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ZERO CLASSES
100% CODING
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42: A DIGITAL REVOLUTION

When French telecommunications innovator Xavier Niel co-founded 42 in Paris in 2013, he shared a vision of creating a coder training facility like no other previously conceived. As he had envisioned creating a model institution of higher learning that could provide a hands-on, technical education within a collaborative, professional setting, he sought to form a school with a unique pedagogy. After having established 42 in Paris, Xavier extended the reach of his philanthropic endeavor with the opening of 42 Silicon Valley in 2016. In May of 2017, Niel opened the world’s largest digital incubator, “Station F”, a 350,000 square foot powerhouse in the heart of Paris.

WHAT IS 42?

Fans of the science fiction novel will recognize the significance of 42 from The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy, where it is the “Answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe and everything.” Wanting to give students the ability to navigate their own ultimate questions through learning how to code was the inspiration behind 42 Paris and 42 Silicon Valley.

42 is an innovative, higher education coding school with an established campus in Paris and a newer campus in Silicon Valley. Funded by French businessman Xavier Niel, 42 turns the traditional educational model upside down and provides an industry-leading college-level education for free with no teachers, classes or books. We also boast an open admissions process that is entirely merit-based. We embody the American dream by offering top quality education and the opportunity for social mobility.

42 Silicon Valley’s mission is to offer people a chance to succeed in the field of programming. Future jobs in the United States are based on a knowledge-based economy, and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics job outlook from 2016 to 2026, the demand for programming skills will increase 24% in the next 10 years. However, high quality computer programming education in the US is expensive and restricted to a single model or system of learning. Since it was founded in 2016, 42 Silicon Valley’s goal is to train 10,000 people in computer programming over the next 10 years.

42 has 2 campuses around the world. Our largest campus is situated in the San Francisco Bay Area and our original campus and headquarters is in Paris, France. 42 has licensed its model collaborating with many different existing educational institutions worldwide. There are now 10 franchises: Belgium, Lyon (France), The Netherlands, Russia, South Africa (x2), Romania, Moldavia, Ukraine, Morocco and soon in Finland, Colombia, Indonesia, Brazil, and Spain.

“Enjoyment and passion have to be the seeds of creativity.”
Xavier Niel, Co-Founder and Chairman of 42

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THE 42 EDUCATION

42 offers a rigorous, industry-leading education modeled after a professional work environment. When you don’t have teachers or professors, students are the ones in charge of their own success and that of their peers. We believe that fostering students’ ability to think critically, enhance their ability to problem-solve, and create through hands-on projects is not only more effective for learning but also more fun. In the end, this creates a community of lifelong learners and contributes to helping students evolve into well-rounded software engineers. Students not only learn advanced programming skills, but also develop valuable interpersonal skills and an ability to communicate with people at different levels of understanding. Furthermore, our peer-based learning model is ever changing to meet the current and future needs of the tech world, meaning students develop a critical long-term foundation but also real-time marketplace skills.

PEER LEARNING

Peer-learning at 42 primarily focuses on promoting passionate student engagement. Peer instruction adds value in its ability to encourage critical thinking, problem-solving and innovation. 42’s collaborative dynamic of a healthy and abundant exchange of ideas comes from students working together to confront and troubleshoot challenging situations without any prior knowledge. This type of teamwork naturally leads to forming strong bonds between students that helps them build a network that can assist them later on in their careers...not to mention the personal enrichment from making a new community of friends.

Peer-corrections are also an essential part of our peer-learning curriculum. They are an educational technique where students correct each other. Giving corrections is an important part of the process when it comes to working on projects; students must rely on the feedback that they receive about their work in order to progress. By giving and receiving information and by alternating between training and learning, 42 students adapt and progress rapidly.

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Project-based Learning is a hands-on way to explore your passions, develop skills, and change the world. Instead of classes or courses, we have a connected galaxy of projects that last anywhere from 2 days to 6 months. Some projects are worked on individually and others are done in groups with peers. Each project is a challenge with a brief description of objectives and skills students will learn throughout the process.

LEARN HOW TO LEARN

42 is not just about languages, algorithms and technologies. We teach you how to learn – how to exercise creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving to tackle various challenges.

