



## BITS Pilani – CentraleSup lec Paris (CSP) Dual-Degree Programme FAQ

### What is the BITS Pilani- CentraleSup lec Paris (CSP) Dual-Degree Programme?

BITS Pilani and CentraleSup lec Paris (CSP), have partnered to offer an exciting opportunity for students to pursue a unique academic programme. Students can opt to pursue a dual degree programme whereby they can obtain an engineering degree from BITS Pilani and a degree from CentraleSup lec Paris (CSP) upon successful completion of the programme requirements in the following areas:

Discipline	BITS degree	CentraleSup�lec (CS Paris) Degree*
Computer Science	B.E. Computer Science	Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence

\*All engineering degrees at CS Paris are Bachelor of Engineering degrees. A Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) is the standard degree name for four-year engineering degree programmes at the bachelor’s level used by CS Paris. You can find more information about CS Paris programmes and their accreditation at: <https://www.centralesupelec.fr/>

### Is CentraleSup lec well-known for its engineering programmes?

CentraleSup lec is the School of Engineering of Paris-Saclay University, ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the Shanghai rankings for 2024. CentraleSup lec is ranked #19 worldwide in terms of employability in the Times Higher Education rankings for 2025. It combines academic excellence, strong relations with industry, and entrepreneurial spirit to train engineers with the capabilities of leading innovative responses to major technological, economic, social, and environmental challenges.

### What are some advantages of pursuing the specified engineering programmes under this International Collaborative Programme at CentraleSup lec?

Students who successfully complete all four years of the BITS-CSP International Collaborative dual degree programmes will be eligible to receive degrees from both BITS Pilani and CS Paris. The degrees will be the same as the standard degrees from each institution -students will receive two separate degree certificates from each university.

**Are there scholarship opportunities for students pursuing this dual degree programme?**

Yes, but please refer to the details below:

For the initial two years of study at BITS Pilani campuses, students admitted to the 2+2 international collaborative programme with CS Paris are not eligible for a separate or specific scholarship category. However, they may compete with other BITS students of their batch for Merit and Merit-cum-Need (MCN) scholarships, based on their performance, alongside those admitted through BITSAT. These scholarships will be awarded according to the same eligibility criteria and merit lists applicable to BITSAT-admitted students. It is important to note that the tuition fee waiver for such students will be capped at the same levels as those granted to students in the regular 4-/5-year programmes at the Indian campuses.

For the final two years at CS Paris, tuition scholarships will be awarded to BITS-CS Paris students based on their Cumulative Grade Point Average for the first four semesters of the programme at BITS, according to the following:

Top 10 per cent: EURO 12,000 tuition scholarship per year for two years

Next 15 per cent: EURO 6,000 tuition scholarship per year for two years

Next 45 per cent: EURO 3,000 tuition scholarship per year for two years

Overall, CS Paris will award tuition scholarships to the top 70 per cent of each BITS-CS Paris cohort. To remain eligible for their tuition scholarship, BITS-CS Paris students should maintain a 5.5 (on a 10-point scale) GPA while at BITS and CS Paris.

