

# **Bachelor, Master, Doctorate (BA/MA/PhD)**

## **New curriculum for French universities**



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### **Progress Report and Prospects**

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# Objectives of LMD

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- Make Europe into a space facilitating mobility of students, teachers and researchers.
- Make this space readable and attractive globally
  
- Key thrust:  
There is no other way for higher education and research to go. We have to ensure their quality and visibility at the global level
- 45 European countries are now involved in LMD.



# Key features of the reform

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- A university education is now spread over three stages. Each level of study or degree is achieved by getting European credits (European Credit Transfer System)

DEGREE	ECTS
Bachelor (Bac +3)	180
Master (Bac +5)	+120
Doctorate (Bac +8)	

# Key features of the reform (cont'd):

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- Division into semesters
  
- Organization of Teaching Units
  
- Credits under ECTS credit system
  - Transferable
  - Capitalizable.



# Master's program can be structured into three levels.

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- Mandatory level:
- Field May involve many disciplines

To which can be added:

- A Distinction Subdivision of the field
- And a Specialization Declension of Distinction.



UNIVERSITÉ DE NANTES

- 2<sup>nd</sup>-largest university in France for student enrollment
- A *multi-disciplinary* university
- 20 faculties
- 32,500 students in initial training
- 11,000 students in continuing education
- 1,500 research professors
- 1,600 part-time lecturers, associate professors or high school teachers
- 1 000 administrative staff members.

# Research at the University de Nantes



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- 5 schools for doctorate studies
- 74 research teams
- 38 Research Master programs
- 250 theses supported each year.



# International Relations

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- 350 partnerships world wide
- 3,500 foreign students enrolled this year
- 130 nationalities.

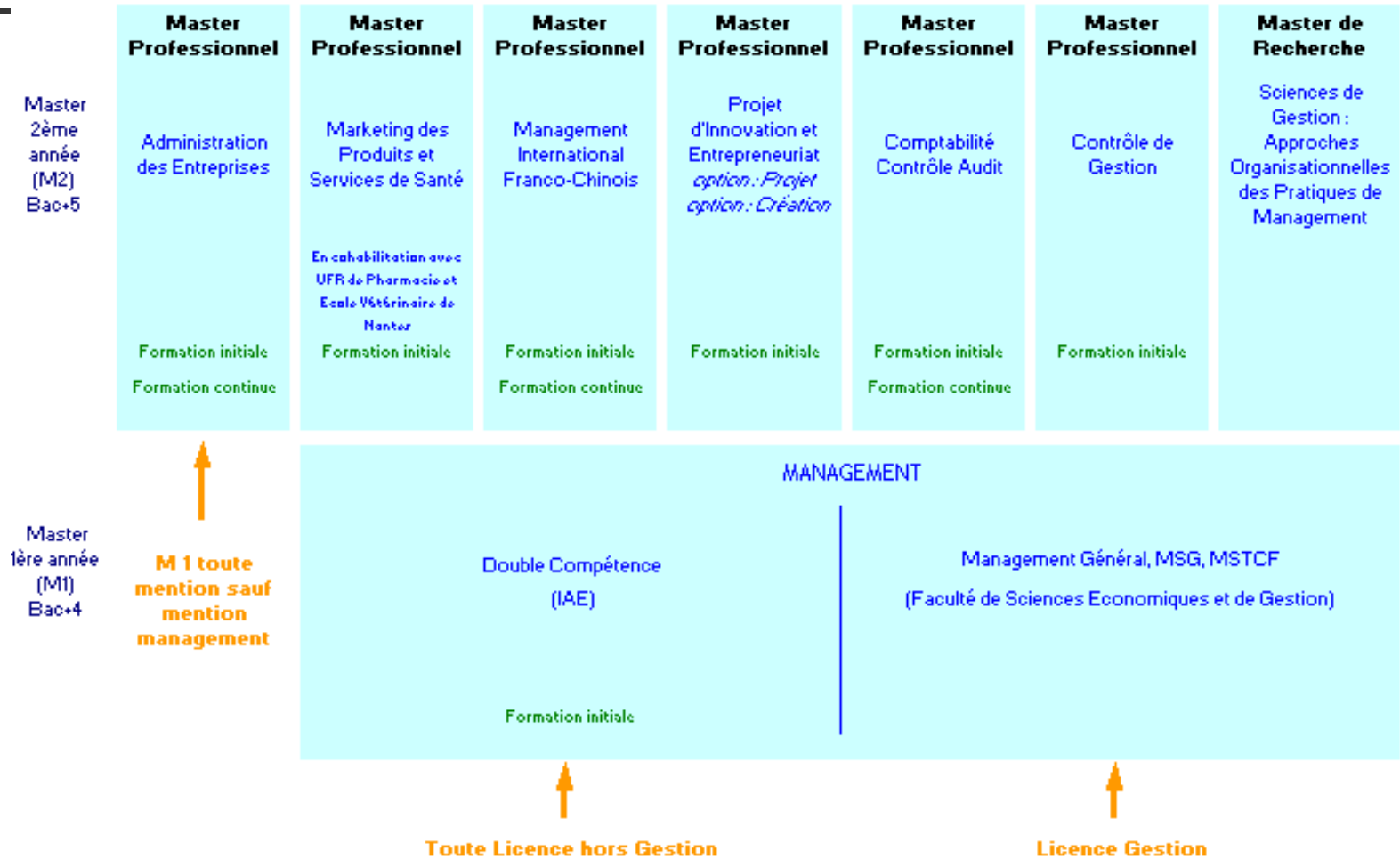
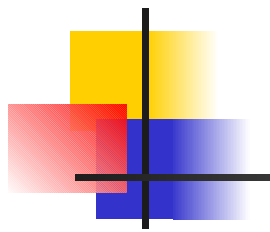


