

Why choose Paris-Saclay University?

International exchange
students

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PARIS-SACLAY





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 territory 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 nested in a protected natural area close to Paris, at the very heart of a dynamic economic hub.

With **48,000 students**, 8,100 professors and lecturers, and 8,500 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, demanding and open to the world!

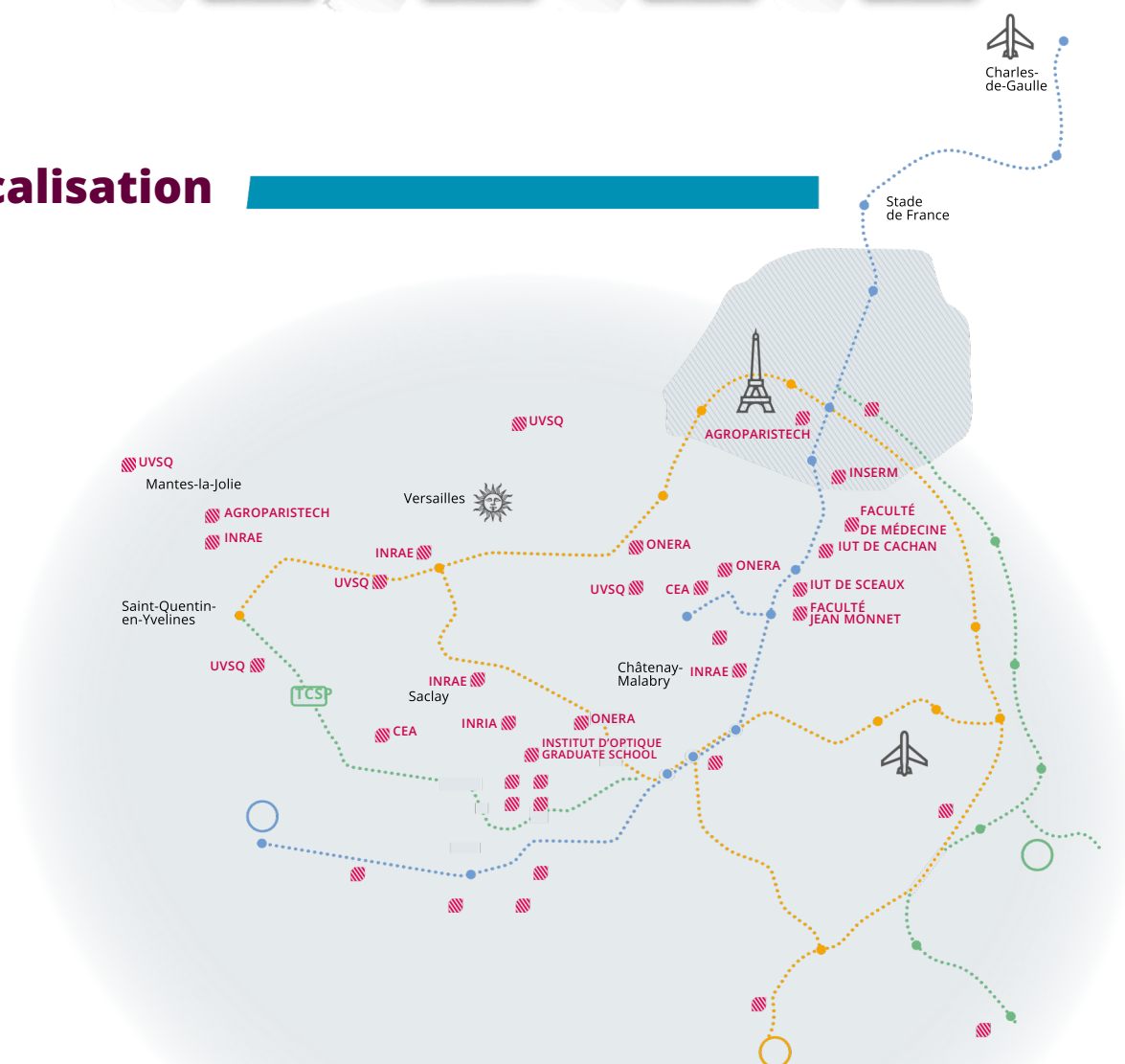
Key figures

220 laboratories of excellence, **13 000** publications per year, **48** Master's degrees
50 start-ups, **4 600** PhD Students, **13 %** of French research,
400 international partnerships

