

Educ...	School/Level	Gra...	Age	Years	Notes
Primary	Primary School	1–6	7–13	6	Certificate of primary studies
Middle	Lower cycle of secondary school			4	Certificate of the lower cycle of secondary study (brevet d'étude du premier cycle - BEPC).
Seco...	Second cycle of secondary school			3	Graduates earned the Baccalauréat, which indicated a level of learning roughly equivalent to one or two years of university study in the United States.
Seco...	Alternative secondary education			4	Combination of academic and practical training, leading to an elementary certificate (brevet élémentaire—BE)
Seco...	Vocational School				
Post-secon...	Technical and teacher-training institutions			2	
Tertiary	Undergraduate			3–4	The system is organized after the French national model: holders of the selective baccalauréat follow a two-year curriculum leading to the DUEL (Diplôme Universitaire d'Etudes Littéraires), the DUES (Diplôme Universitaire d'Etudes Scientifiques), or the DEUG (Diplôme Universitaire d'Etudes Générales). One more year of study leads to the Licence (the level of an American bachelor's degree), and an additional year leads to the Maîtrise (the equivalent of a master's degree). Further studies lead to the DEA (Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies), a post-graduate specialized degree, , and after the successful defense of a doctoral dissertation, to the Doctorat de Spécialité de Troisième Cycle (the Ph.D.).
Tertiary	Graduate			1	Master degree
Tertiary	Doctorate			3–7	