OUR EDUCATIONAL MODEL

Since access to knowledge has changed, memorizing information has lost much of its value. Instead, humans add value in their ability to critically reason, problem solve, and create: these are the top levels of Bloom’s taxonomy, a structure that illustrates the depth of learning:

Lectures and traditional learning live at the bottom levels. At 42, our programs live at the top levels and are integrated into our projects-based, hands-on curriculum.

“"The opportunity for quality education should be open to anyone, regardless of their background, schooling, or demographics. “"
LEARN WHAT YOU WANT AT YOUR OWN PACE

The 42 program boasts the flexibility for students to choose their specialisations without compromising essential concepts and strategic thinking. At 42 you can learn what you want to learn at your own pace. 42’s educational curriculum is 100% individualized. Self-paced learning is a big part of our commitment to making tech education more accessible. Learning at your own pace is also an investment in yourself. By rushing through a curriculum to keep up with the rest of your class, or being held back by the average pace of your peers, it is difficult to stay motivated and engaged. Instead of making a commitment to an institution’s schedule, 42 allows students to commit to a pace that works best for them intellectually and personally. No journey is the same as another here at 42, you are on your own path with your own goals and your own finish line.

LEARNING FROM FAILURE

At 42 we are here to support you as you take your first steps into programming. But you must be prepared to fail, as failure is an essential part of the learning process. 42 students are in charge of their education so they have the freedom to fail as many times as it takes before they succeed. You really cannot become a great programmer if you don’t have the fundamentals, and you cannot get the fundamentals down without experiencing failure. It will help you adjust to unexpected changes and navigate new and creative ways to get out of a slump. Adaptability and creative problem solving are great skills to have in the workplace, and you’ll be able to develop those skills here.

NOT JUST FOR FUTURE SOFTWARE ENGINEERS

Not everyone who studies programming wants to become a software engineer, and the tech industry, especially in Silicon Valley, has a lot of different and exciting roles. 42 is the perfect place to get those foundational tech skills and build out your own pathway from there. There are people who come to 42 who are certain that they want to become a software engineer, and there are other people who know they would excel in other roles, such as a product/project manager, UX or UI designer, mobile app developer and more. Rather than a series and language and specific technologies, we want you to learn how to adapt, handle setbacks, learn how to collaborate, and solve new challenges. When you combine what you love to do with a deep understanding of tech, the possibilities are endless.

GAMIFICATION

Academic progress at 42 is accounted for using experience points, which was inspired by video games. Students develop their competencies through each of those proposed projects and receive experience in exchange for this. Each completed project unlocks the next project(s); each successive project is increasingly more substantial and more high-rewarded. This gamification mindset allows all learning to be fun, while enhancing students’ passion, persistence, and motivation to get to the next level.

REMOVING FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO EDUCATION

Imagine starting your first job as a software engineer and being able to say you have ZERO student debt. That is entirely possible through 42 where there is no tuition and no hidden fees. Since the admissions process at 42 is rigorous, every student that attends 42 has earned a spot here. We believe that quality education should be open to all regardless of their background. We do not want money to be a reason students cannot attend 42, so we do not charge tuition and students don’t need to purchase devices or books to complete the 42 program. Being in the Bay Area and knowing how expensive housing can be, we currently offer a free dorm on our campus that can accommodate up to 600 students.
ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Your admission to 42 starts on our website at admissions.42.us.org. Create an account, then select your piscine session. The piscine dates are listed on our website.

If you survive the Piscine and are accepted to the 42 Program, you can choose a start date – they’re listed on our website.

No Admissions Requirements
We don’t ask for grades, GPA, recommendations, ACT/SAT scores, transcripts, etc.

Merit-Based Admissions
Admissions is based on merit, not academics, ethnicity, background or extracurricular activities.

Complete the Piscine
The Piscine is the only part of our admissions process. Students have to pass it to apply to the full 42 program.
THE PISCINE

The Piscine is the only part of the admissions process and is a 28 day coding challenge in which only motivation, willpower, and hard work will keep you afloat. Many students consider it to be one of the best and most challenging aspect of their 42 experience. It’s an intense 28 days: you either sink or swim. 7 days a week, day and night, you’ll be coding your heart out with hundreds of other candidates.

We start with the basics: you write your first lines of code before moving on to more complex coding exercises. No previous programming experience is required. We simply ask that you know how to use a mouse and a keyboard.

