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**International Student
Handbook**

ESIEA Graduate School of Engineering

Welcome!

You probably know France for its culinary traditions (baguette, cheese, wine...), fashion and perfume, art museums and even... opportunities for romance!

But did you know that France is also a country with a longstanding tradition of science and engineering? Did you know that we have [astronauts](#) and [famous companies in the games industry](#)? [Hip mathematicians](#) and [world famous pioneers in electronic music](#)?

You're going to discover this and more at ESIEA Graduate School of Engineering!

We are delighted to welcome you !

ESIEA Graduate School of Engineering offers a 5-year program in Digital Sciences and Technologies leading to an engineering degree equivalent to a Master of Science.

Our entire program is offered in French on our Laval campus and in both English and in French on our Paris campus. You are certain to find the programme and campus that are right for you!

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Location

ESIEA Paris-Ivry

74 bis avenue Maurice Thorez - 92400 Ivry-sur-Seine - FRANCE

ESIEA Laval

38 rue des Docteurs Calmette et Guérin – 53000 Laval - FRANCE



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Links





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Semester Dates

- > 3rd year program (Bachelor 3 level) = Semesters 5 and 6

Semester 5: end of August –end of January

Semester 6: end of January – mid June

- > 4th year program (M1 level) = Semesters 7 and 8

Semester 7: end of August –end of December

Semester 8: early January – end of March



Life on campus

- > A lively environment for learning and self-discovery.
- > Advantages and services of 2 campuses. Students have important moments spent together (seminars, intergation weekend in September, Ski-colloquium, etc).
- > An active Student Union and many student clubs.
- > The members of the ESIEA's student club *Association Internationale* are dedicated to welcoming and facilitating the integration of new international students. These "buddies" help students with the various formalities of arrival (telephone, public transport and integration into student life!).

If you have any questions about this student club please go to the *Association Internationale* Instagram page by clicking on the logo:



Sanitary restrictions

To enter France, please keep an eye on the following [page](#). Be aware of the color of your home country on this page (green, orange or red).

Conditions of entry change frequently so you need to check the page frequently.

Once in France:

There is no obligation to wear the mask outdoors but it is mandatory in all public indoor spaces.

No curfew.

Stay 2 meters apart from persons presenting symptoms.



Personal computer equipment

ESIEA students (regardless of the year of study or the site and including work-study students) must bring a laptop computer.

- > Tablets, mini-pc, Chromebook are to be avoided.

This personal laptop is an essential work tool for the smooth running of studies.

It allows each student to work with standard scientific and office software, recommended or supplied by ESIEA, to connect to the network and use the resources made available by the IT department.

In all cases, wifi n / ac is necessary as well as a USB output and a network port, via a USB-C or Tthunderbolt adapter if necessary.

A 15 " screen and a large battery provide more user comfort. However, be careful with the total weight because you will be asked to use it very regularly on campus.

- > If you do not have a laptop available, we advise you to wait until the beginning of the school year to benefit from special offers regularly offered by KPS , the computer association of the Ivry campus, and the Info Center of ESIEA or, for Laval students, the RC-Lab association .

Students will benefit from Mathematica software as well as the Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Outlook, Lync, Publisher, Access).



RECOMMENDED CONFIGURATION

- Intel i7 (8th generation or more)
- 16 GB RAM (or more)
- Storage 512 GB or more SSD or NVMe
- 13" FHD display
- 802.11g WiFi, Dual Band ac
- A dedicated graphics card (NVIDIA brand) is a plus but not required



MINIMUM CONFIGURATION




- Intel i5 processor (7th generation or more)
- 8 GB RAM memory
- 512 GB storage
- 13" HD display
- 802.11 g WiFi, Dual Band ac



Visa & Administrative procedures

Campus France is a governmental agency for foreign students. This is where you will begin your Visa application process.

Find more on the website about:

- > [How to apply for an online visa](#) on [France-Visas](#)
- > [The different types of student visas](#)
- > [Registering for Social Security](#) (French national health insurance) 
- > [Long Term Visa used as Residence Permit](#) or VLS-TS 
- > [Opening a bank account](#) 
- > [Coronavirus Updates](#)

Find the complete list of Campus France Youtube tutorials for the administrative procedures [here](#). Available in English, French and Spanish.



