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FACTSHEET

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École normale supérieure (ENS) Paris-Saclay, a higher education institution for careers in research and higher education, aims for its students to continue on to doctorates. After a rigorous selection process, they take courses in basic sciences, human and social sciences or engineering science.

ENS also offers several original research training courses on topics such as quantum technologies, artificial intelligence and research-creation, as well as immersion in major international laboratories.

Established on the Saclay plateau since 2020, ENS Paris-Saclay runs the Graduate School for Professional Careers in Research and Higher Education of the Université Paris-Saclay, France's leading university.

The School's new building, designed by Renzo Piano Building Workshop, embodies the ENS teaching approach, combining research spaces and teaching rooms and promoting interdisciplinarity.

Along with the three other French ENS (Lyon, Paris and Rennes), it carries out a public service, taking the best students into academic careers and all careers in the public and private sectors requiring a high level of scientific expertise.

CLASSIFICATIONS & KEY FIGURES

- 6th place in France for supervision ratio
- 80% continue on to doctoral study
- 11th in France for research
- 11 teaching and research departments
- 12 research laboratories in partnerships with national research bodies (CNRS, INRIA and INSERM)
- 7 international laboratories (USA, Japan, China, India)
- 3 multidisciplinary research institutes
- 283 teachers, researchers and teacher-researchers

1 702 *normaliens*¹ and 295 postgraduates, 303 of them are international students

ENS Paris-Saclay, one of a component institution of Université Paris-Saclay, which is ranked:

- 13th in the world
- 1st in France and in Europe
- 1st in Mathematics

www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en

¹ name given to students admitted to the ENS entrance exam. They are considered trainee civil servants of the French administration.



Erasmus+



The Erasmus+ "Good Practices" Label attests to a high level of European projects, in terms of implementation, results achieved and impacts recorded. This acknowledgement confirms the commitment of the educational and administrative teams, in particular the international relations department, to managing and supporting European mobility.

The "Bienvenue en France" Label acknowledges establishments that develop specific services for international students relating to quality: of information, reception facilities, learning support, campus life and post-graduation follow-up. ENS Paris-Saclay obtained the "Bienvenue en France" Label (Level 2) on 13 February 2020, for 4 years.

CHOOSE ENS PARIS-SACLAY

1 When you join ENS Paris-Saclay, you are joining a large world-class scientific and technological campus that brings together universities, higher education institutions and research organisations and provides you with: sports fields and a sports hall, a design centre for researchers (Design spot), a digital manufacturing laboratory open to all (Fablab Digiscope), a language centre (14 languages on offer) and a learning centre (autumn 2022).

2 While ENS Paris-Saclay transmits knowledge and know-how, it also attaches great importance to interpersonal skills. The School is therefore

an ideal environment in which to calmly build an ambitious life plan.

3 Thanks to its internationally focused training, you will be ready to find your way in an interconnected world and a multicultural environment.

4 ENS Paris-Saclay is the ideal place to prepare you for inventing tomorrow's world. You will improve your mind and your critical thinking. You will be in an environment conducive to research and curiosity. Your desire to innovate will be encouraged.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING DEPARTMENTS

- Mathematics
- Computing
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Nikola Tesla (electrical and information engineering)
- Civil engineering and environment
- Mechanical engineering
- Humanities and social sciences (sociology, history, economics and management)
- Design
- Languages

LABORATORIES

- Centre Borelli
- Formal Methods Laboratory
- Light, Material and Interfaces
- Supramolecular and Macromolecular Photophysics and Photochemistry
- Laboratory of Applied Biology and Pharmacology
- Systems and Applications of Information and Energy Technologies
- Automated Production Research Laboratory

- Laboratory of Mechanics Paris-Saclay
- ENS Paris-Saclay Economic Centre
- Institutions and Historical Dynamics of Economics and Society
- Institute for Social Sciences of Politics
- Design Research Centre

FIRST STAGE:

If you are a student applying for one of our courses, please contact the ENS Paris-Saclay International Relations Department at

ri-incoming@ens-paris-saclay.fr

The range of ENS Paris-Saclay training courses is available on our website:

ens-paris-saclay.fr/en/formations/masters

For students enrolled in a partner institution, nominations must be validated by ENS Paris-Saclay teachers.

