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# BCE entrance exams 2026: SKEMA consolidates its status as the most sought-after business school



SKEMA Business School students during the admission process.

**Among the 9,506 preparatory-class candidates registered for the Banque Commune d'Épreuves (BCE) 2026 entrance examination, the main gateway to France's leading business schools, SKEMA Business School once again affirmed its strong appeal. In this highly competitive environment, the school once again came out on top, establishing itself as the most popular choice among students for the seventh consecutive year.**

## **8,301 candidates: SKEMA leads preparatory students' choices**

In 2026, 8,301 candidates chose to apply to SKEMA in the BCE entrance exam, compared to 8,155 last year, representing an increase of +1.8%. This figure places the school at the top of the most sought-after institutions, ahead of all other BCE member schools.

### **Strong appeal across all major ECG streams**

More specifically, SKEMA achieved particularly strong results across the four main ECG preparatory tracks:

- ECG Applied Mathematics – Economics and Sociology (ESH): 2,401 candidates
- ECG Advanced Mathematics – History, Geography and Geopolitics (HGG): 1,820 candidates
- ECG Applied Mathematics – HGG: 1,485 candidates
- ECG Advanced Mathematics – ESH: 1,011 candidates

These results reflect strong appeal among both scientific profiles and students with a strong background in economics or geopolitics. At a time when applied mathematics attracts 58% of candidates nationwide, SKEMA proved its ability to attract top quantitative profiles while remaining highly appealing to students with a strong economic and international outlook.

### **A strong presence in technological and literary streams**

The school also maintained strong appeal across other pathways:

- 1,025 candidates from technological preparatory streams
- 559 candidates from literary streams (BEL/B/L)

SKEMA maintained a significant presence among literary profiles, valued for their breadth of perspective and analytical abilities. The school also has **2,195 scholarship candidates**, reinforcing its appeal to a wide diversity of candidates.

### **A distinctive educational model**

For **Patrice Houdayer**, Executive Vice President of Global Academic Affairs and **Sylvie Jean**, Director of the Master in Management (PGE) programme, this performance is no coincidence.

“The 2026 figures confirm that students are looking for a school that can prepare them for a complex and technologically transformed world. The structure of the PGE around highly customisable pathways, the integration of contemporary challenges such as AI, sustainability and geopolitics, as well as the strength of our multi-campus model, are decisive assets,” they explained.

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## About SKEMA Business School

With 11,000 students from over 130 nationalities, 190 professors, and 63,000 alumni in 145 countries, SKEMA Business School is a global education and research institution that develops committed talent to sustainably transform the world. The hybridisation of social sciences and data sciences is at the heart of its model, and global exposure is its operational mode.

Multi-accredited (AACSB, EQUIS, EFMD Accredited EMBA), the school is recognised worldwide for its research, its more than 70 excellent programmes, and its international multi-campus structure across six countries: South Africa, Brazil, Canada, China, the United Arab Emirates, the United States, and France.

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