



## FACT SHEET TO STUDENTS & PARTNERS



**Country: France**

**Name of the university: Sorbonne University – Science & Engineering Faculty (FSI)**

<b><u>Academic calendar</u></b>	<p><b>Fall semester:</b> Starts 1<sup>st</sup> week of September, classes end 3<sup>rd</sup> week of December.</p> <p><b>Spring semester:</b> Starts 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January, classes end 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May.</p> <p><b>Other than semester system:</b> No.</p>	
<b><u>Deadlines</u></b>	<p><b><u>Nominations deadline (for partners):</u></b> Fall semester: April 30<sup>th</sup> Spring semester: October 15<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b><u>Application deadline (for students):</u></b> Application form &amp; supporting documents will be send by e-mail. Fall semester: May 31<sup>st</sup> Spring semester: October 31<sup>st</sup></p>	



<p><b><u>Orientation program</u></b></p>	<p><b>Fall semester:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> week of September <b>Spring semester:</b> not applicable</p> <p>Exact dates are notified to the students by e-mail.</p>
<p><b><u>Study program</u></b></p>	<p><b>Credit points for full time students:</b> 30 ECTS per semester. A duly filled-out-&amp;-signed learning agreement is mandatory.</p> <p>Pedagogical Coordinators from both side can agree on a less-than-30-ECTS mobility. In that case, the student must provide a duly filled-out-&amp;-signed learning agreement stating the number of ECTS.</p> <p>Most courses hold 3 to 9 ECTS.</p> 
<p><b><u>Restrictions</u></b></p>	<p><b>Any faculties/departments/courses that exchange students cannot get admitted to?</b> Yes – every Pedagogical Coordinator can say no to a mobility if the level of the student does not meet the curriculum requirements. Moreover, the Student Mobility Office &amp;/or the Pedagogical Coordinators can say no to a mobility if the inflow-&amp;-outflow balance is disproportioned &amp; create a problem of surcharge capacity in classrooms.</p> <p>A common ground of 2-in/2-out per partner per department was decided.</p>





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<b><u>Level of study</u></b>	<b>Is the exchange agreement open to both undergraduate &amp; graduate students?</b> Yes, but only some Master courses are taught in English. Students can be admitted to BA courses if they have proficient skills in French.
<b><u>Language requirements</u></b>	The FSI does not have a language requirement. However, we recommend a B2-minimum level, as most of our classes are taught in French.  <b>The FSI offers French language improvement classes that exchange students are welcome to take to improve their fluency.</b> 
<b><u>Teaching language</u></b>	Mostly French. <b>To find information about classes in English, see “Study program” section.</b>
<b><u>Advising</u></b>	Exchange students will have a Pedagogical Coordinator in the Faculty who can help them select their courses via e-mail, before their arrival in Paris. 



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<p><b><u>Examination schedule, grading system &amp; transcripts of records</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Examination schedule:</u></b> <b>Fall semester:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January 2<sup>nd</sup> session on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June. <b>Spring semester:</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> week of May 2<sup>nd</sup> session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June.</p> <p><b><u>Grading system:</u></b> The FSI uses number grades, 20-point grading scale with 10 being the passing point.</p> <p><b><u>Transcripts:</u></b> The department at the FSI will provide official transcripts for the students who study at the FSI for a semester or more, &amp; the FSI requests the same from its partners.</p>
<p><b><u>Housing</u></b></p>	<p>The FSI has a variety of accommodation reserved for exchange students in different residences in Paris.</p> <p>If all rooms are booked, the FSI will advise students to help them find housing.</p> 








