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## GLOSSARY OF INSTITUTIONS AND TITLES

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Other terms are defined ad hoc in the text or notes. In general, the following list offers 'juridical' definitions; the sociological realities of prestige and opportunity cannot be summarized here.

<i>agrégation</i>	a <i>concours</i> (q.v.) in each subject, for a small number of teaching posts in secondary education as <i>agrégé de l'Université</i> (in fact a sine qua non for a post in higher education).
<i>Arts et métiers</i>	a further education college training technicians ( <i>Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers</i> ).
<i>baccalauréat ('bac')</i>	the national school examination taken at about 18; there are several types corresponding to different curricula; most – but not all – give access to the <i>facultés</i> .
<i>CAPES</i>	<i>Certificat d'Aptitude au Professorat de l'Enseignement Secondaire</i> : giving access to a post in secondary education as <i>professeur certifié</i> , a category of lower status than the <i>agrégés</i> ; awarded by <i>concours</i> (q.v.).
<i>cacique'</i>	( <i>normalien</i> jargon) the candidate who comes top in a major <i>concours</i> (also: 'major').
<i>CEG</i>	<i>Collège d'Enseignement Général</i> : a secondary school giving a short 'modern' course.
<i>CES</i>	<i>Collège d'Enseignement Secondaire</i> : a secondary school giving the various types of secondary schooling under one roof.
<i>CET</i>	<i>Collège d'Enseignement Technique</i> : a secondary technical school giving a vocational course after age 14.
<i>classes préparatoires</i>	classes in the most important <i>lycées</i> , preparing candidates for the <i>concours</i> of the <i>grandes écoles</i> (q.v.).
<i>concours</i>	an annual, national, competitive examination, e.g. for the <i>agrégation</i> or the <i>CAPES</i> . Each of the major <i>grandes écoles</i> has its own recruitment <i>concours</i> .

<i>Concours Général</i>	a national competition for secondary school pupils (for a prize).
<i>doctorat d'état</i>	the highest university degree; see <i>thèse d'état</i> .
<i>ENA</i>	the <i>Ecole Nationale d'Administration</i> : a <i>grande école</i> training future high-ranking Civil Servants.
<i>ENS</i>	the <i>Ecole Normale Supérieure</i> (rue d'Ulm): the <i>grande école</i> leading the academic hierarchy of the <i>grandes écoles</i> ; its two sections, <i>lettres</i> (Arts) and <i>sciences</i> , each recruit by <i>concours</i> (see <i>classes préparatoires</i> ), about 50 students a year, most of whom will become secondary or higher education teachers or research scientists.
<i>grandes écoles</i>	opposed to the <i>facultés</i> in the bi-partite university system, the <i>grandes écoles</i> differ considerably amongst themselves (e.g. in age at entry) but are generally characterized by selectivity, superior facilities and guaranteed professional outlets. They include ENS Ulm (q.v.) and several other ENS, <i>Polytechnique</i> (q.v.), <i>HEC</i> (q.v.) 'Sciences Po' (the Political Science Institute), the <i>Ecole Centrale</i> and the <i>E.N.S. des Mines</i> . As well as these 'super-grandes' the term is also applied to a large number of less prestigious engineering schools.
<i>HEC</i>	the <i>Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales</i> , a <i>grande école</i> whose graduates take up senior managerial posts in industry and commerce.
<i>licence</i>	approximately the 'bachelor's' degree.
<i>lycée</i>	the traditional type of State secondary school (cf. <i>CEG</i> , etc.); there are now also <i>lycées techniques</i> and <i>lycées modernes</i> .
<i>maîtrise</i>	the 'master's' degree.
<i>'major'</i>	see ' <i>cacique</i> '.
<i>normalien</i>	a student of the ENS.
<i>Polytechnique</i>	the <i>Ecole Polytechnique</i> , a <i>grande école</i> whose students ( <i>polytechniciens</i> ) are trained for State administrative posts; they tend to move sooner or later into the private sector.
<i>thèse d'état</i>	long thesis required for the <i>doctorat d'état</i> (q.v.).
<i>section</i>	in secondary education, denotes one of the types of curriculum ('classical', 'modern', 'general', 'practical' — also subdivided) leading to the <i>baccalauréat</i> (q.v.) or a certificate of vocational training, etc.
<i>sixième</i>	the first year of secondary schooling, the subsequent years (counted downwards) leading to <i>première</i> , <i>terminale</i> , and the <i>classes préparatoires</i> (q.v.).

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Actes	Actes de la recherche en sciences sociales
AES	Archives européennes de sociologie
CSE	Centre de sociologie européenne
ISSJ	International Social Science Journal
RFS	Revue française de sociologie
SSI	Social Science Information
TM	Les temps modernes

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