Student life

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 Etrangers (GATE) is an international welcome desk, opened from August to December, dedicated to all international students and researchers accommodated 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.

GUPS
Guichet Unique Paris-Saclay (GUPS) is the online housing platform for all students on the Saclay campus.

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 newcomers 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.

VISA INFORMATION
All necessary information regarding your visa request can be found on the new France Visa website:

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE 2019-2020

The International Relations Office of the

2020 – 2021

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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 “normaillists” 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 fulfils its role as an ENS within an exceptional setting that responds to contemporary issues.
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 disciplines (English version)
8. Copy of passport (France or abroad)
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 (French or English depending on the selected programme)

**GRADING SYSTEM**

- 30 ECTS / semester
- 60 ECTS / semester

**2020-2021 APPLICATION DETAILS**

- 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

**SELECTION**

- 1 year: Autumn semester (September to January)
- 2 years: Master’s for higher education
- 3 years: First year (M1)
- 3 years: Second year (M2)
- 1 year: Second year of Master’s (M2)
- 1 year: Interdisciplinary track (1.5 to 2 years in another discipline)
- 1 year: Master’s for higher education
- 1 year: PhD
- 1 year: Predoctoral studies
- 2 years: Postdoctoral research abroad

**2019 Rankings**

- 18th in the world wide
- 4th in France
- 143 agreements for cooperation in the research field including 70 Erasmus Programme & 73 non-Erasmus Programme

- 1,702 students & 295 PhD students
- 283 researchers and academics
- 14 laboratories & 12 academic departments
- 90% of our master graduates who proceed to PhD studies
- 81% pass rate for the agregation competitive examination
- 313 foreign students
- More than 15 awards and recognitions were decreed to our researchers, faculty members, students and alumni in 2019.

**EDUCATION IN THE 12 DEPARTMENTS**

- Covers a large spectrum of disciplines, with close relationship with research laboratories

**RESEARCH**

- More than 2,950 researchers and academics
- 14 laboratories & 12 academic departments
- 70% of our master graduates who proceed to PhD studies
- 81% pass rate for the agregation competitive examination
- 313 foreign students
- More than 15 awards and recognitions were decreed to our researchers, faculty members, students and alumni in 2019.