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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 pursue a doctorate. After a rigorous selection process, they take courses in fundamental sciences, human and social sciences or engineering sciences.

ENS Paris-Saclay provides immersion in the greatest international laboratories and offers, in addition to its traditional training courses, several original research training courses on various topics such as quantum technologies, artificial intelligence, research-creation and ecological transitions.

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, 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), ENS Paris-Saclay 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.



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.



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.

## 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 (Le Lumen).

**2** While ENS Paris-Saclay transmits knowledge and know-how, it also attaches great importance to interpersonal skills. It also enables students to build a personal and interdisciplinary journey. 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 reflexion. Your desire to innovate will be encouraged.

## Rankings & key figures

**80%** continue with a PhD

**11** teaching and research departments

**12** research laboratories in partnership with national research bodies (CNRS, INRIA, INSERM)

**7** international laboratories (USA, Japan, China, India)

**3** multidisciplinary research institutes

**1** research platform with a professional theatre, *La Scène de Recherche*

**312** professors, researchers and teacher-researchers

Around **2 000** students

including **200** international students,

and more than **300** PhD students.

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

**15<sup>th</sup>** in the world

**1<sup>st</sup>** in France and in Europe

**1<sup>st</sup>** in the world in Mathematics

**9<sup>th</sup>** in the world in Physics

# Join ENS Paris-Saclay

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING DEPARTMENTS

- Mathematics
- Computer Science
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Nikola Tesla (electronics, electrical energy, automation)
- Civil engineering and environment
- Mechanical engineering
- Humanities and Social Sciences (Sociology, History, Economics, Management)
- Design
- Languages

## LABORATORIES

- Centre Borelli
- Formal Methods Laboratory · LMF
- Light, Material and Interfaces · LuMIIn
- Supramolecular and Macromolecular Photophysics and Photochemistry · PPSM
- Laboratory of Applied Biology and Pharmacology · LBPA
- Systems and Applications of Information and Energy Technologies · SATIE
- University Laboratory of Automated Production Research · LURPA
- Laboratory of Mechanics Paris-Saclay · LMPS
- Centre for Economics in Paris-Saclay · CEPS
- Institutions and Historical Dynamics of Economics and Society · IDHES
- Institute for Political Social Sciences · ISP
- Centre for Design Research

## EXCHANGE MOBILITY 2024-2025

For students enrolled in a partner institution, you should:

- be nominated by your university for an international exchange or an Erasmus one (F Cachan 03).

⚠ *ENS Paris-Saclay, not Université Paris-Saclay!*

- Submit your application form for review by ENS Paris-Saclay International Relations Office and validation by ENS Paris-Saclay professors.

⚠ *Not all our courses are open in the spring semester.*

Autumn semester (September to January)

Deadline for nominations 30 April 2024

Deadline for applications 31 May 2024

Spring semester (January to June)

Deadline for nominations 30 September 2024

Deadline for applications 31 October 2024

## INTERNATIONAL COMPETENCES CERTIFICATE (option)

Complementary activities to a non-degree mobility leading to the delivery of a ENS Paris-Saclay certificate

## LANGUAGES

⚠ Depending on the program, classes can be taught in French, in English or in French and English. Please refer to the training offer.

### Language level prerequisites

English IELTS : 6,5 · TOEFL BIT : 95

French TCF / TEF : B2 · CECRL : B2

## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

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

## MOBILITY OUTSIDE OF EXCHANGE

ENS Paris-Saclay training offer is available on our website.

If you are interested to enroll in our Master's programs (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year), please refer to the information given for each formation.

If you are interested in the ENS Paris-Saclay diploma, admission will be based on the entrance examination or your academic record.

Please contact [concours@ens-paris-saclay.fr](mailto:concours@ens-paris-saclay.fr)

## PHD STUDENTS RESEARCH STAY

If you want to do a research stay, make contact with:

- One of ENS Paris-Saclay researchers
- The International Relations Office ([ri-incoming@ens-paris-saclay.fr](mailto:ri-incoming@ens-paris-saclay.fr)) to identify the needed procedures according to your situation.

## FUNDING

We list several funding programs on our website.

⚠ *For ENS Paris-Saclay international scholarship program and Paris-Saclay University international master's scholarships, the training manager pre-selects candidates. You will be invited to apply if you are selected. No unsolicited applications will be considered.*

## STUDENT LIFE

### ACCOMMODATION

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

→ [ens-paris-saclay.fr/en/campus/housing](https://ens-paris-saclay.fr/en/campus/housing)

As soon as you are admitted, start your search.

### VISA

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

→ [france-visas.gouv.fr/en/web/france-visas/home](https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/web/france-visas/home)

As soon as you are admitted, start the procedures.

### WELCOME BOOKLET

→ [Consult here our welcome book](#)

### HEALTH INSURANCE

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

To register:

→ [etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr](https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr)

For students from the EU, get your European Health Insurance Card from your health insurance provider.

For students on international exchange for a semester and researchers staying for less than 6 months, don't forget to take out health insurance in your home country to cover you for the duration of your stay.

### PREVENTION AND SUPPORT NETWORK

ENS Paris-Saclay is committed to societal issues and therefore encourages its students to organise and benefit from various activities:

- Diversity & Equality
- Fight against sexual and gender based violence
- Tutorship
- Preventive medicine / Disability support
- Psychological Counselling

### STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

The ENS Paris-Saclay campus has a very lively student association scene with more than 60 associations, 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](https://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](https://sports.universite-paris-saclay.fr)

## SUPPORT AND INTEGRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### 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 their administrative procedures (Visa, residence permit, bank, Health insurance,...).

→ [gate.paris-saclay.fr/en](https://gate.paris-saclay.fr/en)

The **Buddy Programme** is a free mentoring programme for international students in Paris-Saclay. Do not hesitate to join it !

→ [www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/international-mentoring-programme-buddy-programme](https://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/international-mentoring-programme-buddy-programme)

**French as a foreign language** classes are organized for free at ENS Paris-Saclay throughout the year. **Other offers are also available in our campus.**

**Science Accueil association**, a privileged partner of ENS Paris-Saclay assists international students and researchers with their administrative procedures and finding accommodation. It also offers cultural events and French courses.

→ [www.science-accueil.org/en](https://www.science-accueil.org/en)

The **Préambule** is a day dedicated to new arrivals at ENS Paris-Saclay. There you will find the student associations and administrative and student services. This orientation day is also an exclusive opportunity for discussion.

The **International Relations Office** organizes throughout the year various cultural events for international students. Don't miss the international students' meeting, the first week of the new school year !

FOR ANY QUESTION  
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