Documents to bring to France

- > Passport
- > A copy of your birth certificate
- > Student card from your home institution
- > All proof of insurances (health, housing, VISALE certificate, etc.)
- > Proof of vaccination or negative PCR test (check with your airline)

The first steps when arriving in France

- > If you are a degree-seeking student, pay the CVEC (Student and Campus Life Contribution) and obtain a certificate. 92€ for the year 2020-2021. More information [here](#).
- > Finalise the administrative registration at ESIEA and get the student card
- > Register for French social security. More information [here](#).
- > Validate your residence permit. Cost 50 €. This process is done online. More information [here](#).
- > Open a bank account. Required documents: ID card or passport, proof of address and student card.
- > Open a telephone and internet line.



Accommodation

ESIEA cooperates with the CROUS, a public organization that manages student halls of residence, and has reserved a limited quota of furnished CROUS rooms.

Reservations for CROUS Accommodation should be done through ESIEA's International Office. Exchange students cannot apply directly. If you wish ESIEA to make reservations for you, please inform us no later than 6 weeks prior to arrival.

- ! The available rooms are on a first-come, first-served basis, in the order the applications arrive. Due to the limited number of exchange student rooms, please note that applying before the deadline does not guarantee housing at CROUS. The assignment of your accommodation will be according to availability

Paris – Ivry-sur-Seine

Three possibilities:

1. Résidence CROUS Cachan



66-70 rue Camille Desmoulins,
94234 Cachan
France



- Between 10 and 18 m² with private toilet and shower
- No cooking facilities inside the smallest room.



There is a University restaurant nearby open from 7:30 to 20:45 from Monday to Friday. A full meal at a university restaurant costs 3,25 euros.



45 minutes bus ride
ESIEA Ivry Campus - Residence hall CROUS Cachan

2. Résidence CROUS Kremlin-Bicêtre (KB)



4 rue Pasteur,
94270 Le Kremlin-Bicêtre
France



- 18 m² with private toilet, shower and small kitchen
- Bedding not provided

Paris-Charles De Gaulle → 1h15 → les Crous

How to check-in at Cachan & K-B

First, you have to notify your arrival date, and then the CROUS will send you a notification by e-mail confirming the date and time that you will have to arrive at the residence.

Bedding not provided

Students must bring or buy pillows, blankets, sheets and pillowcases



Rent: between 263 € and 430 €/ month for a room, utilities included.
Deposit: 233 € (this will be returned if the room is in good condition at the end of the student's stay)



15 minutes metro ride
ESIEA Ivry Campus - Residence hall CROUS



Rent: 400-450 €/ month for a room, utilities included.
Deposit: 233 € (this will be returned if the room is in good condition at the end of the student's stay)

How to pay:

In France, students need a guarantor to rent a flat or a room in a student hall of residence. The best thing to do is to have the Visale rental deposit assistance.

First possibility:

Monthly payment if you have the Visale rental deposit assistance.

The deposit and the rent for the first month must be paid by credit on the day of your arrival to the residence.

**Rental deposit assistance - Visale**

The Visale guarantee, a service from Action Logement, offers adult students a free rental deposit for any type of accommodation.

Visale acts as guarantor for your landlord, a simple solution accessible in a few clicks.

- Documents required:
 - Identity card or Passport and visa if applicable
 - The ESIEA enrolment certificate
- Find out more information [here](#) and all the procedures [here](#)

Second possibility:

If you do not have a guarantor, you will have to **pay by credit card the total amount of your stay + 233 € deposit** on the day of your arrival to the residence.

**Documents to provide upon arrival:**

(Please make photocopies before arriving, just in case)

- CROUS application form (we'll send it to you by email)
- 2 identity photos
- 1 copy of your passport
- 1 copy of the ESIEA enrolment certificate
- VISALE 'visa' (distinct from the visa granted by the consulate), see information above
- Certificate proving housing insurance (see Insurance section)
- Your full bank details

This information is needed to get your deposit reimbursed. Please complete and print the document "Bank Account Details" that the International Office will send you.



