

# The International Relations Office of the

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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, ENS Paris-Saclay is faithful to the Ecoles normales supérieures' tradition of excellence. Through its diploma (4-year degree), it provides "normaliens"<sup>1</sup> with bolstered research-led disciplinary training with an international and multidisciplinary outlook in the fields of fundamental sciences, engineering as well as humanities and social sciences. This education scheme then leads them to a master's degree or doctorate.

In 2020, ENS Paris-Saclay moved to a new building on the Plateau de Saclay (30 kms South from Paris) and can more easily benefit from the opportunities provided by the cluster Paris-Saclay and the newly established Université Paris-Saclay, from which ENS Paris-Saclay is a component-institution.

For its first classification, Université Paris-Saclay was ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the world in the 2020 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), and first in the world for Mathematics as well as 9<sup>th</sup> in the world for Physics (1<sup>st</sup> in Europe). In short, Université Paris-Saclay ranks among the Top 50 best universities in the world in no less than 25 disciplines.

[www.ens-paris-saclay.fr/en](http://www.ens-paris-saclay.fr/en)



The Label «Bienvenue en France» rewards higher education establishments which develop specific processes for international students in terms of quality of: information, welcoming devices, students' accompaniment, campus life and post graduate follow-up. ENS Paris-Saclay obtained the Label «Bienvenue en France» level 2 on February 13, 2020 and for 4 years.

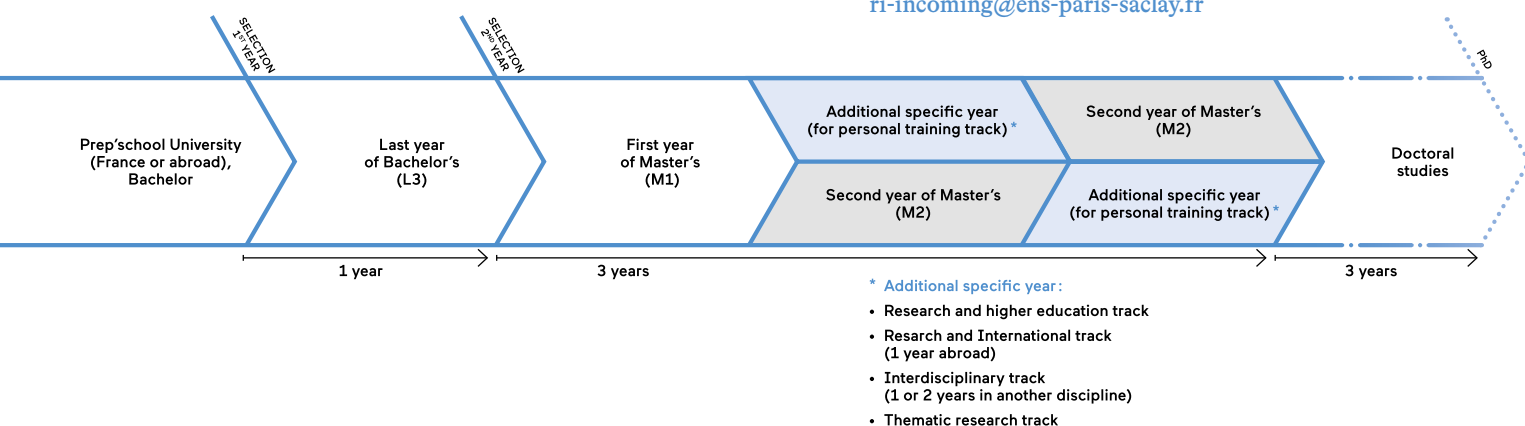
# Curriculum & Disciplines

## FIRST STEP:

- For free movers, please contact the ENS Paris-Saclay International Relations Office at [ri-incoming@ens-paris-saclay.fr](mailto:ri-incoming@ens-paris-saclay.fr)
- For students enrolled in a partner institution, international students nomination must be validated by the academics of ENS Paris-Saclay.