The Piscine takes place on campus and must be completed in-person. It’s an incredibly rewarding, once-in-a-lifetime experience. You’ll try and fail, over and over again. However, the good news is that this trial-and-error period is a learning process in and of itself, developing problem-solving skills and creativity.

“Prepare your war face. Treat it like you’re about to climb Mount Everest. Bring all your equipment, prepare yourself mentally: no matter what, I won’t give up.”

Robin Schramm
Software Engineer @ Microsoft
THE 42 PROGRAM

The 42 program is a college-level software engineering/coding program in a professional environment. There are no classes, teachers, or courses; we use project-based learning, skills mastery, peer-to-peer correction, and gamification to foster learning. Major learning milestones are expressed as levels of experience rather than years; your individual experience sets the pace for learning.

The heart of 42 is code. Software development is the driving engine of all digital activity. Students develop fundamental competencies which gives them indispensable skills necessary for integration into the tech industry. 42 students must be able to adapt and think differently in order to propose innovative solutions. Curriculum projects are specifically designed to develop this skill, while others naturally have this state of mind.

CREATE YOUR OWN PATHWAY

Students control what they learn, when they learn and how they learn with the 42 program. They learn at their own pace and can pursue three main branches of our curriculum: systems, algorithms, or graphics. Rather than a series of languages and specific technologies, 42’s program follows a logical sequence of 17 long lasting skills:

These skills also have the same fundamental element: personal adaptability, learning, coping and solving new challenges that they will inevitably face regularly. Even if it has a few obligatory paths, 42’s program can be individually tailored throughout.

Five 42 Silicon Valley Alumni that are now employees at LinkedIn!

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[Image of students and classroom]
9 was exactly the place where I could focus on the skill set that I needed to acquire to achieve the goal I had in mind. The fact that 42 is free allowed me to take that leap because I didn’t want to get in debt going back to a traditional school in order to do this.

Queenie Ho
Software Engineer @ Starcity
Many of our students comment that one of the highlights of 42 is the community. No matter where you come from, what you look like, or where worked before, 42 is a welcoming and open community for those with a passion for coding and creativity.

A great aspect about our campus in Fremont, California is that we are centrally located to everything that the San Francisco Bay Area has to offer. From the diverse cultural experiences in San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley, to the majestic redwood forests, miles and miles of hiking trails, and access to multiple beaches with amazing views of the Pacific Ocean, you won’t ever want to leave the Golden State. Plus, we are in techie heaven with HQs for Apple, Facebook, Google, Tesla, Uber, Twitter and more within a short driving distance from our campus.

Dorms & Dining

Nostromo Residence Hall is situated within 3 minutes walking distance of the main facility. We have plenty of parking spaces among our two buildings. Accommodation is provided for free, but there are minimum hourly requirements for the dorms.

There are a limited number of dorm room spaces available, and they’re in high demand. Those who are interested in securing housing in our dorms will need to apply by completing an application online.

42 also offers a cafeteria, known on campus as the “Cantina,” inside the residence hall that offers affordable lunch and dinner sold at cost.

Facilities

Our main building is comprised of four computer clusters and shared spaces including lounge areas. The building is accessible to students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, fostering access to education in time frames that work best for students.

We don’t have any lecture halls or classrooms. Our clusters are designed to facilitate exchanges of information and ideas. No matter which cluster a student is working in, all of the computers are a part of the network.
OUTDOOR RECREATION

The San Francisco Bay Area offers some of the most beautiful landscapes. Fremont is surrounded by rolling hills that are green in April and turn golden by October, with a mostly temperate mediterranean climate. With close to 300 days of sunshine, it is usually nice enough to go outside and explore. Our campus is right next to Coyote Hills Regional Park that features hiking and biking trails. Many of California’s magnificent and stunning State and National Parks are within driving range too.

STUDENT CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Our students are encouraged to create their own clubs and participate in a variety of sports. To date, students have formed the following groups and club associations: The Climbing Club, Volleyball Club, Movie Nights, Music/DJ club, Hiking club, Yoga Club, Chess Tournaments and more.

