



Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Chimie de Montpellier

Institution's profile

The Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Chimie de Montpellier has inherited the long and rich tradition of chemistry in Montpellier where the great names of Chaptal, Gerhardt or Balard have been famous. Founded in 1889, the Institut de Chimie was renamed the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Chimie (ENSCM) in 1957.

ENSCM is a public institution, autonomous, but under the supervision of the National Ministry of Youth and Education and Research, associated with the University of Montpellier II, with which it cooperates actively in scientific research. It is authorized to grant the Diplôme National d'Ingénieur Chimiste de l'ENSCM et Diplômes Nationaux de Master professionnels. The student body consists of 300 students (about 100 members per class). Forty-one permanent teacher-researchers comprise the faculty, assisted by a large number of part-time professionals from the economic, industrial and scientific worlds.

Research is structured in three units associated with the CNRS (Centre national de la recherche scientifique) (130 permanent researchers), which enables each unit to be nationally and internationally recognized in the fields that ENSM excels: **cellular membrane materials and processes, catalytic materials and catalysis in organic chemistry, molecular and macromolecular heterochemistry. A mixed research team is specialized in biomolecular chemistry.**

Because of its laboratories' research contacts, ENSCM has numerous relationships with industrial companies in France and abroad, which helps students secure internships.



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ENSCM is a member of the Fédération Gay-Lussac that groups together chemistry schools and chemical engineering schools in France and in the *Conférence des Grandes Ecoles*.

Location

Thanks to its exceptional location in the heart of Montpellier, capital of Languedoc-Roussillon, next to the Mediterranean, with an international airport and 3 hours 30 minutes from Paris by bullet train, the school has special relationships with other Mediterranean countries (Spain, Portugal, Italy) and North Africa, but also with countries from Northern and Central Europe. It has a network of over 80 university partners in various European countries where it has bilateral agreements and joint diplomas, as well outside Europe: USA, Canada, Australia, China, etc.

Strengths

ENSCM is a friendly place to study: guaranteed student housing and a welcome committee organized by students who help foreign students in getting their administrative papers and assisting with any later difficulties. An intensive course of French as a foreign language is organised upon arrival and weekly sessions continue during the academic year.

Institution's website

<http://www.enscm.fr>

Identity form

Precise name of the institution :	■ Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Chimie de Montpellier
Type of institution :	■ Public
City where the main campus is situated :	■ Montpellier
Number of students :	■ About 300 undergraduate, 80 to 100 doctoral and post-doctoral candidates
Percentage or number of international students :	■ About 10%
Type and level of qualifications awarded :	■ M [Master professionnel] ■ Other national diplômes [Diplôme d'Ingénieur Chimiste de l'ENSCM] ■ institution-specific Diplôme
French language courses for international students :	■ Yes
Study programmes for international students :	■ Yes
Training programmes in English :	■ Yes
Postal address :	■ 8, rue de l'Ecole Normale 34296 Montpellier cedex 5