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The Ecole 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.

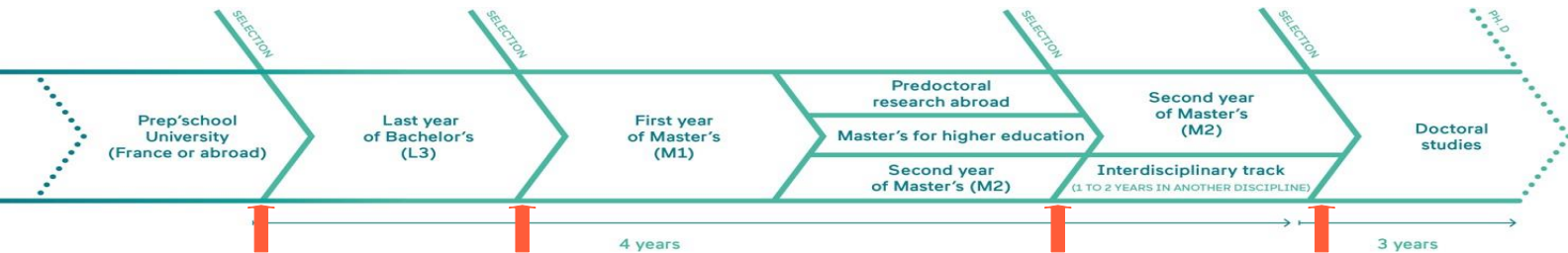
As both a school and centre for research, the ENS Paris-Saclay is faithful to the Ecoles normales supérieures’ tradition of excellence. Through its diploma, it provides “normaliens” with bolstered research-led disciplinary training with an international and multidisciplinary outlook in the fields of fundamental sciences, humanities and social sciences, and engineering, which will lead them to a master’s degree or doctorate.

In 2020, ENS Paris-Saclay will 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 Ecole normale supérieure Paris-Saclay fulfils its role as an ENS within an exceptional setting that responds to contemporary issues.



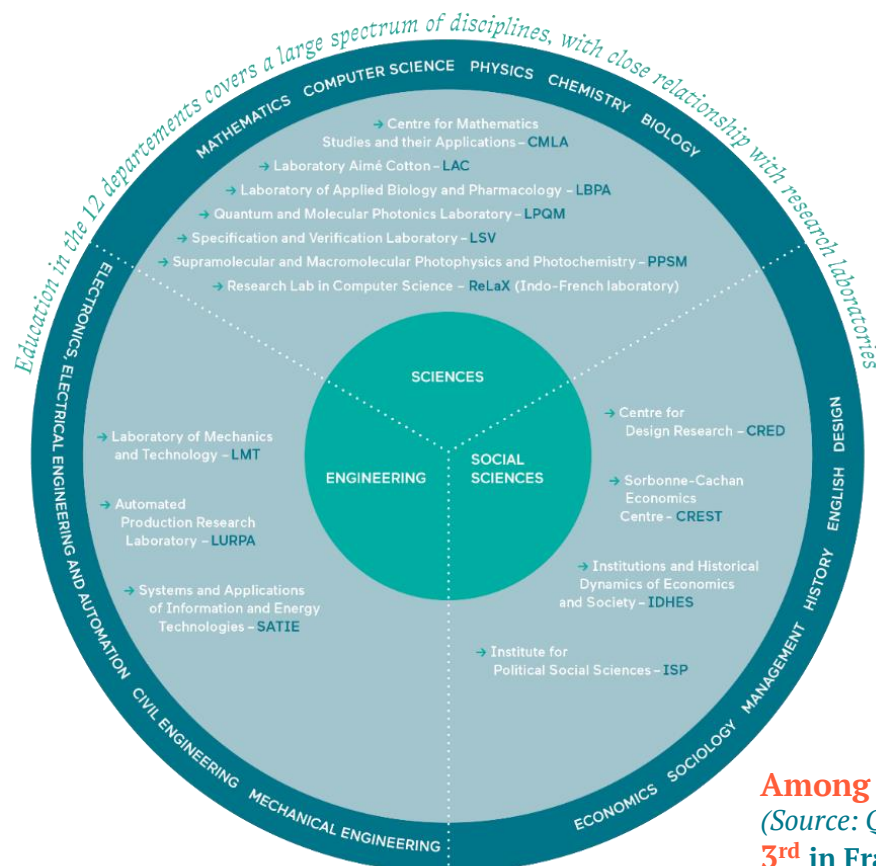
Normaliens: name given to ENS Paris-Saclay students admitted upon the success of the entrance examination. Normaliens are considered as intern civil servants for the French administration

CURRICULUM & DISCIPLINES



International students, as free movers, 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 Université Paris-Saclay portal: <https://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/apply-to-master-programs>);
- For admission in a **PhD programme**: applications can be directly discussed with ENS Paris-Saclay laboratories.



1,670 students & 298 PhD students
285 researchers and academics
14 laboratories & 12 academic departments
75% of normalien students undertake a PhD after their master's degree
90% pass rate for the agrégation competitive examination
299 foreign students
(2018 data)

Among the top 10 in France for citations per faculty
(Source: QS World University Rankings 2016)
3rd in France for staff-to-student ratio
(Source: Times Higher Education 2016)
7th in France for income generated by research collaboration
(Source: Times Higher Education 2016)

LAST YEAR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

MASTER'S DEGREE

PHD

RESEARCH STAY

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 (http://ens-paris-saclay.fr/sites/default/files/RI/Venir-ENS/Training_booklet_2019.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 programme)

Grading system

30 ECTS / semester	Grades from 0 to 20	60 ECTS / semester
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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 BIT: 95
CECRL: B2

French TCF / TEF: B2
CECRL: B2

Student life



Housing

ENS Paris-Saclay provides assistance for all international students' housing
To book a room on the Saclay campus:
<https://logement.campus-paris-saclay.fr/>

Health insurance

In France, health insurance is free for all international students
Registration: <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/>

Visa information

All necessary information regarding your visa request can be found on the new France Visa website:
https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en_US/web/france-visas/welcome-page

International Student Guide 2019-2020

<https://ens-paris-saclay.fr/etudes/echanges-internationaux/venir-etudier-lens-paris-saclay>

USEFUL INFORMATION

Calendar

Academic calendar & holidays

Academic year: 01.09.2020 to 30.06.2021

Autumn semester: 01.09.2020 to 18.12.2020

Spring semester: 04.01.2021 to 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.

<https://gate.paris-saclay.fr/>

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

<https://logement.campus-paris-saclay.fr/>

GUPS

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.

<https://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/news/international-mentoring-program-launch-of-the-buddy-program>

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.

French as a foreign language

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.

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-accueil.org/en/

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