



## Ecole Supérieure du Bois - Nantes

### ● Institution's profile

The Ecole Supérieure du Bois trains engineers in three years. Teaching is directed toward learning about the jobs and the techniques in the wood/timber industry along with human relations, management, law, business policies and foreign languages. This training is further reinforced by an eight-month internship either in a French company or in one abroad.

The Ecole Supérieure du Bois was established in 1934 in Paris. Since 1993 it has been located in a modern setting in Nantes where there are diverse universities and 'grandes écoles'. In addition, the school benefits from the area that has the second largest concentration in France of industries dealing with the primary and secondary treatment of wood materials. Today, over 2,500 former engineering students from the school are participating in the expansion and leadership of companies in the wood industry in France and abroad.

#### Major fields of study

**Engineering and technology of wood** (courses deal with the structure of wood, forestry and transforming wood to the economics of the wood sector, construction and the management wood projects, and wood in foreign trade).

#### Research

Research projects carried out within the school **are based on wood and wood composites**. This includes panel products, particle panels, MDF, OSB and plywood, as well as glulam (glued laminated timber), LVL, and products of plastic wood. The major part of the projects is in applied research because students have the opportunity to work on real problems that companies can then take advantage of.

#### Strengths

With 250 students, the Ecole Supérieure du Bois offers a dynamic, stimulating atmosphere that allows students to feel at ease with the program, to develop innovative projects and important industry professional relationships.

The school encourages learning from projects. The decision for a project, financial dimension, team management and communication are all realities students confront by working on different projects throughout their studies.

The Ecole Supérieure du Bois has 30% foreign students, coming from such countries as Poland, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Brazil, China and Morocco, Tunisia, Mexico and Cameroon. Every year, the school increases its international commitment with new partnerships in the areas of student exchanges and professors, research projects and technological transfers and internships organized abroad. In September 2003, the Ecole Supérieure du Bois launched an unpublished training course in Europe, entitled "**International Wood Trade**." As its name indicates, this training's mission is to give students the necessary skills to become future experts in the international wood trade.

#### Location

Nantes, the sixth largest city in France, is located 40 kilometers from the Atlantic Ocean and its beaches. Nantes is a leading center for the agri-food industry, aeronautics and electronics sectors. The city's dynamic quality also is reflected in its universities with some 45,000 students and 100 research centers. A cultural revival also has occurred in recent years, making Nantes a lively center for the arts.

Institution's  
website

<http://www.ecolesuperieuredubois.com>

### Identity form

Precise name of the institution :	■ <b>École Supérieure du Bois - Nantes</b>
Type of institution :	■ <b>Private</b>
City where the main campus is situated :	■ <b>Nantes</b>
Number of students :	■ <b>250 (in 2003-04)</b>
Percentage or number of international students :	■ <b>30% foreign students (in 2003-04)</b>
Type and level of qualifications awarded :	■ <b>LMD</b> ■ <b>Other national diploma</b> ■ <b>Institution-specific Diploma</b>
French language courses for international students :	■ <b>Yes</b>
Study programmes for international students :	■ <b>Yes</b>
Training programmes in English :	■ <b>Yes</b>
Registration fees for the year (for information only) :	■ <b>3000 € per year</b>
Postal address :	■ <b>Rue Christian Pauc - Atlanpôle - BP 10605 - 44306 Nantes Cedex 3</b>