SECOND STAGE:

ADMISSION

If you are interested in one of our master's courses (1st and/or 2nd year), please apply directly via the Université Paris-Saclay portal:

www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/admission/etre-candidat-nos-formationen-master

If you are interested in the ENS Paris-Saclay diploma ("foreign ENS students"), admission will be based on the entrance examination or on your academic record for 4 years.

Please contact: concours@ens-paris-saclay.fr

For admission to a doctoral course, please contact:

direction.doctorat@universite-paris-saclay.fr

FUNDING

We list several funding programmes on our website, please consult the specific page:

ens-paris-saclay.fr/en/education/international-exchange/coming-study-ens-paris-saclay/financial-support-international

Applications submitted for ENS Paris-Saclay international scholarship programme and Université Paris-Saclay international master's scholarships are selected solely by the ENS Paris-Saclay training managers. No unsolicited applications will be considered.

APPLICATIONS 2022-2023

⚠ Not all our courses are open in the spring semester. Contact the International Relations Department at ri-incoming@ens-paris-saclay.fr before making any application

Autumn semester (September to January)

Deadline for nominations 30 April 2022

Deadline for applications 31 May 2022

Spring semester (January to June)

Deadline for nominations 30 September 2022

Deadline for applications 31 October 2022

LANGUAGES

TEACHING LANGUAGES

⚠ Some master's programmes are taught in French, others in English and, finally, some bilingually, in French and English. Please refer to the range of training courses for details.

LANGUAGE LEVEL PREREQUISITES

English IELTS: 6,5 / TOEFL BIT: 95
CECRL: B2

French TCF / TEF: B2
CECRL: B2

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

30 ECTS/semester 60 ECTS/year
Marks from 0 to 20

STUDENT LIFE

ACCOMMODATION

ENS Paris-Saclay supports international students in their search for accommodation.

To reserve accommodation on the Saclay campus:

→ logement.campus-paris-saclay.fr

VISA

All useful information about applying for your visa is available on the France-Visas website:

→ france-visas.gouv.fr/en/web/France-visas/welcome-page

HEALTH INSURANCE

In France, health insurance is mandatory and free for international students.

To register:

→ etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr

PREVENTION NETWORK

ENS Paris-Saclay reaches out not only to the world but also to the community. It promotes actions and initiatives for external audiences in an institutional framework and encourages the students to organise activities:

- Tutorship
- Diversity
- Equality
- Preventive medicine
- Social and financial aid
- Disability support
- Psychological Counselling

WELCOME BOOKLET

→ ens-paris-saclay.fr/sites/default/files/supports_com/livret_accueil_en.pdf

STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

The ENS Paris-Saclay campus has a very lively student association scene that owes a lot to the involvement of the students. The range of student associations and activities represented is particularly broad.

→ ens-paris-saclay.fr/entites/associations-etudiantes

On the Saclay campus, there are around twenty supervised physical and sports activities on offer to students. Consult the Paris-Saclay sports portal for full details.

→ sports.universite-paris-saclay.fr/?lang=en

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

THE GUICHET D'ACCUEIL DES TALENTS ÉTRANGERS (GATE)

is an international support desk specifically for all international students and researchers on the Saclay Plateau, offering them assistance with transport, health insurance, residence permits, accommodation and opening bank accounts.

→ gate.paris-saclay.fr/en/

THE GUICHET UNIQUE PARIS-SACLAY (GUPS)

is an online platform for reserving accommodation on the Saclay Plateau.

→ logement.campus-paris-saclay.fr

THE BUDDY PROGRAMME

is a free mentoring programme for international students arriving in France to study.

→ www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/international-mentoring-programme-buddy-programme

ENS Paris-Saclay offers international students free courses in **FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE**. Intensive courses are offered throughout the month of September, as well as free courses throughout the year, depending on the level. Other offers will also be made available to you during the course of the year.

THE PRÉAMBULE is a day devoted to new arrivals at ENS Paris-Saclay. There you will find the student associations and administrative and student services. This induction day is also an exclusive opportunity for discussion.

ENS Paris-Saclay is a member of the **ASSOCIATION SCIENCE ACCUEIL**, which assists international students and researchers with their administrative procedures and finding accommodation. It also offers cultural events and French courses.

→ www.science-accueil.org