Students have also organized several E-Sport tournaments featuring games such as Overwatch, StarCraft, League of Legends, and Counter-Strike: GO. So we encourage you to join something, start something, make something, and invite others around you!
42 ACCELERATE

The 42 Accelerate is where students focus on building startups and “Save the World” projects, which are projects with a humanitarian focus but aren’t necessarily profitable ventures. Over the course of up to 6 months they are provided with office space, mentors and peer feedback as they build their product and gain traction, all without 42 taking any equity. Here are some examples of impactful projects that have evolved from here:

- **6figr** - A startup founded by VC before he joined the 42 community, focuses on making the best steps for your career and increasing your wage with every new job.
- **Bad Honey Bun Games** - From chef and chemistry major to VR developers, 42 students Danny and Sean built a virtual reality game in months with no background in VR or game design.
- **Cardioid** - Started by a group of 42 students, Cardioid is dedicated to developing collaborative software for independent musicians and record labels around the world.
- **Kafali Pay** - Students at 42 developed a mobile application that helps people compare money transfer options so they can send money to relatives who might not have access to a bank account.
- **Wilderness Patrol** - 42 worked with the California State Parks system to develop an app to assist 1,300 Wilderness Patrol volunteers at Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

42 ROBOTICS LAB

For students who have backgrounds in electrical or mechanical engineering and those who like building and making things, we started a spacious workshop for students to pursue and build various projects. Led by one of our robotics gurus, we furnished a robotics lab for students to develop projects that combine software and hardware. The 42 Robotics Lab is a great opportunity to engage in prototyping for both companies who work with us on projects and for students who want to launch a startup. Here are some examples of some potentially life-changing projects that were developed in the Robotics Lab:

- **Cerebro Voice** - 42’s Robotics Lab developed a silent speech communications device that collects electrical signals directly from the vocal cords to produce silent speech recognition via machine learning.
- **Earthquake and Seismic Activity Alert System** - Working with the Sigfox Foundation and the Mexican government, students worked on tiny Sigfox sensors to detect seismic activity.
- **Mycotronics** - 42 teamed up with Stanford Bioengineering to create a robotics system based on mushroom-related research. This won an Editor’s Choice Award at the 2018 Maker Faire!
- **Self-Driving Car** - One of our students, with an acute interest in hardware and artificial intelligence, led a team who created a self-driving RC car.
HackHighSchool is a free computer programming and coding program for high school students. Students can also opt to prepare for the AP Computer Science Principles exam. It’s run by Code for Fun using curriculum and tools from 42 to teach a variety of topics. 42 students serve as mentors for high school students at our Fremont campus.

Digital literacy is so important for today’s world. Our mission with HackHighSchool is to make coding and programming accessible to high school students and to prepare them for the real world. HackHighSchool is not just about learning to code: it’s about learning real-world skills and how to live and work. Our goal is to help transform teenagers into young adults and provide 42 students with opportunities to mentor.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Saturdays 11:00am-4:00pm
- Sign up for Fall or Spring semester
- Come any Saturday, September-May
- Check 42.us.org for information about Saturdays on holiday weekends

CURRICULUM DETAILS

- *Intro to Python
- Object Oriented Python
- Game Design in Python
- *Web Development (HTML, CSS and Javascript)
- *AP Computer Science Principles
- C and C++
- AP Java Self Study
- Data Mining
- *Beginner Friendly

IMPLEMENT H2S ANYWHERE FOR FREE

While HackHighSchool is the particular program that’s hosted at 42 Silicon Valley’s campus in Fremont, the curriculum is designed to be replicated other locations. We work with other educational institutions and organizations to implement the program across the nation. Our model is scalable and requires minimal resources, and our goal is to work with schools and districts to make it easy to implement so that coding education is effective, affordable, and accessible.

Contact us to learn more about accessing our curriculum.
**INTERNSHIPS AND JOBS**

Why hire a 42 student? 42 students are already habituated to the work life of a programmer, spending over 8 hours a day coding real projects in a professional environment. Students spend significant amounts of time working in groups and yet at the same time can operate autonomously, meaning they have strong interpersonal, communication and leadership skills.

**AVERAGE TIME TO HIRE:**
**10-18 MONTHS**

Students have been hired at various companies after about one year, while others have decided to take longer and pursue more of the 42 curriculum. Companies are willing to hire students after about 10-12 months of doing one level per month of the 42 program, so it’s partly up to students whether they want to work sooner rather than later or to specialize further.

