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It concerns the potential students wishing to study full-time in L1 (first year).

The entrance exam and an equivalence commission for mid curriculum acceptance at The Nantes School of Art is open to overseas students with a very good command of French (B2 minimum). Applicants' experience of France (e.g. language study holiday) would be appreciated by the jury.

A valid email address is required to receive the notification.

At the time of registration, several mandatory documents au format PDF will be requested to confirm your registration :

- an artistic portfolio ;
- a statement of intent ;
- for overseas candidates, a certificate stating that you have taken the TCF (French Competency Test) level B2.

Methods

The competitive entrance examination for the Nantes Metropole School of Fine Arts (École Supérieure des Beaux-Arts de Nantes Métropole) comprises two stages: an in-depth examination of artistic portfolios and an interview of candidates with teaching artists and theoreticians.

The competitive admission examination is open to all french or overseas candidates holding a baccalauréat or equivalent secondary-school diploma.

On an exceptional basis, a special dispensation may be granted for candidates who have not passed the baccalauréat. Overseas candidates are asked to provide a french translation of their diploma (secondary school diploma or equivalent). A good knowledge of the French language is required.

Minimum age (as of 1 January of the year of the entrance examination): 16

Maximum age (as of 1 January of the year of the entrance examination): 30

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Sequence of Examination Process

Online registration

The registration request must be filled in exclusively online at the Nantes school of art website (a valid e-mail address is necessary to receive an acknowledgement of receipt).

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Candidates short-listed on the basis of their portfolio will be notified :

The list of short-listed candidates will be available on the website with the topic of the plastic arts exam to be prepared for the interview with the jury.

Short-listed candidates will be notified of the interview by email.

Written language examination (30 min.): a series of questions in a language of the candidate's choice (English, Italian, German or Spanish).

Written general knowledge examination (1:15) . Candidates choose between three subjects. The purpose is to evaluate the skills of observation and reflection in front of a work.

Selection interview (30 min.):

- Assessment of general culture based on an analysis of works and an ability to express sensitivity and a manner of seeing (10 min.)
- Assessment of visual arts potential based on an oral presentation the artistic topic prepared in advance (10 min.)
- Commentary on the candidate's personal artistic portfolio (10 min.)

The jury will include a general culture teacher and two teaching artists.

The results will be available on this website.

Student status

Students enrolled in post-secondary studies at the school have student status.

As such, they are eligible for:

- Student social security (affiliation required for non-employed students between the ages of 18 and 28)
- Mutual health insurance scheme for students: SMEBA or the Mutuelle des Etudiants
- Study grants awarded by the CROUS and, for studies abroad, grants from the City of Nantes, the Loire Valley Region, the Franco-German Youth Office and the European Union
- CROUS student benefits (accommodation in university halls of residence, university restaurants, university health and social services, and athletic facilities).

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