# 4 educational fields

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Fields	Distinctions	Specialations
Law, political science, economics and management	12	22
Literature, languages and communication	10	33
Science, health, technologies	4	17
Humanities and social sciences	10	16
Totals	36	78

# Education programs offered at Nantes IAE

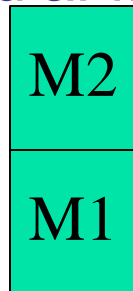


# What have we learned two years into the BA/MA/PhD structure?

## ■ Frame of Master's program

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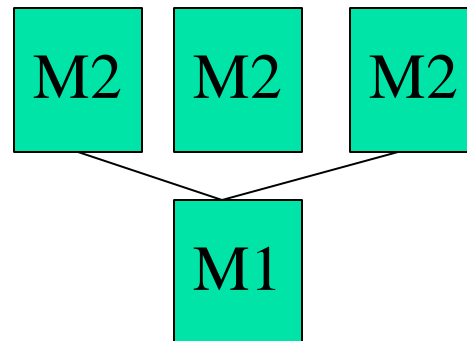
### ■ Tubular frame



Social law

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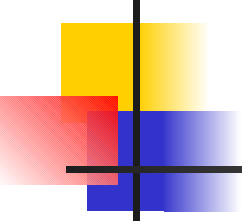
### ■ “Y” frame



- Management control
- Corporate Administration
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Management

### ■ “T” frame



# What have we learned two years into the BA/MA/PhD structure? (cont'd)

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- Students
- Division into semesters
- Mobility and ECTS credits
- Importance of path study notion
- Entrance into Master 1
- Entrance into Master 2

# What have we learned two years into the LMD structure? (cont'd)

University of Nantes	University of Nice
4 fields	7 fields
Law, Political Science, Economics and Management	Law and Political
	Economics, Management
	Business Administration
Literature, Languages and Communication	Literature, Languages, Arts
Science, Health, Technologies	Science, Technology and Health
	Science and Techniques of Physical Activities and Sports
Humanities and Social Sciences	Humanities and Social Sciences

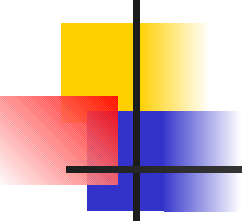
# Collateral effects of LMD

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- Expansion of university education offer
  - Strengthened cooperation arrangements among University faculties

Examples of cooperation at Nantes:

- Law – Sociology
- Science – Medicine
- Science – Polytechnical School of the University
- IAE – Economics.

# Collateral effects of LMD

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- Incentive for University clustering
  
  - Examples:
    - Merger of Strasbourg Universities 1 and 2 effective with 2006 opening
    - Upcoming mergers:
      - Montpellier: 1 and 2
      - Rennes: 1 and 2
      - Bordeaux: 1, 2, 3 and 4
      - .....



# Future of BA/MA/PhD

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- Strengthened link between Research Master – Professional Master
- Reduction in number of Specializations
- Clarification of Fields
- Problem with selection: M1 or M2?



# Intake of foreign students

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- Intake in Professional Master and Research Master program
  - Prevailing situation
  - Prospects



Merci pour votre attention

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Thanks for your attention

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