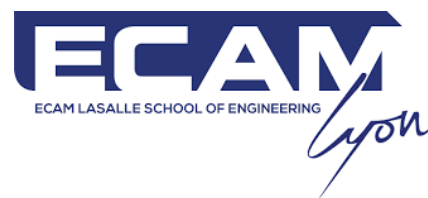




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SPORTS-STUDY PROGRAM IN ENGINEERING SCHOOL



Become an Engineer and continue playing High Level Chess

In partnership with ECAM Lyon, School of Engineering, the French Federation of Chess (FFE) is inviting final year high school students with a scientific background, and who practice high level chess to join a sports-study program.

The program is destined for players with an Elo above 2000, capable of studying in French or English. Now, young chess players no longer have to make a choice between their sport and furthering their studies.

Taught in English or in French, these engineering programs allow students time outside their studies, dedicated to chess. This time covers all aspects of the game, learning how to become not just a player, but also a coach, arbiter and sports club manager. The course also includes computer science for chess, and the psychological side of the discipline.



**INTERNATIONAL
TRAINING COURSE**



**1 DAY/WEEK
DEDICATED TO CHESS**



**TIME ALLOWED FOR
COMPETITIONS**



**360° VISION
HIGH LEVEL CHESS**

"This program is a real opportunity for players today. I would have loved it."

Adrien Demuth – GMI – 2562 Elo

"Fantastic! This makes a massive difference. Top level chess players will be able to access higher education, without compromising their game. It changes everything."

Igor-Alexandre Nataf – GMI – 2596 Elo

Coach for Super GM Teymur Radjabov (2793 Elo) for 15 years

"Chess, just like engineering, necessitates reflection, analytical skills, decision making and action: major assets for an engineer!"

Carole Forestier - ECAM Engineer - 5 times youth champion of France - 2127 Elo

"Graduating from a high school with strong players of many nationalities is a good deal for the development of your level of play. Such a project in Europe is good news for Planet Chess!"

Susan Polgar – Women's World Chess Champion - GMI - 2577 Elo

"This training course is great news for parents, clubs and young people alike. Had it been available for Élise, she would have jumped at the chance."

Anne Retailleau – ECAM Engineer – French champion Élise Retailleau's mother

"A chess sport-study program is a wonderful opportunity for a good number of young talented players; a way to carry on with chess, their passion, whilst at the same time preparing their professional career. In a world where competition is fierce, it's good to have several strings to your bow or ways to be entertained!"

Christian Bauer - 3 times champion of France - GMI - 2683 Elo

Chess Sport-Study Program at ECAM Lyon

L'ECAM Lyon offers two high-level **engineering training** programs compatible with the practice of **competitive chess**:

- ▶ **ECAM Arts & Métiers:** French language general engineering training program - post-baccalaureate level.
- ▶ **ECAM Engineering:** English language engineering training program - post-baccalaureate level

For more information on these two training programs, please visit:

<https://www.ecam.fr/formations/>

International elements with time spent overseas are included in both programs. These could be through the world of chess, study at partner universities, or international internships. The chess course brings together students from both training programs and requires a certain level of English.

OPPORTUNITIES

>> BECOME AN ENGINEER

Along with all the assets a chess player has, an engineering diploma from ECAM Lyon will allow you to become an engineer in a wide range of fields.

AND ALSO...

>> HIGH LEVEL PLAYER

Depending on your level, become a professional or semi-professional player or coach. Engineering training will be a valuable asset to help structure your approach and secure a career plan.

>> SPORTS PROFESSIONAL

The sport also needs people to work across all dimensions of the game. Contribute to the development of the discipline in France and the rest of the world as an amateur or semi-professional.

QUALIFICATIONS

- ▶ A CTI and internationally recognised engineering degree (EUR-ACE label)
- ▶ A high-level chess player certificate of skills
- ▶ Recognised Professional Qualification Certificates (Arbiter, Coach, Sports Club Manager)
- ▶ 18 ECTS chess credits valued internationally

TRAINING PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- **An exceptional chess team:** Christian Bauer, Igor-Alexandre Nataf and Laurent Freyd are among the project leaders.
- **The demands of a Grande École:** work and investment is facilitated by a real pedagogical and personalised accompaniment.
- **The ethics and values of ECAM Lyon:** student-centered pedagogy and solid training in social sciences and personal development
- **An international outlook:** guaranteed by mandatory periods overseas and the reception of international students
- **An exceptional site:** Lyon is recognised as the French city most appreciated by students. The campus, located right at the heart of the Old Town, coupled with the proximity of LOE, make this site the best possible place for such a program.



Semester	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	S10
Player										
Coach										
Arbiter										
Sports Manager										
IT and Chess										

ACQUIRED SKILLS

Mastery your style
of play
Learn and
innovate

Teach
Prepare
Accompany
Coach

Arbiter
Organise
competitions

Use computers
to prepare

Manage an
amateur or pro
sports
organisation.

Transfer skills
from the game
in to
engineering

ADMISSIONS

BACCALAUREATE (FRENCH/INTERNATIONAL):

<https://dossierenligne.ecam.fr/chess>

Admission requirements are for
ECAM Lyon Engineering programs.
Sport CV + letter of motivation.

STUDENTS WITH DIFFERENT QUALIFICATIONS:

Contact us for admissions procedures

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APPLICATIONS

March: Online applications

April/ May: Interviews, tests

Mid-May: Start of eligibility
results

FEES : 1500€ / YEAR
+ ENGINEERING COURSE FEES
FFE STUDY GRANTS

Chess in Lyon

The ideal chess club to support this training program, Lyon Olympique Echecs (LOE) welcomes you seven days a week, just 15 minutes away from ECAM Lyon: Tournaments held every Saturday; 4 IM tournaments planned in 2019; 600 m²; Asian games section. Such a club is unique in France and in Europe. LOE is also the only French club to be twice European champion!

3 other 'Chess in Lyon' clubs are partners (Echiquier des Lions, L64E, Massis Club d'Échecs), as well as PSEJE, the only French chess training organisation.

OUR PARTNERS

