

Welcome to Mines Paris - PSL

FACT SHEET FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SPRING SEMESTER

About us

Founded over 240 years ago, Mines Paris - PSL is one of **France's leading engineering schools** and a founding member of Université PSL. With 1,600 students, 230 faculty members and researchers, and 18 research centres, the School **combines academic excellence with world-class research**. Ranked **#1 in France for industrial partnership research**, Mines Paris – PSL maintains close ties with industry and develops impactful research collaborations. Our interdisciplinary curriculum brings together **engineering, humanities and social sciences**, preparing students to address complex global challenges. Through a strong emphasis on learning by combining **theory and practice**, students develop both scientific expertise and practical skills. We educate future engineers and researchers to contribute to the **ecological transition and digital transformation**.

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Master's in Science and Executive Engineering - Spring Semester Structure



Master's in Science and Executive Engineering (M1) : For the spring semester, the program begins in February and is structured into two main periods. The first period focuses on academic coursework, while the second is dedicated to a research project or an industrial internship. As part of the Civil Engineering curriculum, this semester is taught entirely in French, and students are expected to have a sufficient level of proficiency in the language to actively participate in and successfully complete the program. The detailed course offering can be accessed in the programme [catalogue here](#).

Mechatronics module		
Component	ECTS	Details
Courses	15	Engineering Project (Mechatronics) – 9 ECTS • Fluid Mechanics • Mechanics of Materials and Structures • Design and Modeling in Mechanics of Materials and Aerodynamic Structures
		Mixed Week / PSL Week – 4 ECTS Languages – 2 ECTS
Internship	15	The internship is an integral part of the semester. Students are responsible for finding their own placement.

Blended Week

- Useful Europe: An Industrial Approach
- Environmental and Climate Economics
- Management of the Healthcare Sector
- Thermal Renovation of Buildings
- Mathematical Optimization for the Transition

PSL Week

- Sociology of Technology
- Energy Economics
- Foresight Approaches: Preparing the World of Tomorrow
- Managing Generativity – Models, Tools, and Methods
- The Role of Gases in the Energy Transition
- Fundamental Computer Science
- Large-Scale Machine Learning & Data Mining
- Machine Learning for Physics and Engineering
- Quantum Computing
- The Values of Art
- Color, Arts, and Industry

Any questions ?
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Application information & procedure for exchange students

➔ This procedure is for **students applying for an exchange** and selected within the framework of an exchange agreement signed between Mines Paris - PSL and its partner institution. These agreements allow students to validate **30 ECTS** credits at Mines Paris - PSL, corresponding to one semester of study at their home institution.



1. Official nominations must be submitted **through the dedicated form sent by email**. Only nominations submitted by our partner universities will be taken into consideration.



2. Students should complete the dedicated application form **after nomination from their home university**



3. A **selection committee** will review the students' applications to select candidates based on their academic qualifications.



4. **Application results** and confirmation of admission : early November.

Required documents for application :

Deadlines to keep in mind

For documents not written in French or English, please note that a certified translation may be requested.

The specific dates and links will be sent to you by email before the campaign begins. If you have not received the call please contact us: mobility@minesparis.psl.eu

- Passport or ID card
- An official transcript of records from the last 2 years in the original language and a French translation (or English translation) and the grading system of your Home University.
- Ranking certificate in department and specialty
- Learning agreement / Study Plan
- Official certificate or certificate of proficiency in the French language by a teacher
- Official certificate or certificate of proficiency in the English language by a teacher
- A CV in French and/or English.

- Launch of the Fall Semester Campaign - Early March
- Nomination : 15 April
- Application : 30 April
- Launch of the Spring Semester Campaign - Early September
- Nomination : 15 October
- Application : 30 October

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Language requirements : as the Master's in Science and Executive Engineering is taught in French, a level higher or equivalent to an advanced B1 is required. Official certificates such as TEF, DELF and TCF are accepted as well as those provided by our partner universities. A one-week intensive French course is offered each year before the start of the academic year to give exchange students the practical language skills they need to make the most of their academic and daily life in Paris. It also offers an early opportunity to meet other international students before classes begin

Academic recognition : Exchange students normally complete a full-time study workload of 30 ECTS per semester. Before the mobility, the student, the home institution and Mines Paris - PSL must approve a Learning Agreement specifying the courses to be taken and their recognition by the home institution. Admission to individual courses remains subject to prerequisites, timetable compatibility and available capacity.

Student life and student services



What to expect at Mines Paris - PSL :

A rich student life

A vibrant cultural life

Accessibility to many services and facilities
(restaurant, library, sports facilities)

Administrative services at your disposal (health care, visa, scholarship)

PSL Welcome Desk team is also here to assist students to ensure a smooth arrival in Paris.

Support with your **accommodation search** provided by the PSL Welcome Desk team and our International Office.



Housing Support

As part of your mobility at our school, finding accommodation is a key priority. To support you throughout this process, the PSL Welcome Desk and our International Office will assist you with your housing search and help facilitate your arrival.

You will have access to a **PSL Housing Guide**, which includes practical tips, information on the different types of accommodation available to international students, as well as the housing options offered by our school and opportunities available on the private rental market.

In addition, a **welcome webinar dedicated to housing** will be organized ahead of the academic year. This session will provide you with useful information about the different accommodation options available and give you the opportunity to ask any questions related to your housing search and accommodation in France.

Student Life

Student associations are an important part of student life at our school. On average, student are involved in four different associations during their time at Mines Paris - PSL.

You will find a list of the main student associations in *L'Abatage*, a guide created by and for students, designed to introduce you to student life at the school and the wide range of activities and events available.

The ASTI, the International Students' Association, works closely with the International Office to support you from the moment you arrive at the school. Throughout the semester, ASTI will organize various activities to help you settle in, meet other students, and make the most of your experience at the school.

In addition, the many activities and events organized by other students associations will give you plenty of opportunities to get involved in campus life and make the most of your time at the school.

Useful information

Semester dates: Fall semester: Early September to end of January/mid-February (depending on programme)
Spring semester: mid-February to May/June (extended to September with internships)

Grading system: Mines Paris - PSL uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). The full-time workload per semester is 30 ECTS. The grading system goes from 0 to 20: 10 to 20 = pass — 0 to 9.99 = fail

Fees: Tuition fees are waived for incoming exchange students, but some additional fees are to be expected regarding health and other insurances.

Living expenses / Monthly budget in Paris:

Housing : around 350-550 € / month if housed in student accommodation + up to two months deposit. Prices in the private market can be significantly more expensive and can range from 500 to 1100 €/ month.

Public transport: between 40€-90€ / month

Groceries: 250 € / month

Complementary health insurance: from 20 to 30 € / month

A full outline of expenses can be found on the following page : [Preparing your budget | Campus France.](#)

Insurance : Health insurance is compulsory. All students must show proof of health insurance coverage for the duration of their stay at Mines Paris - PSL (i.e. a European health insurance card, etc.). Students must register on: <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/> .

International students should also be covered with a civil liability insurance for physical injury or material damages caused by the students.

Visa: Visa requirements differ per country. We recommend that you contact the French Embassy or consulate in your home country at least 3 months prior to departure. They will inform you about the process to get a visa. Students are responsible for completing their visa and residence-permit formalities. **Mines Paris - PSL and the PSL Welcome Desk provide guidance and supporting documents** but cannot replace the competent French authorities. Where applicable, a VLS-TS must be validated online within three months of arrival.