## SECOND STEP / APPLICATION:

- If you are interested in a Master's program (1<sup>st</sup> and / or 2<sup>nd</sup> year): please apply directly via the Université Paris-Saclay portal: [www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/apply-to-master-programs](http://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/apply-to-master-programs)
- If you want to get the diploma of ENS Paris-Saclay in addition with a Master's degree (students as "normalien à titre étranger"), you can either be admitted through the competitive entrance examination or based on your academic file. Please contact [concours@ens-paris-saclay.fr](mailto:concours@ens-paris-saclay.fr)
- For an admission in a PhD program, please contact [ri-incoming@ens-paris-saclay.fr](mailto:ri-incoming@ens-paris-saclay.fr)



# 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 year, including the current one.  
The ENS Paris-Saclay training booklet gathers all master's programs with the language of teaching  
→ [ens-paris-saclay.fr/sites/default/files/International/2020\\_Training\\_offer\\_SRI\\_interactif.pdf](http://ens-paris-saclay.fr/sites/default/files/International/2020_Training_offer_SRI_interactif.pdf)
- 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 program)

### GRADING SYSTEM

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

### 2021-2022 APPLICATION DETAILS

#### Autumn semester (September to January)

Nomination deadline April 30, 2021  
Application deadline May 31, 2021

#### Spring semester (January to June)

Nomination deadline September 30, 2021  
Application deadline October 31, 2021

### LANGUAGE

#### Language of instruction

Master's programs are mainly taught in French and some are held in English. Various programs are taught in French or in English. Please refer to the training booklet for specific information.

#### Language proficiency

English IELTS: 6.5 / TOEFL BIT: 95  
CECRL: B2  
French TCF / TEF: B2  
CECRL: B2



Erasmus+

LAST YEAR OF  
UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDIES

–  
MASTER'S  
DEGREE

–  
PHD

–  
RESEARCH  
STAY

ÉCOLE NORMALE SUPÉRIEURE PARIS-SACLAY

**18<sup>th</sup>** world wide  
the best small  
universities  
(THE 2018)

**51<sup>th</sup>** world wide  
ARWU “Shanghai”  
ranking in  
mathematics  
(2019)

**TOP 10** best  
French schools  
(QS 2021)

**4<sup>th</sup>** in France  
for staff-to-  
student ratio  
(QS 2019)

More than  
**15** awards  
and recognitions  
were decerned  
to our researchers,  
faculty members,  
students and  
alumni in 2020

**1700** students &  
**300** PhD students

**300** researchers  
and academics

**11** départements  
of higher  
education and  
research

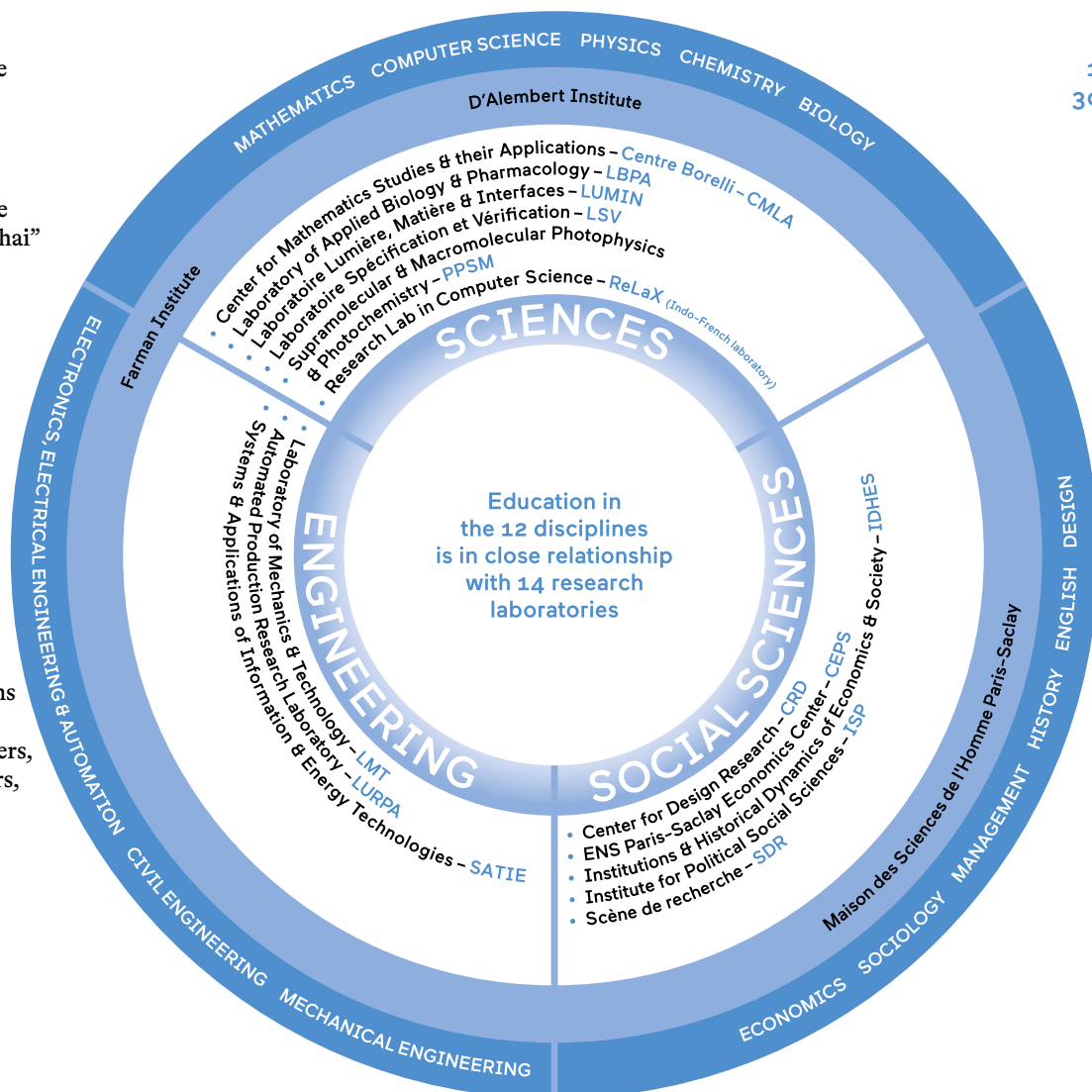
**70%** of  
our master  
graduates  
who proceed to  
PhD studies

