professional exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AI Clinic (hands-on projects)• Career coaching• Internship: 2–3 months
Year 2	Core Data & AI Engineering
Student profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students with 1 year of higher education (60 ECTS)• Internal progression from Year 1
Academic focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced programming (Python, R)• Machine Learning models & applications• Systems architecture, servers & networks• Applied mathematics & optimization• Marketing, finance & AI project management• Ethics by design & technology regulation
Professional exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AI Clinic• Internship: 3–4 months• Community & applied projects
Year 3	Applied AI & Business Integration
Student profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students with 2 years of higher education (120 ECTS)• BTS / DUT / preparatory classes• Internal progression from Year 2
Academic focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cloud computing, data security & DevOps for AI• Deep Learning (CV, NLP)• Advanced data analysis & visualization• Business strategy & digital transformation• Responsible AI, governance & compliance
Professional exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AI Clinic• Internship: 3–4 months• Optional academic exchange (UC Berkeley) or learning trip to India or Morocco
Exit award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Science – AI Developer (RNCP Level 6)

Year 4		Master Cycle: Deepening & Specialisation	
Student profile		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor degree holders (Bac+3 / Level 6) • Engineering or business graduates • Internal progression from Year 3 	
Academic focus		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Machine Learning & Deep Learning • AI deployment & maintenance • Business strategy, operations & marketing with AI • AI ethics: fairness, robustness, explainability (XAI) • Project & innovation management 	
Professional exposure		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI Clinic • Internship: 3–4 months • International learning trip (UC Berkeley – optional) 	
Year 5		Strategic AI Leadership & Industry Expertise	
Student profile		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students progressing from Year 4 • Exceptional candidates entering directly with Bac+4/5 	
Academic focus		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generative AI & AI of Things • Cybersecurity & Green AI • AI regulation & applied law • Sector specialization (Finance, Health, Industry, CRM, Agriculture) • Responsible leadership & management 	
Professional exposure		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI Clinic • 12-month apprenticeship or internship • Final thesis or applied industry project 	
Final award		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-approved Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence & Data Science (RNCP Level 7 & approved by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research) 	

Entry Points Summary

Entry Year	Academic Background Required
Year 1	High School Diploma (Baccalaureate or equivalent)
Year 2	1 year of higher education (60 ECTS)
Year 3	2 years of higher education (120 ECTS)
Year 4	Bachelor / Bac+3 (IT, Engineering, Business, Economics, etc.)
Year 5	Rare – Bac+4/5 with strong AI/Data background

Refresher/bridging modules are available for students entering at Years 2, 3 or 4 depending on background (maths, data, AI, business, ethics).



Visa - Pathway Support

Students receive a Conditional Letter of Acceptance (CLA) from aivancity before arrival, used for Campus France and VLS-TS (D-type) student visa application.

Admissions Process (Campus France–Compliant)

This pathway follows a structured admissions process jointly managed by English Path Paris and aivancity, providing guidance and support throughout the French long-stay student visa (VLS-TS – D type) application process. Our team will assist students with preparing and submitting their visa applications to help ensure a smooth transition into the aivancity Grande École programme.

Application Deadlines & Intake Dates (Example: January Intake)

aiavancity Intake	January 2026
Programme Application Deadline	Late June 2026
Visa Application Deadline	July 2026
EP EAP Programme Start	October 2026
aivancity Programme Start	January 2026

Late arrival to EAP intake may be permitted, subject to academic interview outcomes.

Student Visa

Students apply for a French long-stay student visa (VLS-TS – D type) in their home country using documents issued by English Path Paris and aivancity. Upon arrival in France, the visa must be validated through the OFII process.

Initial Application – Document Checklist

English Path Paris (EAP):

- ✓ Valid passport (minimum 3 months validity beyond HE programme end date)
- ✓ English level: minimum CEFR B1 (EP internal test or recent English test if available).