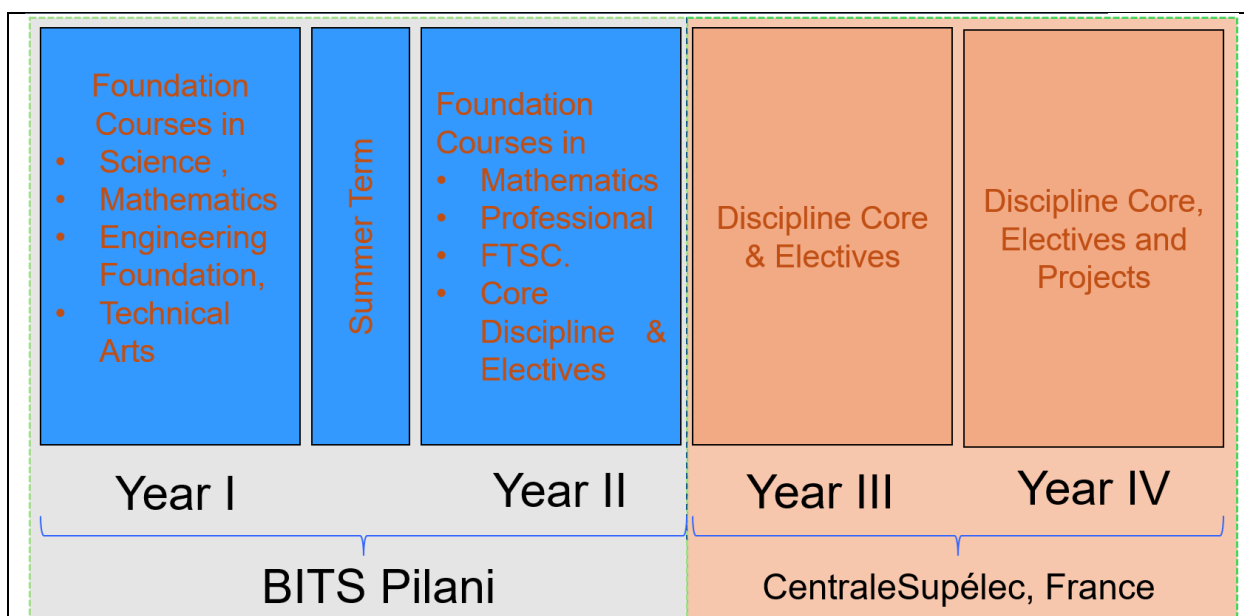
**What is the tuition and fee schedule for this programme?**

Students will pay the BITS scheduled tuition and fees for the first two years. Once they are admitted into CS Paris, students will pay the CS Paris scheduled tuition and fees for international, non-EU students. The current tuition and fees per academic year is given in the admission brochure.

Future tuition and fees at CS Paris are subject to periodic increase as authorized by CS Paris and the Government of France.

**What are the degree requirements?**

Students will complete the first two academic years at BITS and the following two academic years at CentraleSupélec. Progress and completion of the programme within four years are dependent on satisfactory performance and progress in the courses that the student takes. A four-year plan for the students for each of the programmes (i.e. B.E. Computer Science + Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science C Artificial Intelligence) is provided below:



Programme's progression

**What should I do to apply to this programme?**

**Procedure to Apply for admission in BITS-CSP International Collaborative Programmes:**

In addition to applying and appearing for BITSAT-2025, candidates shall also apply for admission to BITS-CS Paris giving details of their 12th marks and preferences to different degree programmes offered at Indian campuses of BITS and CS Paris. The prescribed application form for admission, the detailed application procedure will be made available at the BITS admission website, tentatively in June 2025. The completed application form with the details of their 12th marks and preferences to different degree programmes, along with the required application fee must be submitted online at the BITS admission website on or before the deadline mentioned on the BITS Pilani admission website.

CS Paris faculty and staff will engage with students in the dual degree programme in the first two years through Zoom sessions to ensure students are on track to transition to CS Paris. In the second year, students will then apply as transfer students to complete CS Paris admission procedures via the CS Paris International Admissions website.

**Does BITSAT score matter in the admission process?**

Applicants who meet the minimum academic requirements will be ranked based on their Final BITSAT score. Offers will be issued to the top-ranked applicants down, until places are filled.

**What are the prerequisites to transfer to CentraleSupélec including any English proficiency requirements?**

You are required to provide current evidence of your **English language proficiency** for admission to CS Paris. Students can provide their results in the form of one of these common **English language proficiency tests**:

(a) Providing one of the following test results:

- Cambridge C2 Proficiency (formerly Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)): Certificate awarded with a minimum score of 180 (equivalent of C1 CEFR level).
- Cambridge C1 Advanced (formerly Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)): Certificate awarded with a score between 180 and 199 (equivalent of C1 CEFR level)
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System) - Academic version: A band score between 7.0 and 8.0 (equivalent of C1 CEFR level). The regular Academic test and the test for UKVI are both accepted.
- Pearson Test of English - Academic: Overall score between 76 and 84 (equivalent of C1 CEFR level)
- ETS - TOEFL a score between 95 and 120 (equivalent of C1 CEFR level), TOIEC Listening C Reading a score between 945 and 990 (equivalent of C1 CEFR level)

(b) Providing an English language certificate from a BITS Pilani Faculty member by 31st December 2026, attesting that they have a minimum of B2 ( or equivalent) level in English

### **When would I have to take the English language proficiency test?**

You should submit scores for one of the eligible English proficiency tests no later than July 25, 2025. TOEFL and IELTS are held regularly in major cities across India. However, in light of the limited time, it is recommended that BITS-CS Paris applicants take the Duolingo test, which is available on-demand and can be taken at home; official Duolingo test scores can be reported to CS Paris within 2 days. Depending on your current English strength, you may wish to prepare for your test. We recommend starting as soon as possible and giving yourself every chance to do well.

