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The British, American and French University systems are all differents. Which one do you believe is better?

From my point of view, even if the U.S. and UK education systems seem to be better quality (the Ivy League, MIT, Oxofd, Cambridge, etc... All these names are known from everybody, and are synonymous of brilliant successes), the French system has a major advantage: it doesn't apply a selective admission due to high financial cost (in fact, it is, but still half of the half of American universities, on average).

This feature gives to the students more chance to succeed, and allows them to open professional way (for their future), even from a modest background. The English and American model isn't very open to this factor, and the social classes are less mixed in Graduate Studies: consequently, it's more difficult to succeed from a disadvantaged background in the USA than in France. This is less true for the English education system, which is a bit less focused on the money than the USA. We can take as an example the great American business schools, where many people who aren't from the USA come to have their diploma: it is often very rich people who can afford thanks to the success of their parent, and not by their own skills. However, the french education system isn't free of this: many senior studies unskilled but very expensive make their promotion to high school students who will have their baccalauréat.

To conclude, this is only my opinion and I 'm not the most knowledgeable on the different system, but I think the advantage of the French system on the U.S. and UK systems are the possibility that students who are coming from backgrounds disadvantaged can succeed in life through their own efforts.