


## FACT SHEET – EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT ENSTA

(Campus Paris-Saclay)

Institutional Information	
Name of Institution	<b>Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Techniques Avancées (ENSTA)</b>
Mission	<b>Engineering for change!</b> 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 <a href="#">Institut Polytechnique de Paris (IP Paris)</a> which brings together six leading research institutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 1200 Students</li> <li>✓ 6 Research Departments</li> <li>✓ 29% International Students (30+ nationalities)</li> </ul>

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

### Accommodation

ENSTA will support exchange students by offering a list of partner residences near to the campus. Students will be contacted after receiving acceptance.

<http://www.ensta-paris.fr/en/student-life-ensta-paris>

### Academic Information

Academic Structure	The engineering program at ENSTA is 3 years of study which corresponds to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ENSTA Year 1 = Bachelor’s 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Year (<i>unavailable for exchanges</i>)</li> <li>• <b>ENSTA Year 2 = Master’s 1<sup>st</sup> Year</b></li> <li>• <b>ENSTA Year 3 = Master’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b></li> </ul>
Available Exchange Periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 2: One semester (1<sup>st</sup> semester only)</li> <li>• Year 2: Full academic year (S1 + S2)</li> <li>• Year 3: One semester (1<sup>st</sup> semester only)</li> <li>• Year 3: Full academic year (S1 + S2)</li> </ul>

#### 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

#### Year 3

Academic Calendar for AY25-26	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Semester Start Date	September 2025	Mid-April 2026
Semester End Date	May 2026	August 2026
Vacation Period(s)	October 2025 (1 week); December 2025 (2 weeks); February 2026 (1 week)	N/A
Internships	N/A	Mid-April-October 2026
Exam Period	April 2026	N/A
Language of Instruction	French & English depending on the courses and level.	

Credits per semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 ECTS / semester in Year 2</li> <li>• 39 ECTS / semester 1 of Year 3; 21 ECTS / semester 2 of Year 3</li> </ul> <p>Exchange students must take a minimum of 20 ECTS credits during the semester (<i>please see course catalogue annex for detailed information</i>)</p> <p>(Courses are typically 1.5-2 ECTS each)</p>
Main Fields of Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transport</b> (autonomous vehicles, smart mobility)</li> <li>• <b>Energy</b> (renewable energies, smart cities, nuclear energy)</li> <li>• <b>Engineering Mathematics</b> (data science, operation research, optimization, quantitative finance)</li> <li>• <b>Complex Systems Engineering</b> (robotics, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity)</li> </ul>
<p>Course Catalogue and Information (<i>please see full course catalogue annex for detailed information</i>)</p> <p>Students may also integrate specific Master of Science (MSc) programs offered through ENSTA and the Institut Polytechnique de Paris (<i>please see course catalogue annex for further details</i>).</p>	<div data-bbox="563 1272 694 1377"> <p><b>Year 2 at ENSTA (in French)</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="722 790 1380 1863"> <p><b>Option Semester 1 :</b> <b>Choice of 1 Major</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major: Applied Mathematics</li> <li>• Major: Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>• Major: Computer Science Engineering</li> </ul> <p>All students take courses in sport and in foreign languages.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Option Semester 1 +Semester 2:</b> <b>Choice of 1 Minor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major: Applied Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minor: Mathematical Engineering</li> <li>○ Minor: Mechanical and Physical Models</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Major: Mechanical Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minor: Sustainable Energies</li> <li>○ Minor: Mechanical Modelling</li> <li>○ Minor: Smart Systems</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Major: Computer Science Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minor: Artificial Intelligence and Cyberphysics</li> <li>○ Minor: Software and Cybersecurity</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>All students take courses in sport and in foreign languages.</p> <p><b>Pre – Research Project Internship (10 weeks minimum) – End of Semester 2</b></p> </div>

<p><b>M1 at IP-Paris</b> (in English)</p>	<p><b>Option Semester 1:</b> <b>MSc Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSc Nuclear Energy</li> <li>• MSc Science &amp; Technology for Energy</li> <li>• MSc Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>• MSc Offwind – (Offshore Wind Energy)</li> </ul> <p><b>Option Semester 2:</b> <b>MSc Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSc Nuclear Energy</li> <li>• MSc Science &amp; Technology for Energy</li> <li>• MSc Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>• MSc Offwind – (Offshore Wind Energy)</li> </ul> <p><b>Option Semester 1 +Semester 2:</b> <b>MSc Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSc Nuclear Energy</li> <li>• MSc Science &amp; Technology for Energy</li> <li>• MSc Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>• MSc Offwind – (Offshore Wind Energy)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Year 3 at ENSTA</b> (in French)</p>	<p><b>Option Semester 1:</b> <b>Professional Specializations (Choice of 1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Optimization &amp; Data Sciences</li> <li>○ Modelling &amp; Simulation</li> <li>○ Quantitative Finance</li> <li>○ Math for Health &amp; Environment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mechanical Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Smart, Sustainable Mobility &amp; Vehicle Engineering</li> <li>○ Offshore Transport &amp; Energy Structures</li> <li>○ Nuclear Power Engineering</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Computer Science Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Robotics &amp; Smart Autonomous Systems</li> <li>○ Artificial Intelligence &amp; Data</li> <li>○ Cybersecurity</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Career Profiles (Choice of 1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engineering &amp; Design</li> <li>• Research &amp; Innovation</li> <li>• Entrepreneurship &amp; Intrapreneurship</li> </ul> <p>All students all take courses in sport and in foreign languages.</p>

