

**Why choose Université Paris-Saclay?  
International exchange students 2021-2022**



# WELCOME TO UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SACLAY

## About Université Paris-Saclay:

Université Paris-Saclay offers a comprehensive and varied range of Undergraduate, Master's and Doctoral degrees, renowned internationally for their quality thanks to its excellent research reputation and the commitment of its academic staff. Its **constituent faculties and institutes, component institutions and associate institutions** continue to develop the University's course offer with cutting-edge and specialised academic programmes in science and engineering, life sciences and health, social sciences and humanities.

With **275 laboratories** shared with national research organisations - the CEA, CNRS, IHES, INRAE, INRIA, INSERM and ONERA, Université Paris-Saclay represents **13% of France's research potential**.

**Located in the south of Paris** on vast sites that stretch across Paris, Orsay, Évry and Versailles, Université Paris-Saclay benefits from a strategic geographical and socio-economic position that is enhanced by its international visibility.

Université Paris-Saclay is situated in a protected natural area close to Paris, at the very heart of a dynamic economic hub.

With **48,000 students**, 9,000 professors and lecturers, and 11,000 technical and administrative staff members, Université Paris-Saclay is a driving force for the development of its local area and **one of the best institutions in France**.

Join a French university that is inclusive, renowned for its excellence and open to the world!

## Key figures

12 Laboratories of excellence, 15,000 Publications per year, 48 Master's degrees  
100 Start-ups, 4,500 PhD Students, 13% of French research,  
400 International partnerships

## The International Relations Office

The International and European Affairs Department (Direction des Relations Internationales et Européennes, DRIE) promotes Université Paris-Saclay on the international stage. It develops and encourages partnerships with international higher education institutions and implements student exchange agreements.

Priding itself in the welcome it offers international students, the DRIE provides several services: **the e-international welcome desk**, the GATE and the Buddy programme.

Before your arrival, the DRIE is available to answer all your questions. Once your course programme has been defined, you will be referred to the mobility contact of your future institution (see list below).

Every school and faculty has its own member of staff representing the international office.

For general information about our University, please contact our incoming mobility coordinator: [incoming-exchange.international@universite-paris-saclay.fr](mailto:incoming-exchange.international@universite-paris-saclay.fr)



# STUDIES



Every year, many exchange students from all over the world come to Université Paris-Saclay as part of their degree. You can study at our University thanks to the following programmes: Erasmus+, MICEFA, BCI, TASSEP or bilateral agreements.

## Academic calendar

Autumn Semester ("autumn/winter"): from September to January/ February

Spring Semester ("spring/summer"): from January/ February to June/ July

30 ECTS = semester (5/6 months)

60 ECTS = year (10/12 months)

## Holidays

You may have a week holiday during the 1st and the 2nd semester as well as 2 weeks off around the Christmas period. Consult the website of your faculty, school or institute for a more detailed calendar.

## Explore our degrees

Undergraduate level: <https://ecole-universitaire-paris-saclay.fr/licence/>

Master's level: <https://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/formation/master>

Courses are available for a wide range of subjects (course catalogue)

Course catalogue per faculty or institute	Subjects in each faculty
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Faculty of Sciences (Orsay): courses taught in English</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Faculty of Sciences (Orsay): courses taught in French</a></li> </ul>	Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Earth Sciences
<a href="#">Polytech Paris-Saclay School of Engineering</a>	Technology, Engineering Sciences
<a href="#">Faculty of Pharmacy (courses taught in French)</a>	Pharmacy
<a href="#">Faculty of Medicine</a>	Medicine
<a href="#">Faculty of Sports</a>	Sport and Physical Education
<a href="#">Jean Monnet Faculty</a>	Law, Economics, Management
Two year Degrees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">IUT Cachan</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">IUT Orsay</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">IUT Sceaux</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technology, Engineering Sciences</li> <li>- Chemistry, Computer Science, Physics</li> <li>- Economics, Management</li> </ul>

## Languages

Université Paris-Saclay encourages specialists of all subjects to study one or more of the 14 foreign languages taught on the various campuses. Learning **French** includes French as a foreign language courses (FLE),

Visit our website to learn more about [our application procedure](#).