### **Will I get one or two degrees from this programme?**

Students who successfully complete all four years of the BITS-CS Paris International Collaborative dual degree programmes will be eligible to receive degrees from both BITS Pilani and CentraleSupélec (CS). Both BITS Pilani and CS have worked carefully together to align different programme offerings, and each will recognize the study completed at the other institution, enabling completion of requirements for each degree. The degrees will be the same as the standard degrees from each institution - students will receive two separate testamurs (transcripts) and degree certificates, one from each university.

### **Can I do undergraduate and graduate degrees with additional years?**

Yes. There are many opportunities for graduate (master's and PhD) study at CentraleSupélec and BITS. Your undergraduate qualification will lead to several options. Engaging in research opportunities with faculty while completing your degree programme at CentraleSupélec can also help you pursue graduate opportunities.

### **Is CentraleSupélec a welcoming place for international students?**

CentraleSupélec has a network of 176 partner universities in 45 countries with around 80 double-degree agreements. 30% of its students and 24% of its professors are international. Special integration weeks are organized for international students arriving on campus to welcome them and help them with the procedures at the school and with French administration (residence permit, health insurance, rent aid...). CS is continuously strategizing for and developing partnerships with academic and research institutions worldwide in the aim of building a worldwide group of interconnected schools and laboratories.

CentraleSupélec has been awarded the prestigious 3-star out of 3 rating in the "Bienvenue en France" label, a recognition that underscores the school's excellence in welcoming international students. This distinction, granted by Campus France and validated by an independent commission, is the highest level of accreditation and is awarded for a duration of five years.

The "Bienvenue en France" label aims to enhance the international visibility and attractiveness of French higher education by ensuring that international students receive high-quality support from their host institutions. Earning the highest label of 3 stars indicates that CentraleSupélec not only meets but exceeds expectations across a range of key criteria, including:

- Access to information before arrival (clear communication in multiple languages),
- Personalized support upon arrival and throughout the academic journey,
- Quality of housing and integration services,
- Availability of language and cultural programs, and
- Strong administrative and academic guidance tailored to international needs.

This recognition affirms CentraleSupélec's strategic commitment to internationalization and its proactive efforts to create a welcoming, inclusive, and enriching environment for students from all over the world.

### **What are accommodations options at Ecole CentraleSupélec?**

It is recommended that BITS-CS Paris students reside on campus to take full advantage of campus opportunities. At CS, living on campus is strongly encouraged, and applying for on-campus housing is fast and easy.

**What happens if I can't transfer to CentraleSupélec at the end of year two?**

The BITS-CS Paris International Dual Degree programme requires two years of study at BITS Pilani in India, followed by two years of study at CentraleSupélec (CS Paris) for successful completion of the course. In the event, if you have compelling reasons for not pursuing the remaining two years of study at CS Paris, then BITS Pilani may in its sole discretion reassign you to a new programme depending on your BITSAT-2025 score and its standing in the regular merit list prepared for students directly admitted to First Degree Admissions at Indian Campuses of BITS Pilani through BITSAT-2025 and not through BITS-CS Paris International Dual Degree programme. Alternatively, BITS Pilani may provide credits for two years of your coursework, which may be credited by another recognized Institute to earn the degree of your choice.

**What about Practice School? Would I have the option to take internships at CS Paris? How CS Paris offer University-Industry exposures for UG students?**

Engineering programmes at CentraleSupélec include a required capstone design experience that spans the senior year (fall and spring semesters). Students work in teams to tackle a real-world engineering design problem. It is common for students to work with industry partners on senior design projects. The experiences leverage the technical and professional skills (e.g., teamwork, communication, creativity, critical thinking, problem solving, leadership) students acquire over the span of the four-year programme. At the end of the spring semester, project teams present their work in various forums. Below are programme-specific details.