**HIRED STUDENTS AND ALUMNI**

With an innovative and industry-leading curriculum, we are proud to say that our students work for and take internships with top Silicon Valley companies, from those in the S&P 500 to startups that are out to change the world. To name a few, here are some of the companies our students work for or have internships with:

- Instacart
- LinkedIn
- Uber
- Facebook
- Apple
- High Fidelity
- GAP
- Scality
- Tesla
- Starcity
- AxiadIDS
- Microsoft
- Ebay
- Mazda
- Google
- Sigma
- Poshmark
- Aira
- xBrain
- PayPal
- Twilio

**CONNECTING WITH COMPANIES**

42 connects with companies in the Bay Area, from S&P 500 companies to local startups. We encourage our students to connect with companies to help them network in addition to gaining employment through internships. We do NOT place students - they learn themselves how to navigate the job application and interview process.

**Internships:** Students can complete optional internships with the goal of serving as a connection to a possible job offer. Internships are a great way for students to get hands-on experience as well as work with potential future employers.

**Guest Speakers:** Here at 42, we love hosting guest speakers on a broad range of topics related to the tech industry. With students interested in roles such as software engineers, developers, and product managers, we strive to invite a variety of speakers for students to connect with.
PARTNERSHIPS

At 42, we work with partners and take on projects that have both short-term and long-term impact, knowing that we’re responsible for living in and building the world of the future, not just through technology, but through ourselves.

COMPANIES

We’re proud to partner with companies and organizations not just for their hiring needs, but to change and impact the world. Companies recruit from us and are interested in how we can support their tech talent needs. More than that though, companies also find value in partnering with us on hackathons, projects and issuing challenges to our students and seeing how they solve problems. Our value doesn’t just lie in hiring students; it’s in how we think, learn, and solve.

Currently we have official partnerships with GitHub Education, Code for Fun, Sigfox, and FileMaker, an Apple Subsidiary (with many more in the works).

COMMUNITY AND CODING ORGANIZATIONS

At 42, our goal is to impact the community around us, not just through education. We work with local and national organizations to help youth who want to pursue a career in computer programming and software engineering to develop pathways to the workforce through 42. Some of the organizations we have partnered with include Streetcode Academy, Women Who Code, AngelHack, and more.

By partnering with 42 Silicon Valley, we are able to connect their talented developers with our FileMaker community in what is truly a win-win situation. These students will get exposed to the real-life custom app development work that FileMaker partners are doing across industries, and it will introduce them to the unique aspects of the FileMaker platform. at the same time, the FileMaker community gets the opportunity to work with a new breed of ambitious young developers.

Brad Freitag
CEO
FileMaker, an Apple Subsidiary

FileMaker
An Apple Subsidiary
EVENTS

HACKATHONS
With 1,024 iMacs and a large lab, we’re proud to serve the coding community and to host hackathons throughout the year. Notable hackathons include HighSchoolHacks, Google Developer Group’s DevWeek hackathon, AngelHack’s 11th Global Series hackathon, Act in Space hackathon, the IBM Call for Code challenge, and more. Our students love taking on real-world challenges, and companies love having access to diverse tech talent. In the end, it’s a win-win!

INNOVATION TOURS
We have welcomed Innovation Tours from around the globe. Since many groups visit Silicon Valley to learn about what’s up and coming in the tech world, there are a lot of people who make sure 42 Silicon Valley is on their list of places to see. Corporate leaders, educators, government officials and tech enthusiasts from all over the world schedule tours of our campus. They’re not just interested in our education model: they’re amazed at a school that is future-oriented.

NETWORKING & MEETUPS
Our students are always curious to know what’s going on in the tech industry, so we host networking events and meetups. As part of the tech community in Silicon Valley, we love opening our doors to those who are just as excited about tech as we are. These events are a great way for our students to get involved in the local tech world and for you to spend time with the 42 community at our campus facility.

42 AMBASSADORS
The 42 Ambassadors are a team of experienced students who assist and represent 42 at various events on and off campus. Whether it’s giving a tour to a group of educators or executives, assisting with a presentation, or volunteering at a tech conference, ambassadors are able to improve their networking skills while also sharing their experiences as a student.
MEET THE TEAM

42’s founders have proven that a rigorous, open curriculum, one that actively involves students in passionate and collaborative projects, is the type of training method that forms the most inspired developers and innovators.

