FACT SHEET – EXCHANGE 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 in1741, is one of the most renowned elite graduate schools of science & engineering (*Grande Ecole*). ENSTA is a founding member of the Institut Polytechnique de Paris (IP Paris) which brings together six leading research institutions. ✓ 1200 Students ✓ 6 Research Departments ✓ 29% International Students (30+ nationalities)

✓ 33 International Double Degree Programs
✓ 2 Offshore Campuses (Tunisia & China)
✓ 60+ Student Associations & Clubs
✓ 1 campus restaurant, 1 campus cafeteria, Sports facilities

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.

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: • ENSTA Year 1 = Bachelor's 3rd/4th Year *(unavailable for exchanges)* • **ENSTA Year 2 = Master's 1st Year** • **ENSTA Year 3 = Master's 2nd Year**
Available Exchange Periods	• Year 2: One semester (1st semester only) • Year 2: Full academic year (S1 + S2) • Year 3: One semester (1st semester only) • Year 3: Full academic year (S1 + S2)

Year 2		
Academic Calendar for AY26-27	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Semester Start Date	31 August 2026	mid-January 2027
Semester End Date	mid-January 2027	end-June 2027
Vacation Period(s)	October 2026 *(1 week)*; December 2026 *(2 weeks)*;	February 2026 *(1 week)*
Internships	N/A	June-August 2027
Exam Period	early-January 2027	early-June 2027

Year 3		
Academic Calendar for AY25-26	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Semester Start Date	early-September 2026	early-April 2027
Semester End Date	early-April 2027	early-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 2027
Exam Period	First week of April 2027	N/A
Language of Instruction	French & English depending on the courses and level.	

Credits per semester	• 30 ECTS / semester in Year 2
	• 39 ECTS / semester 1 of Year 3; 21 ECTS / semester 2 of Year 3
	Exchange students must take a minimum of 20 ECTS credits during the semester *(please see course catalogue annex for detailed information)*
	(Courses are typically 1.5-2 ECTS each)
Main Fields of Study	• **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 *(please see full course catalogue annex for detailed information)* <mark>Students may also integrate specific Master of Science (MSc) programs offered through ENSTA and the Institut Polytechnique de Paris *(please see course catalogue annex for further details)*.</mark>	**Year 2 at ENSTA** (in French)	**Option Semester 1 :** **Choice of 1 Major** • Major: Applied Mathematics • Major: Mechanical Engineering • Major: Computer Science Engineering All students take courses in sport and in foreign languages.
		Option Semester 1 +Semester 2: **Choice of 1 Minor** • Major: Applied Mathematics o Minor: Mathematical Engineering o Minor: Mechanical and Physical Models • Major: Mechanical Engineering o Minor: Sustainable Energies o Minor: Mechanical Modelling o Minor: Smart Systems • Major: Computer Science Engineering o Minor: Artificial Intelligence and Cyberphysics o Minor: Software and Cybersecurity All students take courses in sport and in foreign languages. **PRe – Research Project Internship (10 weeks minimum) – End of Semester 2**

	M1 at IP-Paris **(in English)**	**Option Semester 1:** **MSc Programs:** • MSc Nuclear Energy • MSc Science & Technology for Energy • MSc Mechanical Engineering • MSc Offwind – (Offshore Wind Energy(**Option Semester 2:** **MSc Programs:** • MSc Nuclear Energy • MSc Science & Technology for Energy • MSc Mechanical Engineering • MSc Offwind – (Offshore Wind Energy) **Option Semester 1 +Semester 2:** **MSc Programs:** • MSc Nuclear Energy • MSc Science & Technology for Energy • MSc Mechanical Engineering • MSc Offwind – (Offshore Wind Energy)

	Year 3 at ENSTA
	(in French)
		Option Semester 1:
		Professional Specializations (Choice of 1)
		• Applied Mathematics
		   o Optimization & Data Sciences
		   o Modelling & Simulation
		   o Quantitative Finance
		   o Math for Health & Environment
		• Mechanical Engineering
		   o Smart, Sustainable Mobility & Vehicle Engineering
		   o Offshore Transport & Energy Structures
		   o Nuclear Power Engineering
		• Computer Science Engineering
		   o Robotics & Smart Autonomous Systems
		   o Artificial Intelligence & Data
		   o Cybersecurity
		
		Career Profiles (Choice of 1)
		• Engineering & Design
		• Research & Innovation
		• Entrepreneurship & Intrapreneurship
		
		All students all take courses in sport and in foreign languages.