**74%**  
pass rate  
for the  
agrégation  
competitive  
examination

**300** foreign  
students

**143** agreements  
for cooperation  
in the  
research  
field including  
**70** Erasmus  
Programme &  
**73** non-Erasmus  
Programme

(2020 data)



ENS Paris-Saclay is a founding member of Université Paris-Saclay

- **14<sup>th</sup>** university worldwide (ARWU 2020)
- **1<sup>st</sup>** in Mathematics worldwide
- **9<sup>th</sup>** in Physics worldwide (**1<sup>st</sup>** in Europe)

- **Top 50 in 25** disciplines worldwide: telecommunications engineering, automatic and control, statistics, biotechnology, electrical and electronic engineering, mechanical engineering...



# 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](http://logement.campus-paris-saclay.fr)

## VISA INFORMATION

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

→ [france-visas.gouv.fr/en\\_US/web/france-visas/welcome-page](http://france-visas.gouv.fr/en_US/web/france-visas/welcome-page)

## HEALTH INSURANCE

In France, health insurance is free for all international students.

Registration:

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

## PREVENTION NETWORK

ENS Paris-Saclay engages not only with the wider world, but also with the community. It promotes action and initiatives for outside audiences in an institutional framework and encourages students to organize activities:

- Tutoring
- Social diversity
- Equality
- Preventive medicine and occupational health
- Social and financial counselling
- Disability service
- Psychological consultations

## WELCOME BOOKLET 2020-2021

→ [ens-paris-saclay.fr/sites/default/files/2020-09/2020\\_Welcome\\_booklet\\_ENG\\_o.pdf](http://ens-paris-saclay.fr/sites/default/files/2020-09/2020_Welcome_booklet_ENG_o.pdf)

## STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

ENS Paris-Saclay campus is animated by a large and vivid associative life, thanks to the commitment of its students. The range of student associations and activities represented is particularly wide.

→ [ens-paris-saclay.fr/entites/associations-etudiantes](http://ens-paris-saclay.fr/entites/associations-etudiantes)



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# Useful Informations

## CALENDAR

Academic calendar & holidays

Academic year: 01.09.2021 → 30.06.2022

Autumn semester: 01.09.2021 → 17.12.2021

Spring semester: 03.01.2022 → 30.06.2022

## 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.

→ [gate.paris-saclay.fr](http://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](http://logement.campus-paris-saclay.fr)

### Buddy Program

The Buddy Program is a free international mentoring program 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.

→ [www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/news/international-mentoring-program-launch-of-the-buddy-program](http://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/news/international-mentoring-program-launch-of-the-buddy-program)

### French as a Foreign Language (FLE)

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.

### Preamble

The Preamble 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 international students and researchers in their administrative procedures, housing assistance, cultural events, French courses.

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

### Registration fees

For the 2021-2022 academic year, international students should pay the same tuition fees as those paid by national students.