

## Higher Education in the Philippines

Higher education in the Philippines is coordinated by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). Currently, there are 4.7 million students enrolled in almost 2000 higher education institutions (HEIs) in the country, where teaching is almost exclusively conducted in English (the co-official language of the Philippines).

In 2016, CHED emphasized internationalization: most institutions have restructured and now have an "Office of International Linkages," participate in European projects, and are beginning to develop student exchange programs. 62 bilateral agreements between France and the Philippines have been identified (in institutional cooperation, European projects, student exchanges, and research).

France is seen as an attractive destination, and both economic and demographic growth rates suggest an increase in student mobility. 629 Filipino students are currently enrolled in France.

The French Embassy to the Philippines and Micronesia carried out an internationalization project in 2024 under the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs funding, focused on the development of student exchanges. Under this project, a delegation of 16 partner universities in the Philippines went to the European Association for International Education conference in Toulouse in September 2024, where many contacts were made.

## European Higher Education Fair (EHEF)

As in several countries, the European Higher Education Fair is coordinated by the Delegation to the European Union. It gathers nearly all European countries, and between 2,000 and 3,000 students typically attend each year.

## Provisional Schedule

Friday, November 21, 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM – Opening Ceremony

Friday, November 21, 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM – Day 1, fair and information sessions

Saturday, November 22, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM – Day 2, fair and information sessions

Saturday, November 22, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM – Networking evening

## Accommodation

Campus France Philippines has negotiated a preferential rate for French delegations at the New Coast Hotel, located 2 minutes' walk from the fair venue, with prices ranging from 4,640 PHP to 6,260 PHP with breakfast included.

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## Other European Higher Education Fair in Southeast Asia

For information, please find below the provisional schedule of other European Higher Education Fair across Southeast Asia in Fall 2025:

Country	Fair	City	Date	Contact
Vietnam	European Higher Education Week	Ho Chi Minh	1 & 2 November	<a href="mailto:nguyen-ngoc-anh.vu@eeas.europa.eu">nguyen-ngoc-anh.vu@eeas.europa.eu</a>
	Erasmus+ / Horizon Europe Day	Hanoi	3 November	
Indonesia	EHEF Indonesia	Yogyakarta	6 November	<a href="mailto:EUICF-info@ibf.be">EUICF-info@ibf.be</a> <a href="mailto:destriani.nugroho@eeas.europa.eu">destriani.nugroho@eeas.europa.eu</a>
		Jakarta	8 & 9 November	
Cambodia	Study in Europe Fair Cambodia	Phnom Penh	11,12 & 13 November	<a href="mailto:Flora.bertizzolo@eeas.europa.eu">Flora.bertizzolo@eeas.europa.eu</a> <a href="#">Website/Subscribe</a>
Thailand	OCSC International Education Expo	Bangkok	15 & 16 November	<a href="#">Website/Subscribe</a>
Laos	Study in Europe Tour 2025 in Laos	Vientiane	15 November	<a href="mailto:Saymano.SANOUBANE@eeas.europa.eu">Saymano.SANOUBANE@eeas.europa.eu</a>
		Savannakhet	18 November	
		Champasack	20 November	
		Luang Prabang	24 & 25 November	