Classement de Shanghai



Localisation





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

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

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

30 ECTS = one semester (5/6 months)

60 ECTS = one 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

Discover the programmes that are open to exchange students by exploring our course catalogue:

<https://upsaclay-drie.notion.site/course-catalogue>



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"> •Faculty of Sciences (Orsay): courses taught in English •Faculty of Sciences (Orsay): courses taught in French 	Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Earth Sciences
Polytech Paris-Saclay (School of Engineering)	Technology, Engineering Sciences
Faculty of Pharmacy (courses taught in French)	Pharmacy
Faculty of Medicine	Medicine
Faculty of Sports Sciences	Sport and Physical Education
Jean Monnet Faculty	Law, Economics, Management
Two year Degrees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •IUT Cachan •IUT Orsay •IUT Sceaux 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Technology, Engineering Sciences •Chemistry, Computer Science, Physics •Economics, Management

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).

Study period at Université Paris-Saclay (Exchange Programme: Erasmus+ or Bilateral agreement)

With over a hundred partner universities all over the world, Université Paris-Saclay welcomes many exchange students every year, particularly within the framework of the Erasmus+ programme to provide them a memorable international experience.





STUDENT LIFE

Buddy Programme

If you would 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/international-mentoring-programme-buddy-programme>

E-welcome office Paris-Saclay

<https://internationalsupport.universite-paris-saclay.fr>

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 the website:

<https://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/vie-de-campus/arts-culture-sciences-et-societe>

Cultural corridor - EUGLOH

Throughout the semester, cultural activities will be offered to help you discover more about the cultural context surrounding the university and the French capital: trips to museums, the cinema, the opera, guided tours, cruises on the Seine, etc.

<https://www.eugloh.eu/initiatives/eugloh-cultural-corridor/>

SPORTS



The University Physical Activity and Sports Service (SUAPS) offers a range of activities for all fitness levels for just €40 per year!

More information: www.sports.universite-paris-saclay.fr

ASSOCIATIONS



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>



THE INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

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

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

FACULTY	E-MAIL
IUT Cachan Electrical Engineering Mechanical engineering and Computing for the Industry	<i>Mihaela.costin@universite-paris-saclay.fr</i>
IUT Orsay Computer Science, Chemistry, Applied physics and Measures	<i>Frederic.banse@universite-paris-saclay.fr</i>
IUT Sceaux Management, Business & Commerce	<i>Lea.rivera@universite-paris-saclay.fr</i>
Polytech Paris-Saclay Information technology, Electronics, Energy & Systems, Materials Science, Photonics & Optronics Systems	<i>Alexandra.stabe@universite-paris-saclay.fr</i>
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Faculty of Pharmacy	<i>Dorine.bonte@universite-paris-saclay.fr</i>
Faculty of Sciences Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Earth Sciences	<i>Gabriel.zinato-de-carvalho@universite-paris-saclay.fr</i>
Faculty of Sport Sciences	<i>Caroline.teulier@universite-paris-saclay.fr</i>



WELCOME SERVICES

APPLICATION

-Individual online appointment: preparing your application and choosing courses

AVANT L'ARRIVÉE

-Assistance in finding accommodation

- Assistance in obtaining a residence permit

-Online information session (accommodation, insurance, enrolment, mentoring programme, etc.)

-Individual online pre-admission appointment

-WhatsApp group for exchange programme students

A L'ARRIVÉE

-Arrival days and campus tour

-Welcome Evening for international students

-Personalised assistance with administrative procedures (opening a bank account, transport card, health insurance, etc.)

-Integration activities throughout the semester



PARISIAN CULTURE/THE FRENCH CAPITAL

20 THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT 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"¹
- Discover the neighbourhood of the "Butte Montmartre" and go up the "Sacré Coeur"



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"



Shopping

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

¹ For EU nationals under 26, some museums are free



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