List of contacts for specific information you may have about our course offer in each Faculty:

<b>Faculty</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
<b>IUT Cachan</b> Electrical Engineering Mechanical engineering and Computing for the Industry	<a href="mailto:ri.iut-cachan@universite-paris-saclay.fr">ri.iut-cachan@universite-paris-saclay.fr</a>
<b>IUT Orsay</b> Computer Science, Chemistry, Applied physics and Measures	<a href="mailto:relations.internationales.iut-orsay@universite-paris-saclay.fr">relations.internationales.iut-orsay@universite-paris-saclay.fr</a>
<b>IUT Sceaux</b> Management, Business & Commerce	<a href="mailto:Services-relations-internationales.iut-sceaux@universite-paris-saclay.fr">Services-relations-internationales.iut-sceaux@universite-paris-saclay.fr</a>
<b>Polytech Paris-Saclay</b> Information technology, Electronics, Energy & Systems, Materials Science, Photonics & Optronic Systems	<a href="mailto:international.polytech@universite-paris-saclay.fr">international.polytech@universite-paris-saclay.fr</a>
<b>Faculty Jean Monnet</b> Law, Economics and Management	<a href="mailto:ri.jean-monnet@universite-paris-saclay.fr">ri.jean-monnet@universite-paris-saclay.fr</a>
<b>Faculty of Medicine</b>	<a href="mailto:international.medecine@universite-paris-saclay.fr">international.medecine@universite-paris-saclay.fr</a>
<b>Faculty of Pharmacy</b>	<a href="mailto:International.pharmacie@universite-paris-saclay.fr">International.pharmacie@universite-paris-saclay.fr</a>
<b>Faculty of Sciences</b> Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Earth Sciences	<a href="mailto:international.sciences@universite-paris-saclay.fr">international.sciences@universite-paris-saclay.fr</a>
<b>Faculty of Sports</b>	<a href="mailto:international.staps@universite-paris-saclay.fr">international.staps@universite-paris-saclay.fr</a>

# STUDENT LIFE

## Buddy Programme

If you would you like to be mentored by a student from Université Paris-Saclay it is simple!

The Buddy Programme is a free international mentoring programme for international students who have recently arrived in France for their studies. Thanks to the programme, each international student is matched with a local student (buddy), who can support them in their administrative procedures, show them around, share local tips for students and introduce them to the French way of life.

More information: <https://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/buddy-program-formulaire-dinscription-des-filleules-et-filleuls-registration-form-for-buddies>



E-welcome office Paris-Saclay

<https://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/campus-life/e-international-welcome-office>

## Culture

Université Paris-Saclay's cultural policy focuses on two main fields: scientific culture and artistic culture. Throughout the year, you can find many events on the University's different sites: concerts, festivals, theatre plays, etc.

Visit: <https://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/vie-de-campus/les-activites-culturelles-luniversite-paris-saclay>

## Sports

The University's physical activities department ([SUAPS](#)) offers over forty activities, whatever your sporting level. More information: [www.sports.universite-paris-saclay.fr](http://www.sports.universite-paris-saclay.fr)



## Associations & societies

There are over 600 student organisations on campus!

Rich and eclectic are the two words that best describe student life at Université Paris-Saclay! Sports and art associations, student organisations, culture, humanitarian causes and much more. (Building 399, Maison des étudiants de l'Université Paris-Saclay, Bures-Orsay-Gif campus).

Find the complete list here: <https://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/vie-de-campus/lieux-de-vie-etudiante>

## Stay connected!



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



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# PARISIAN CULTURE/THE FRENCH CAPITAL

## 20 THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT PARIS

### Shopping

- Going shopping at "Galeries Lafayette Paris Haussmann" and visit the rooftop
- Going for a walk on the "Champs-Élysées"
- Shopping during the sales at the end of January and June

### Gardens

- Sunbathing in the summer in the "Tuileries Gardens"
- Go boating in the "Vincennes park " or canoeing in the "Ourcq Canal"
- Go for a run in the "Parc de Sceaux"
- Go to the "Jardin des plantes" to see the Christmas lights

### Eating and drinking

- The bars and restaurants in the city centre
- Have dinner at "Ciel de Paris" in the Tour Montparnasse and enjoy the view
- Have lunch at the "Barge du CROUS de Paris"
- Find a spot on the "Champs de Mars" for a picnic

### Activities

- Have fun at Disneyland Paris
- Take a trip in a riverboat on the Seine
- Explore Paris by bike along the "Coulée Verte"
- Walk along the old railway line called "La petite Ceinture de Paris"

### Visits

- Go up the "Arc de Triomphe"
- Take a trip to the castles especially Versailles, Fontainebleau and Vincennes
- Visit the "Opera Garnier"
- Explore museums like the "Louvre"<sup>1</sup>
- Discover the neighbourhood of the "Butte Montmartre" and go up the "Sacré Coeur"

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<sup>1</sup> For EU nationals under 26, some museums are free