Aivancity - Admission Documents

English	Grande Ecole Year 1	Grande Ecole Year 2	Grande Ecole Year 3	Grande Ecole Year 4
Optional				
Attestation of French level for non-French speakers				
English level certificate for non-English speakers				
Baccalauréat (High school diploma)	✓			
Last degree obtained or school certificate				
Degree				
Letter of motivation				
Letter of recommendation	✓	✓	✓	✓
Transcript of marks for the High School Diploma preliminary exams				
Baccalauréat (High School Diploma) transcript	✓			
Last diploma (degree) transcript				
Mandatory				
Baccalauréat (High school diploma)	✓			
Grade transcripts from 12th grade in your possession	✓			
Grade transcripts for 3 terms of 11th grade (first year)	✓			
National identity card or passport	✓	✓	✓	✓
Certificate of school attendance for the current year		✓	✓	
Curriculum Vitae (CV)			✓	✓
Last degree obtained		✓	✓	✓
Last diploma degree or school certificate	✓			
Degree				
Photo	✓	✓	✓	✓
Transcript of marks for the High school diploma preliminary exams	✓			
High school diploma transcript				
Transcripts of your last 2 years of study		✓	✓	✓
Transcripts of your last degree		✓	✓	✓
Questionnaire completed * The questionnaire will be shared with you once the admissions process has been initiated.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Video of Presentation (1:30 min)	✓			

English	MSC_Data Engineering Year 1	MSC_Data Engineering Year 2	MSC_Data Management Year 1	MSC_Data Management Year 2
Optional				
Attestation of French level for non-French speakers				
English level certificate for non-English speakers				
Baccalauréat (High school diploma)				
Last degree obtained or school certificate				
Degree				
Letter of motivation				
Letter of recommendation	✓	✓	✓	✓
Transcript of marks for the High School Diploma preliminary exams				
Baccalauréat (High School Diploma) transcript				
Last diploma (degree) transcript				
Mandatory				
Baccalauréat (High school diploma)				
Grade transcripts from 12th grade in your possession				
Grade transcripts for 3 terms of 11th grade (first year)				
National identity card or passport	✓	✓	✓	✓
Certificate of school attendance for the current year				
Curriculum Vitae (CV)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Last degree obtained	✓	✓	✓	✓
Last diploma degree or school certificate				
Degree				
Photo	✓	✓	✓	✓
Transcript of marks for the High school diploma preliminary exams				
High school diploma transcript				
Transcripts of your last 2 years of study	✓	✓	✓	✓
Transcripts of your last degree	✓	✓	✓	✓
Questionnaire completed * The questionnaire will be shared with you once the admissions process has been initiated.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Video of Presentation (1:30 min)	✓	✓	✓	✓

Step-by-Step Admissions Process (Pre-Arrival)

1. Initial Application & Pre-Screening (EP)
2. LOPA for EP EAP issued by EP
3. Payment for EP Course
4. Application to aivancity (file submission by student)
5. Eligibility review , pre-Jury Interview & Jury interview invitation
6. Jury Interview (approx. 30 minutes)
7. Jury Decision
8. Complete Registration & fee payments to aivancity
9. Visa support documents issued by EP & aivancity
10. Études en France (EEF) process initiated by student

French Visa Process – Études en France (Pre-Arrival)

- Online EEF application and submission
- Validation and payment of EEF fees
- Campus France review (interview if required)
- Visa appointment (VFS or consulate)
- Keep EP Team update regarding your visa application status

French Visa Process – Études en France (Pre-Arrival)

- Arrival in Paris and start of EP EAP
- Visa validation via OFII
- Completion of EAP and issuance of certificate & transcript
- Final admission confirmation by aivancity and programme start

Intake Calendar

aivancity Intake	Grande École Start	Recommended EP EAP Start (≈12 weeks prior)	Application deadline
Main Intake	September	June/July	Mid February
Late Intake	January	October/November	Mid July

EAP start dates are planned backwards from the aivancity intake to support admissions and visa timelines.

Tuition Fees

**English Path Paris
EAP (12 weeks)**

€4,000*

*Scholarships available.

Approximate Grande École tuition annual fees by entry level*

Year 1	€10,500
Year 2	€11,900
Year 3	€13,500
Year 4	€14,900

Approximate total tuition cost examples (EAP + First Grande École Year)*

Entry after High School	€14,500
Entry after 1 year HE	€15,900
Entry after 2 years HE	€17,500
Entry after Bachelor degree	€18,900

*Excludes registration, materials, accommodation, airport transfers, living costs, insurance, visa or other optional fees.