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<p><b><u>Sorbonne Université in a nutshell</u></b></p>	<p>Covering all fields of knowledge in science &amp; engineering, the Faculty is dedicated to research at the heart of disciplines &amp; to multidisciplinary approaches to meet the major challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Academic excellence is driven by its professor-researchers &amp; partner researchers, whose research contributes to the quality of the education provided by the faculty.</p> <p>The Faculty of Science &amp; Engineering, with its 22,000 students, covers many scientific disciplines divided into 6 academic &amp; research departments (UFR): Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Earth Sciences, Environment &amp; Biodiversity, as well as its 3 marine stations. The Faculty also includes the Polytech Sorbonne engineering school, the Paris Astrophysics Institute, &amp; the Henri Poincaré Institute.</p> <p><b>Educating Tomorrow’s Professionals</b> The ambition of the Faculty is to support students moving into the professional world by proposing courses adapted to their project &amp; educational programs supported by research performed in its laboratories. Each student builds their own career path through a progressive orientation process. From the 1<sup>st</sup> year of bachelor's degree, students can choose between mono or multidisciplinary courses with the major-minor &amp; double major system. In the Master's degrees, specialization constitutes sets of knowledge &amp; skills that facilitate employment that aligns with the project of each student.</p> <p><b>Research Partnerships</b> The 66 laboratories of the Faculty are located mainly on the Pierre &amp; Marie Curie campus in Paris &amp; at 3 marine stations in Roscoff, Banyuls-sur-Mer &amp; Villefranche-sur-Mer. All the laboratories are in partnership with national organizations such as CNRS, INSERM, INRIA, CEA &amp; IRD &amp; academic partners such as Université Paris Cité, ENS, the Collège de France the Observatory of Paris &amp; the ESPCI. The Faculty also has numerous institutes &amp; laboratories of excellence (Labex).</p>
<p><b><u>Student life</u></b></p>	<p>Parismus is the official student organization at SU. It was created in 2007 by 2 students coming back from an Erasmus year,</p> <p>Nowadays, some 30 members organize cultural &amp; festive events, trips... They help international students to integrate &amp; to discover France &amp; the Parisian life.</p> 



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<p><b><u>Meals</u></b></p>	<p>The university restaurant offer balanced &amp; nutritious meals at lower prices (€3.30). The restaurant is opened from 11:30AM to 2:00PM from Monday to Friday; &amp; the cafeteria is opened from 8:30AM to 4:30PM from Monday to Friday.</p> <p>Payments must be made using the IZLY card or account (the student card can be used as the IZLY card).</p>	
<p><b><u>Disability Resources Center</u></b></p>	<p>The Disability Resources Centre provides assistance for disabled students to facilitate studies, exams, technical issues &amp; professional integration...</p> <p>Support schemes can be put in place &amp; can be re-assessed to match the needs as the year progresses.</p> <p>The process is strictly confidential &amp; voluntary.</p>	
<p><b><u>Local transportation</u></b></p>	<p>Students can get a discount on their public transportation subscription. They have to go to any subway station's booth with their proof of enrolment to subscribe.</p> <p>Practical information for getting around Paris on public transport using passes and tickets can be find on the RATP website.</p>	





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<p><b><u>Web site</u></b></p>	<p><b>Main university web site:</b>  <a href="https://www.sorbonne-universite.fr/">https://www.sorbonne-universite.fr/</a></p> 
<p><b><u>Physical Mobility</u></b></p>	<p><b>Inbound &amp; Outbound Erasmus mobility coordinators:</b>  <a href="mailto:sciences-dfipve-4EUplus@sorbonne-universite.fr">sciences-dfipve-4EUplus@sorbonne-universite.fr</a></p>
<p><b><u>Virtual Mobility</u></b></p>	<p><b>Inbound &amp; Outbound virtual mobility coordinators:</b>  <a href="mailto:sciences-dfipve-4EUplus@sorbonne-universite.fr">sciences-dfipve-4EUplus@sorbonne-universite.fr</a></p>
<p><b><u>Staff mobility</u></b></p>	<p>Staff mobility (training &amp; teaching) is planned individually at the local departments. Staff members interested in visiting the FSI should contact &amp; plan the mobility period at local level.</p>
<p><b><u>Erasmus+ Traineeship</u></b></p>	<p>Erasmus+ Traineeships at the FSI must be arranged directly with a department, lab or research group here at the FSI. This means that students are responsible for the initial contact to the relevant professor, researcher or research group &amp; for planning the Erasmus+ Traineeship.</p> 
<p><b><u>Ph.d. Students</u></b></p>	<p>The “Institut de Formation Doctorale” gathers all the Postgraduate schools.</p> <p><b>For a joint supervision of thesis at the FSI:</b>  <a href="mailto:patricia.zizzo@sorbonne-universite.fr">patricia.zizzo@sorbonne-universite.fr</a></p> 