		Option Semester 1 +Semester 2: **PFE- Engineer Internship (5 months** **minimum) – Semester 2** *(internships over 2 months are paid in France)*
	M2 at IP-Paris **(in English)**	**Option Semester 1:** **MSc Programs:** • MSc Nuclear Energy • MSc Science & Technology for Energy • MSc Mechanical Engineering • MSc Offwind (Offshore Wind Energy) **Option Semester 1 +Semester 2:** **MSc Programs:** • MSc Nuclear Energy • MSc Science & Technology for Energy • MSc Mechanical Engineering (Options: Fluids, Solids or Biomechanics & Biophysics)
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	Courses at ENSTA are offered in either French or English. All attending student must have capacities in both languages upon arrival: French* – B1 level (minimum) English** – B2 level (minimum) *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.* ***Certifications accepted: TOFEL iBT: 80/120; IELTS: 6,5*
Degree level required upon application submission	• Students must have validated 3 years of higher education to enter the 2nd year of the program. • Students must have validated 4 years of higher education to enter the 3rd year of the program. *Admission in Year 1 is not permitted for exchange students*
Other Remarks/Requirements	• Exchange programs are only available for students from partner institutions with ENSTA.

	• All exchange students must be nominated to ENSTA by their home institutions. Students must then complete an online application and a have an interview.
How to Nominate	
Nomination Deadlines	• Deadline for nomination: April 15th, 2025, for arrival in September 2025. • Deadline for nomination: October 2025 for arrival in January 2026 *(exact date will be communicated at a later time)*.
Nomination Procedures	The nominating institution coordinator sends an email with the following student information to incoming-palaiseau@ensta.fr: • Full Name (as it appears on passport) • Email Address • Date and Place of Birth • Nationality(ies) • Current Year of Studies (Master 1, Master 2) • Expected Graduation Semester and Year • Desired Exchange Period • Field of Study
How to Apply	
Application Deadlines	• Deadline for submission: April 15th, 2025, for arrival in September 2025. • Deadline for submission: October 2025 for arrival in January 2026 *(exact date will be communicated at a later time)*.
Application Procedures	Applications are submitted directly online by the student. Only applications from students who have been nominated by their university will be considered. Online Application Platform: hiips://www.ensta-paris.fr/fr/admission-ensta-paris-pour-les-auditeurs-libres
Required Application Documents	**Required Documents:** • Application Form *(online)* • CV *(in French or in English)* • ID Photo • Cover Letter *(in French or in English)* • Proof of Language Proficiency *(in French and in English)* • Academic Transcripts for all higher education studies *(in French or in English)* • Copy of Passport Identification Page • Copy of all Degrees (Diplomas) • Learning Agreement signed by home institution • Nomination certificate from your home coordinator

	• List of Current Courses • Copies of Prizes/Distinctions mentioned in application If available: • Ranking or GPA Certificates In addition: you will need two letters of recommendation submitted directly by your professors via the application platform online.

Tuition and Fees

There are no tuition fees for exchange students. Exchange students continue paying tuition to their home university.

Visa Information

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:
hiip://campusfrance.org/fr/visas -et-cartes-de-séjour

Students with a student visa (*visa d'étudiant VLS-TS)* must validate their visa with the OFII upon arrival. ENSTA will assist the student with this process.

Health Insurance

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

Non-European students must register with French *sécurité sociale* upon arrival in France: hiip://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): 600€/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
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TOTAL per month (estimate): 970€

*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.