**Student life**

**HOUSING**
ENS Paris-Saclay provides assistance for all international students’ housing.
To book a room on the Saclay campus:
→ logement.campus-paris-saclay.fr

**HEALTH INSURANCE**
In France, health insurance is free for all international students.
Registration:
→ etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr

**VISA INFORMATION**
All necessary information regarding your visa request can be found on the new France Visa website:
→ france-visas.gouv.fr/en_US/web/france-visas/wELCOME-PAGE

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE 2019-2020**

---

**Useful Information**

**CALENDAR**
Academic calendar & holidays
Academic year: 01.09.2020 → 30.06.2021
Autumn semester: 01.09.2020 → 18.12.2020
Spring semester: 04.01.2021 → 30.06.2021

**INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS**

**GATE**
The Guichet d’Accueil des Talents Étrangers (GATE) is an international welcome desk, opened from August to December, dedicated to all international students and researchers accomodated on the Saclay campus.
Transport, health insurance, residence permit, housing and opening a bank account, all questions you may have on arrival will be answered.
→ gate.paris-saclay.fr

**GUPS**
Guichet Unique Paris-Saclay (GUPS) is the online housing platform for all students on the Saclay campus.
→ logement.campus-paris-saclay.fr

**Buddy Program**
The Buddy Program is a free international mentoring programme for international students who have recently arrived in France for their studies during either semester. Thanks to the program, each international student is matched with a local student (buddy), who can support their administrative procedures, show them around, share local tips for students and make them discover the French way of living.

**French as a foreign language**
ENS Paris-Saclay provides all international students with free French as a foreign language courses.
Intensive courses are available throughout September as well as free classes throughout the year long depending on the student’s level.

**Preambule**
The Preambule is a welcome day dedicated to all new-comers at ENS Paris-Saclay. Students will meet all students’ associations, administration services such as the international relations office or the registration and student life office. This welcome day gives the opportunity for privileged discussions.

**Science Accueil**
ENS Paris-Saclay is a member of the Euraxess certified Science Accueil association, which supports administrative procedures, housing assistance, cultural events, French courses for international students and researchers.
→ www.science-acceuil.org/en

---

**The International Relations Office of the École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay**

The École normale supérieure Paris-Saclay (ENS Paris-Saclay) is the Université Paris-Saclay’s rigorously selective graduate school for research and higher education careers, and upholds the highest scientific standards.
As both a school and centre for research, the ENS Paris-Saclay is faithful to the Écoles normales supérieures’ tradition of excellence. Through its diploma, it provides “normaliens” with bolstered research-led disciplinary training with an international and multidisciplinary outlook in the fields of fundamental sciences, humanities and social sciences, and engineering, which will lead them to a master’s degree or doctorate.
In 2020, ENS Paris-Saclay move into a building designed by Renzo Piano in the Plateau de Saclay. It will reinvent itself within the Université Paris-Saclay, with new teaching and research departments, new laboratories, PhD track programmes for students, and with its research and training programmes being backed up by the opportunities provided by the cluster and the Université Paris-Saclay. By forming the Graduate school for research and higher education careers with its partners as part of the Université Paris-Saclay, the École normale supérieure Paris-Saclay fulfills its role as an ENS within an exceptional setting that responds to contemporary issues.

**2020 – 2021**

**HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**
Ms Catherine Stephan-Evain
ri-outgoing@ens-paris-saclay.fr

**INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY ADVISORS**

**Incoming mobility**
Mr Tristan Duchenne
ri-incoming@ens-paris-saclay.fr

**Outgoing mobility & Erasmus Referee**
Ms Khadijda Guadah
ri-outgoing@ens-paris-saclay.fr

**ASSISTANT FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**
Ms Léa Nathan
ri-incoming@ens-paris-saclay.fr

**SECRETARY – ACCOUNTANT**
Ms Elisabeth Defond
Ms Isabelle Thiel (part-time)
ri-outgoing@ens-paris-saclay.fr

**CONTACT**
ri@ens-paris-saclay.fr

**ADDRESS**
École normale supérieure Paris-Saclay
4 avenue des sciences
CS50058
91192 Gif-sur-Yvette cedex

---

1. Name given to ENS Paris-Saclay students admitted upon the success of the entrance examination. Normaliens are considered as intern civil servants for the French administration.
Curriculum & Disciplines

International students can apply at 4 different stages of their curriculum:
- In the last year of their Bachelor’s degree: international students can either be admitted through the competitive entrance examination or based on their academic file.
- In the first and/or the second year of their Master’s degree: international students can apply directly via the University Paris-Saclay portal: www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/apply-to-master-programs
- For admission in a PhD program: applications can be directly discussed with ENS Paris-Saclay laboratories.

Admission & Student Life
Erasmus & Exchange Admission

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
1. Application form
2. ID photograph
3. Copy of passport
4. Curriculum vitae
5. Cover letter
6. Transcript of records (English version)
7. List of attended courses and transcripts for the past three years, including the current one. The ENS Paris-Saclay training booklet gathers all master’s programs with the language of teaching and complete contact details
8. Enrolment certificate in the home institution
9. A minimum of 1 letter of reference from an academic or research staff member with their exact and complete contact details
10. An official language certificate (English or French depending on the selected programme)

GRADING SYSTEM
30 ECTS / semester
Grades from 0 to 20
60 ECTS / semester

2020-2021 APPLICATION DETAILS
Autumn semester (September to January)
Nomination deadline April 30, 2020
Application deadline May 31, 2020
Spring semester (January to June)
Nomination deadline September 30, 2020
Application deadline October 31, 2020

LANGUAGE
Language of instruction
Master’s programmes are mainly taught in French and some are held in English. Various programmes are taught in French or in English. Please refer to the training booklet for specific information.

Language proficiency
English: IELTS 6.5 / TOEFL IBT: 95
CECRL: B2
French: TCF / TEF: B2
CECRL: B2

18th world wide
the best small universities
(Source: Times Higher Education 2019)

54th world wide
ARWU ‘Shanghai’ ranking in
mathematics

Among the top 10
in France
for citations per faculty
(Source: U-MANQS World University Rankings 2018)

4th in France
for staff-to-
student ratio
(Source: Times Higher Education 2019)

7th in France
for income
generated by research collaboration
(Source: Times Higher Education 2018)

Education in the 12 departments covers a large spectrum of disciplines, with close relationship with research laboratories.

1,670 students &
298 PhD students
285 researchers
and academics
14 laboratories &
12 academic departments
70% of
our master graduates
who proceed to
PhD studies
74% pass rate
for the agregation
competitive examination
298 foreign
students
122 agreements
for cooperation
in the research
field including
59 Erasmus
Programme &
63 non-Erasmus
Programme
(2018 data)