


FACT SHEET – DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAM AT ENSTA

(Campus Paris-Saclay)

Institutional Information	
Name of Institution	Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Techniques Avancées (ENSTA)
Mission	Engineering for change! Enlightening, inventing, and providing world-class training in science and advanced technologies to address global challenges, at the crossroads of strategic issues, digital innovation, key economic sector needs and society's expectations.
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Institutional Details	ENSTA, created in 1741, is one of the most renowned elite graduate schools of science & engineering (<i>Grande Ecole</i>). ENSTA is a founding member of the Institut Polytechnique de Paris (IP Paris) which brings together six leading research institutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1200 Students ✓ 6 Research Departments ✓ 29% International Students (30+ nationalities)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 33 International Double Degree Programs ✓ 2 Offshore Campuses (Tunisia & China) ✓ 60+ Student Associations & Clubs ✓ 1 campus restaurant, 1 campus cafeteria, Sports facilities <p>ENSTA has been awarded the three-star label “Bienvenue en France” which attests to the quality of its reception facilities, accommodation, and campus life for international students.</p>
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Accommodation

ENSTA guarantees on campus housing for 1st year double degree students. The campus has 425 studios and 5 apartments available for full-time students.

<https://www.ensta-paris.fr/en/accommodation-ensta-paris>

Academic Information

Academic Structure	<p>The engineering program at ENSTA is 3 years of study which corresponds to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENSTA Year 1 = Bachelor’s 3rd/4th Year • ENSTA Year 2 = Master’s 1st Year • ENSTA Year 3 = Master’s 2nd Year <p><i>Students in the double degree program integrate ENSTA directly at Year 2 and follow 2 years of study at ENSTA to receive their degree.</i></p>
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Intensive French Pre-Formation

All students participating in the double degree program who are from countries outside of the EU and who do not speak French as a native language are offered French as a Foreign Language (FLE) courses during the semester. Students will also receive a 4-to-6-week* intensive French for Engineering Students course before the beginning of the program (**course and accommodation expenses paid by ENSTA**).

**Depending on initial level of French.*

Arrival Date for the Pre-Formation		Mid-July 2025
Double Degree Year 1 (ENSTA Year 2)		
Academic Calendar for AY25-26	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Semester Start Date	September 2025	Mid-January 2026
Semester End Date	Mid-January 2026	May 2026
Vacation Period(s)	October 2025 (1 week); December 2025 (2 weeks);	February 2026 (1 week)
Internships	N/A	June-August 2026
Exam Period	Early January 2026	May 2026

Double Degree Year 2 (ENSTA Year 3)		
Academic Calendar for AY26-27	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Semester Start Date	September 2026	Mid-April 2027
Semester End Date	May 2027	August 2027
Vacation Period(s)	October 2026 (1 week); December 2026 (2 weeks); February 2027 (1 week)	N/A
Internships	N/A	Mid-April-October 2026
Exam Period	April 2027	N/A
Language of Instruction	French & English depending on the courses and level. Students are required to have a B1 level in French and a B2 level in English upon admission.	
Credits per semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30 ECTS / semester in Year 2• 39 ECTS / semester 1 of Year 3; 21 ECTS / semester 2 of Year 3 (Courses are typically 1.5-2 ECTS each)	
Main Fields of application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transport (autonomous vehicles, smart mobility)• Energy (renewable energies, smart cities, nuclear energy)• Engineering Mathematics (data science, operation research, optimization, quantitative finance)• Complex Systems Engineering (robotics, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity)	
Course Catalogue and Information		
Year 2 at ENSTA (in French)	<p><u>Engineering Courses</u></p> <p><u>Choice of 1 Major</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major: Applied Mathematics• Major: Mechanical Engineering• Major: Computer Science Engineering <p><u>Choice of 1 Minor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major: Applied Mathematics<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Minor: Mathematical Engineering○ Minor: Mechanical and Physical Models• Major: Mechanical Engineering<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Minor: Sustainable Energies○ Minor: Mechanical Modelling○ Minor: Smart Systems• Major: Computer Science Engineering<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Minor: Artificial Intelligence and Cyberphysics○ Minor: Software and Cybersecurity <p>All students take courses in sport and in foreign languages.</p>	

Year 2 at ENSTA continued (in French)	PRe – Research Project Internship (10 weeks minimum) – End of Semester 2 All students take courses in sport and in foreign languages.
Year 3 at ENSTA (in French)	Professional Specializations (Choice of 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimization & Data Sciences Modelling & Simulation Quantitative Finance Math for Health & Environment Mechanical Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart, Sustainable Mobility & Vehicle Engineering Offshore Transport & Energy Structures Nuclear Power Engineering Computer Science Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics & Smart Autonomous Systems Artificial Intelligence & Data Cybersecurity Career Profiles (Choice of 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering & Design Research & Innovation Entrepreneurship & Intrapreneurship Students may also choose to take a selection of courses offered through select Master's programs at the Institut Polytechnique de Paris with coordinator approval. Semester 2: PFE- Engineer Internship at a company or with a public research organization (5 months minimum) – Semester 2 (<i>internships over 2 months are paid in France</i>) All students all take courses in sport and in foreign languages.
Grading System	European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)
Transcripts	Students may request and official transcript from the registrar.
Admission Requirements	
Minimum GPA or Ranking Requirements	A minimum GPA may be requested (please consult the agreement between your university and ENSTA concerning ranking requirements)
Language Requirements	Courses at ENSTA are offered in either French or English. All attending student must have capacities in both languages upon arrival:

