

**Institution's profile**

The CESI engineering school was founded in 1958 to train engineers for the management of manufacturing projects.

**The core curriculum provides general engineering training designed to allow graduates to adapt easily to technological and organizational change.**

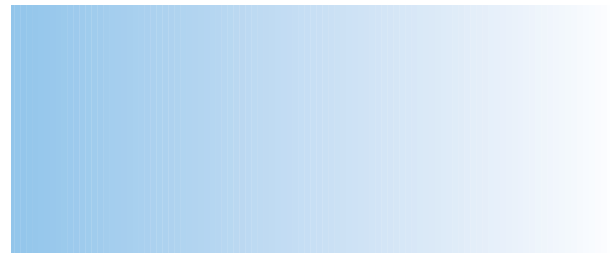
Beyond training graduates to meet the needs of industry, the school provides intensive instruction in management. This allows those with two-year degrees to move up the corporate ladder, as engineers or managers, without traditional preparatory classes.

An inductive instructional methodology encourages students to make use of experience acquired in business—a stark contrast to the approach most often used in undergraduate programs. The school's pedagogical method allows each student to design a curriculum tailored to develop individual skills.

The program's emphasis on management in manufacturing organizations is highly valued by employers.

**With 11 sites throughout France, CESI awarded almost 800 engineering degrees in 2003.** Of those, 600 were granted to continuing-education students after 20 months of study or to work-study trainees over a three-year period. The remaining 200 diplomas were awarded to graduates of specialized work-study programs (industrial engineering, maintenance, electronics).

In addition to awarding engineering degrees accredited by the French National Commission on Engineering Degrees, CESI offers programs leading to a *maîtrise spécialisée* and recognized by the



*Conférence des Grandes Ecoles* in the fields of quality, safety and security, environment, industrial risk management, ERP, and global logistics.

The school's opening to the world is an essential part of its growth strategy. In order to make French engineering programs more transparent to outsiders, and thus encourage exchanges of students with partner institutions, CESI has modularized its curriculum and divided it into semesters. These decisions formed the basis of a new partnership, begun in early 2004, with the University of Northumbria in Newcastle, UK.

There is an international dimension in all programs, in that there is a required three-month internship abroad. Several of the *maîtrise spécialisée* are offered through subsidiaries in Germany and Algeria.

Through its Spanish affiliate, Elgoibar, CESI is exporting its know-how and its curriculum.

Today 10,000 CESI graduates are working in all sectors of the economy.

Institution's  
website

<http://www.cesi.fr>

**Identity form**

Precise name of the institution :	■ <b>Ecole d'ingénieurs du CESI</b>
Type of institution :	■ <b>Private</b>
City where the main campus is situated :	■ <b>Angoulême (and 11 other sites)</b>
Number of students :	■ <b>2,000 students annually</b>
Type and level of qualifications awarded :	■ <b>Institution-specific diploma</b>
French language courses for international students :	■ <b>No</b>
Study programmes for international students :	■ <b>Yes</b>
Training programmes in English :	■ <b>Yes</b>
Postal address :	■ <b>297, rue de Vaugirard – 75015 Paris</b>