**XAVIER NIEL**
**CO-FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN**

Xavier Niel is the founder and major shareholder of the Iliad Group, which owns and runs the leading French convergent telecom operator “Free.” Launching a triple-play (internet, cable television, and phone service) offering on its “Freebox” in 2001, “Free” became the first company worldwide to combine these services out of a single device. Since 2012, the company has provided its customers with an inexpensive, revolutionary mobile service called the “Free Mobile Operator” (3G/4G). For many years Xavier has invested in the telecommunications sector throughout the world. He continues to finance more than 150 startups worldwide per year. He co-holds an ownership interest in the Le Monde newspaper as well as in several other media institutions. In March of 2013, Xavier co-founded 42 in Paris and 42 Silicon Valley in July of 2016. 42 has licensed its model collaborating with many different existing educational institutions worldwide ranging from South Africa, Romania, and Ukraine. In May of 2017, he opened the world’s largest digital incubator, “Station F”, a 350,000 square foot powerhouse in the heart of Paris.

**FLORIAN BUCHER**
**CO-FOUNDER**

Florian is a product of, and above all, a follower of “Sadirac’s University,” which he enthusiastically tells everyone has an extraordinary capacity to ignite students’ interest in such a way that they are able to find a job without ever having to write a résumé. A telecom engineer, he is an Epitel alumni where he was one of the network administrators during his academic career before becoming the Information Technology Director for the entire IONIS group a few years later. Just like the entire 42 team, Florian is guided in his work by a strong set of values. His desire for solidarity is manifested through his participation in the creation of 42 alongside Niel, Nicolas Sadirac, and Kwame Yamgnane, and additionally through his commitment to the French Red Cross as a volunteer firefighter since 2005.

**SOHPIE VIGER**
**MANAGING DIRECTOR**

As an advocate of project-based learning, Sophie has been an independent developer, computer programming teacher, and director of Web @cadémie, the Samsung Campus, and the Coding Academy by Epitech. She was the origin behind the first computer training course for “ambition féminine” (female ambition) in 2016, made up of 80% women and is a director of #JamaisSansElles, a movement in favor of gender diversity. She is also very involved in other social issues and is a member of many NGOs. In 2018, it was clear for her to join 42: to help bring out and highlight not only the technical skills of the students of 42, but also essential qualities such as ethics, critical thinking, creativity, and empathy.

**GAETAN JUVIN**
**CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**

Gaetan is the Chief Academic Officer at 42 Silicon Valley. With a Master’s in IT and a Bachelor’s in Law, Gaetan leads program development at all levels including the bocal. Gaetan was the first to join the bocal in 42 Paris and has led the growth and development of the 42 program both in France and America.

**THE BOCAL**

The Bocal is the nerve center of 42 which brings together very different personalities from within the institution. Together, they ensure the proper functioning of all of the school’s facilities, while also enriching the pedagogy and/or developing new learning tools. The Bocal preserves the values that were instilled by 42’s founding team: a place that is constantly on the move and where passion goes beyond work. The defining feature of the Bocal is its openness. 42’s students can become a part of it as an intern or through volunteer work, thus allowing its participants to advance their skills. The Bocal alumni are highly sought after and recognized by companies for their exceptional abilities to adapt.
42 is more than just a coding school. What makes us unique and a major player in the tech world are our five defining characteristics of the 42 culture:

- **Pursuit of Excellence**
- **Innovative and Questioning**
- **Creativity and Passion**
- **Commitment to Community**
- **Belief in Open Opportunities**

Every element of 42 reflects our culture: from the students, to how the curriculum is structured, to the $0 tuition and open admissions process.

**FACTS OF THE 42 COMMUNITY**

- **Our Students come from over...**
  - **177 Countries**

- **81%** Have little to no technical background
- **16%** Have a technical background

- **18% Female**
  - And growing quickly! The current percentage of women in tech is at 26%. We hope to reach and grow beyond that statistic soon!

- **57%** have either dropped out of HS or College or never went to College
- **36%** have Bachelor’s Degree
- **7%** have a Postgraduate Degree

- **100% of students get accepted based on merit. We don’t ask for any racial, ethnic, or background data during the admissions process, so we can’t pick and choose who becomes a student - and we never will.**

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**January 2019
^Voluntary Information provided by Students via survey
If you don’t want to learn, nothing will help you. If you are learning, nothing will stop you.

Gaetan Juvin  
Chief Academic Officer  
42 Silicon Valley
Ecole 42 USA (42 Silicon Valley) admits students of any gender, religion, race, color, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities, generally accorded or made available to students at 42 Silicon Valley.