	<p>French* – B1 level (minimum) English** – B2 level (minimum)</p> <p><i>*Certifications accepted: TCF: 400; DELF B1: 75/100. Students who have received a higher education degree diploma in an institution where the main language of instruction was French can be exempted.</i></p> <p><i>**Certifications accepted: TOFEL iBT: 80/120; IELTS: 6,5</i></p>
Other Remarks/Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double Degree programs are only available for students from partner institutions with ENSTA. • All students must be nominated to ENSTA by their home institutions. Students must then complete an online application and have an interview.
How to Nominate	
Nomination Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for nomination: April 15th, 2025, for arrival in September 2025.
Nomination Procedures	<p>The nominating institution coordinator sends an email with the following student information to incoming-palaiseau@ensta.fr:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Name (as it appears on passport) • Email Address • Date and Place of Birth • Nationality(ies) • Expected Graduation Semester and Year • Field of Study
How to Apply	
Application Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for submission: April 15th, 2025, for arrival in September 2025. • Motivation Interviews are held from the 28th of April through the 20th of May 2025.
Application Procedures	<p>Applications are submitted directly online by the student. Only applications from students who have been nominated by their university will be considered.</p> <p>Online Application Information: https://www.ensta-paris.fr/fr/universite-partenaires-d-ensta-paris-pour-double-diplome</p> <p>Once the student's online application is reviewed, they will be invited to an online interview.</p>
Required Application Documents	<p>Required Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Form (<i>online</i>) • CV (<i>in French or in English</i>) • ID Photo • Cover Letter (<i>in French or in English</i>)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of Language Proficiency (<i>in French and in English</i>) • Academic Transcripts for all higher education studies (<i>in French or in English</i>) • Copy of Passport Identification Page • Copy of all Degrees (Diplomas) • Nomination certificate from your home coordinator • Copies of Prizes/Distinctions mentioned in application <p>If available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranking or GPA Certificates <p>In addition: you will need two letters of recommendation submitted directly by your professors via the application platform online.</p>
Tuition and Fees	
<p>Students admitted within the framework of a partnership are exempt from tuition fees but will have to pay administrative fees (fees are voted on by the Board of Directors and are subject to change).</p> <p>Students benefitting from ERASMUS+, BRAFITEC, or Eiffel Excellence scholarships are exonerated from all fees.</p>	
Scholarships	
<p>Many opportunities are available for students to apply for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eiffel Excellence Scholarship http://www.campusfrance.org/en/eiffel-scholarship-prograam-of-excellence • French Government Scholarship (<i>please contact the Campus France office in your home country</i>) • ENSTA Scholarships: based on excellence and social criteria. ENSTA will provide a scholarship to international students depending on their resources and academic performances, priority given to students admitted within the framework of a double degree agreement. Amount: 3300€ - 4400€/year • ENSTA Foundation Scholarship: up to 7000€ for students with the best academic excellence 	
Visa Information	
<p>Students who do not have EU citizenship are required to obtain a visa for a stay longer than 90 days. For information on the visa process, please visit: http://campusfrance.org/fr/visas-et-cartes-de-séjour</p> <p>Students with a student visa (<i>visa d'étudiant VLS-TS</i>) must validate their visa with the OFII upon arrival. ENSTA will assist the student with this process.</p>	

Health Insurance

Students coming from the European Union can request a European health insurance card (EHIC) from the relative state institutions of their country.

Non-European students must register with French *sécurité sociale* upon arrival in France: <http://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/>

All students can opt to sign up and pay for complementary health insurance (*mutuelle*) to get additional reimbursements.

Estimated Cost of Living (in euros €)

Accommodation (varies depending on type and location): around 510€/month*

Renter's Insurance: 50€ total

Food: 200€/month

Optional Private Health Insurance (*mutuelle*): 50€ total

Miscellaneous (*phone service, clothing, etc.*) & Personal Activities: 150€/month

TOTAL per month (estimate): 900€ minimum

*Note that students can receive a monthly stipend for the French social organization CAF (*caisse d'allocations familiales*) to offset housing costs. Please note that students must apply upon arrival and there is a delay in dispersal. This stipend is currently between 200-230€ per month.

International Student Testimonials

Hear from international student alumni directly about their experience:

- [Karcel Daccache from Lebanon \(Saint Joseph University\)](#)
- [Mateus Gadotti Milagre from Brazil \(Universidade Estadual de Campinas\)](#)

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