		<b>Option Semester 1 +Semester 2:</b> <b>PFE- Engineer Internship (5 months minimum) – Semester 2</b> ( <i>internships over 2 months are paid in France</i> )
	<b>M2 at IP-Paris (in English)</b>	<b>Option Semester 1:</b> <b>MSc Programs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MSc Nuclear Energy</li><li>• MSc Science &amp; Technology for Energy</li><li>• MSc Mechanical Engineering</li><li>• MSc Offwind (Offshore Wind Energy)</li></ul> <b>Option Semester 1 +Semester 2:</b> <b>MSc Programs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MSc Nuclear Energy</li><li>• MSc Science &amp; Technology for Energy</li><li>• MSc Mechanical Engineering (Options: Fluids, Solids or Biomechanics &amp; Biophysics)</li></ul>
Grading System	European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)	
Transcript	An official transcript will be delivered to the home institution at the end of studies.	
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	<p>Courses at ENSTA are offered in either French or English. All attending student must have capacities in both languages upon arrival:</p> <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>	
Degree level required upon application submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students must have validated 3 years of higher education to enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the program.</li><li>• Students must have validated 4 years of higher education to enter the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the program.</li></ul> <p><i>Admission in Year 1 is not permitted for exchange students</i></p>	
Other Remarks/Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exchange programs are only available for students from partner institutions with ENSTA.</li></ul>	

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<b>How to Nominate</b>	
Nomination Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline for nomination: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for arrival in September 2025.</li> <li>Deadline for nomination: October 2025 for arrival in January 2026 (<i>exact date will be communicated at a later time</i>).</li> </ul>
Nomination Procedures	<p>The nominating institution coordinator sends an email with the following student information to <a href="mailto:incoming-palaiseau@ensta.fr">incoming-palaiseau@ensta.fr</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full Name (as it appears on passport)</li> <li>Email Address</li> <li>Date and Place of Birth</li> <li>Nationality(ies)</li> <li>Current Year of Studies (Master 1, Master 2)</li> <li>Expected Graduation Semester and Year</li> <li>Desired Exchange Period</li> <li>Field of Study</li> </ul>
<b>How to Apply</b>	
Application Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline for submission: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for arrival in September 2025.</li> <li>Deadline for submission: October 2025 for arrival in January 2026 (<i>exact date will be communicated at a later time</i>).</li> </ul>
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 Platform: <a href="https://www.ensta-paris.fr/fr/admission-ensta-paris-pour-les-auditeurs-libres">https://www.ensta-paris.fr/fr/admission-ensta-paris-pour-les-auditeurs-libres</a></p>
Required Application Documents	<p><b>Required Documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application Form (<i>online</i>)</li> <li>CV (<i>in French or in English</i>)</li> <li>ID Photo</li> <li>Cover Letter (<i>in French or in English</i>)</li> <li>Proof of Language Proficiency (<i>in French and in English</i>)</li> <li>Academic Transcripts for all higher education studies (<i>in French or in English</i>)</li> <li>Copy of Passport Identification Page</li> <li>Copy of all Degrees (Diplomas)</li> <li>Learning Agreement signed by home institution</li> <li>Nomination certificate from your home coordinator</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of Current Courses</li> <li>Copies of Prizes/Distinctions mentioned in application If available:</li> <li>Ranking or GPA Certificates</li> </ul> <p>In addition: you will need two letters of recommendation submitted directly by your professors via the application platform online.</p>
<b>Tuition and Fees</b>	
There are no tuition fees for exchange students. Exchange students continue paying tuition to their home university.	
<b>Visa Information</b>	
<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: <a href="http://campusfrance.org/fr/visas-et-cartes-de-sejour">http://campusfrance.org/fr/visas-et-cartes-de-sejour</a></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>	
<b>Health Insurance</b>	
<p>Students coming from the European Union can request a European health insurance card from the relative state institutions of their country.</p> <p>Non-European students must register with French <i>sécurité sociale</i> upon arrival in France: <a href="http://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/">http://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/</a></p> <p>All students can opt to sign up and pay for complementary health insurance (<i>mutuelle</i>) to get additional reimbursements.</p>	
<b>Estimated Cost of Living (in euros €)</b>	
<p>Accommodation (varies depending on type and location): 600€/month*</p> <p>Renter's Insurance: 50€ total</p> <p>Food: 200€/month</p> <p>Optional Private Health Insurance (<i>mutuelle</i>): 50€ total</p> <p>Miscellaneous (<i>phone service, clothing, etc.</i>) &amp; Personal Activities: 150€/month</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOTAL per month (estimate): 970€</b></p> <p>*Note that students can receive a monthly stipend for the French social organization CAF (<i>caisse d'allocations familiales</i>) to offset housing costs. Please note that students must apply upon arrival and there is a delay in dispersal.</p>	