

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Academic Year 2021-2022

Fact Sheet for our Partner Universities



Name	École Polytechnique
Website	https://programmes.polytechnique.edu/en/exchange-programs/international-academic-exchange-program/program-details
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Nomination and Application Process

Deadlines: Please kindly note that we open the application period only once a year in January to March.

Nomination deadline	March 26th, 2021
Application deadline	March 31st, 2021
Admission results	Early June 2021

Please note that there is no specific application period for the spring semester. Students willing to complete an exchange period in the spring semester must apply in March of the previous year.

Official nomination are made by sending an email to the contact address (see below), including the name of the student, the program and level of study at student's home university, as well as the student's date of birth. We allow a 1 - 3 days difference with the deadline written above.

Application process

All applicants must submit their application online and upload supporting documents [directly to the online application system](#).

Entry requirements & Language proficiency

- Applicants need to be currently enrolled on a degree in science or engineering
- Applicants need a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above out of a potential 4.0
- Applicants are required to have relevant academic knowledge for their chosen classes and an excellent command of mathematics
- Proves of language proficiency are required. Please consult our website for more information.



Admission & registration processes

École Polytechnique carries out an academic application process to check students' eligibility, and ensure that each student meets the requirements for his or her chosen classes.

After admission, students will receive an admission letter by email. Only students who need to apply for a visa can receive an original copy of their admission letter by express mail.

All students will receive an invitation to fill out an online form to finalize their registration prior to their arrival.

Classes Offered

Academic Calendar	<p>The academic calendars at undergraduate level and graduate level are different.</p> <p>At undergraduate level, the academic year is divided into 2 semesters except for the 3rd year where the students undertake a research thesis from January to March (please note that the 6th semester starts in April); At graduate level, the academic year is divided into 3 terms.</p> <p>For further information, please consult the online chart here.</p>
Courses offered to exchange students	<p>Exchange students are enrolled in one specific level of study: undergraduate or graduate.</p> <p>We recommend that exchange students choose their courses in the same level, in the same year of study and in the same scientific track to avoid schedule conflicts.</p> <p>Please consult our Courses Selection Guide.</p>
Course Catalogs	<p>At undergraduate level: Link to the English-taught Bachelor Program.</p> <p>At graduate level: Links to course catalogues for the 2nd year of the Ingénieur Polytechnicien Program, 3rd year of the Ingénieur Polytechnicien Program and 1st year of Master of Science and Technology</p> <p>Classes in Languages; Humanities and Social sciences; Management, innovation and entrepreneurship and Sport are open to exchange students.</p>
Course restrictions	<p>The Master of Science and Technology Program Data Science for Business Program is not open to exchange students.</p> <p>Enrollment in classes taught within Master of Science and Technology programs is limited to 2 classes maximum per term.</p> <p>For scientific projects and research internships, due to limited seats, final enrollment will depend on the approval of the course instructor.</p> <p>Exchange students cannot enroll in classes taught as part of the 2nd year of a MSc&T</p>
Language of Teaching	<p>At undergraduate level, classes are taught in English and exams are to be taken in English as well.</p> <p>At graduate level, classes are taught in French and/or English depending on the subject except in the Masters of Science and Technology, where all classes are taught in English and exams are to be taken in English as well.</p>
Usual work load	<p>For scientific classes only: 20 ECTS credits per term or semester.</p> <p>We expect exchange students to register for a minimum of 20 ECTS credits per period (semester or term) all classes included. The maximum credits per period is 30 ECTS credits and for the full year 60 ECTS credits. To find out more</p>
Grading System	<p>École Polytechnique uses a literal grading system. To find out more</p>
Academic transcripts	<p>Requests for official transcripts of academic records are made at the end of the exchange period. The official transcripts are sent by email to students and their exchange coordinators on demand.</p>



Budget and Costs of Living

Tuition fees per semester for exchange students

Tuition fees are charged to students admitted outside of any exchange agreement between their home institution and Ecole Polytechnique.

Tuition fees are waived to students admitted as part of a mutual exchange agreement between their home university and École Polytechnique. Please note that these students must be nominated by their home institution to join us as part of. This includes Erasmus+ exchanges.

EU students	€6,000
Non-EU students	€7,500

All application must be formalized with a learning agreement approved beforehand by the student and his/her home university.

Estimated cost for living on the campus: €800 per month.

Student Life

Orientation program

The International Mobility Office organizes an orientation day at the beginning of September intended to help students find their way around campus and provide them with the necessary tools for a successful exchange period on our campus. We recommend that all exchange students participate in this activity. We will arrange orientation activities for exchange students throughout the academic year to facilitate their integration into campus life.

On-campus services

The International Student Support and Services Office (BASIX) supports international students who are living in France, assisting them with required administrative formalities such as visas, health insurance and on-campus housing. Once admitted, each student will receive an email with all information to prepare for arrival on campus.

Ms Sonia Cordier from the International Students Office guides students through the process.

Visa	Depending on the country, students may need an entry visa or a study permit. To find out more
Health & Liability Insurances	Students staying in France for at least 6 months must have an affiliation to the French Healthcare System. EU citizens have to ask a European Health Insurance Card. All students must have a liability insurance. To find out more. All students attend a mandatory medical visit with the Doctor of École Polytechnique once on campus. Some documents have to be filled out beforehand.
On-campus Housing	To find out more
Clubs & Associations	To find out more
Sport on campus	To find out more

Contact us

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