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Private housing in Ivry-sur-Seine



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- Rent: 700 - 900 € per month
- Furnished studios with private bathroom and fully equipped kitchen
- Bedding provided
- 2-5 minutes walk to ESIEA

Other housing services in Paris



LOCService.fr
Location & Colocation
entre particuliers



Laval



Résidence U' La Dormerie

54 rue des Docteurs Calmette et Guérin
53000 Laval
France



Located on campus



- 19 m2 with private toilet, shower and small kitchen
- Bedding not provided



Rent: 275€/month for a room, utilities not included (30-60€/month)
Deposit: ~200€ (this will be returned if the room is in good condition at the end of the student's stay)



Insurance:

All students must show proof of French housing insurance upon arrival to cover accidental damage caused by the tenant or by natural disasters: flooding, storm etc...

They also have to take out civil liability insurance which covers them in case of damage to a third person. This is generally included in the housing insurance, but this needs to be verified.

To take out a housing insurance policy, you can use any on-line provider, but you must use a French insurance company. CROUS recommends this one :

> [ADH Assurance](#), Student accommodation insurance, you need Formula 2 or 3.

The students will need to pay for 1 year of insurance (regardless of the length of stay)

> Other French companies like **HEYME** or **SMEBA** also offer such insurance policies.

Important: You should make sure that you have the [civil liability coverage](#)



Student Housing aid

CAF (Personalised Housing Aid (Aide personnalisée au logement - APL))

Apply for housing aid online [here](#)

- > You need a French bank account in order to apply.
- > You will also need to provide the following documents:
 1. Your housing agreement
 2. Your full bank details (Relevé d'identité bancaire: RIB)
 3. A proof of your total income in 2019
 4. The proof of address form filled out by your lessor, if this is requested at the end of your application.
 5. You will need to submit proof of identity (your national ID card or passport and your birth certificate),
 - > If you are an EU citizen, you will need to submit proof of school enrolment and a copy of your European Health Insurance Card,
 - > If you are not an EU citizen, you will need to submit a copy of your valid residence permit ("titre de séjour").

If you need to provide documentary evidence, the list of required documents will appear on the last page of your online application.

Follow the CAF guide, which details the whole process of applying for student housing aid. You can then track your application using the CAF smartphone app. To find out more, consult the CAF guides below

- Your student housing aid for fall 2021
 - For students in Crous-run accommodation
 - For students in non-Crous-run student residences
 - For students who are renting a private-market accommodation



Budgets

Annual Expenses	Budget
School Fees	According to your program
CVEC (only for degree-seeking students)	~100€
Residency Permit Validation	50€
Home Insurance	~40€
Total	~700€

Monthly Expenses	Paris	Laval
Housing (CROUS)	300 - 400€	300 - 400€
Food	350€ min.	250€ min.
Urban Transport	30€	17€
Diverse (leisure, tourism, shopping, phone)	150 - 200€	130 - 170€
Total	800 - 980€	700 - 850€



Public transportation

Paris and its surroundings

If you are under 26 and a student, you can get the **Carte Imagine R** card, valid for one year, for travel in the entire Paris Region (Île-de-France).

The Imagine R annual card costs €342, payable once or over 9 instalments, without any additional fees, +€8 administration fee.

To subscribe, pick up an application from a RATP station or apply online.

- > There are five start dates for the pass:
1 September, 1 October, 1 November, 1 December or 1 January.

Find out more on their [website](#)

Laval and its surroundings

If you are under 26 and a student, you can get an Annual Abonnement Jeune on a TUL card for travel in Laval and its surroundings.

The Annual Abonnement costs 128€, payable once or over several instalments.

To subscribe, pick up an application from a TUL station or apply online.

- > There is one start date for the pass: 1 September

Find out more on their [website](#)



How to arrive to ESIEA Ivry-sur-Seine campus by metro



- **Metro station** : Pierre et Marie Curie
- **Direction** : Mairie d'Ivry line 7
- **Exit** : 2. Avenue Maurice Thorez

Warning :

This line has two destinations :

- Mairie d'Ivry**, identified in **yellow**, and
- Villejuif Louis Aragon**, identified in **blue**.

When you are on the platform waiting for the metro, you must ensure that you take the correct destination, Mairie d'Ivry, indicated:

- on the illuminated sign on the platform,
- on each car by yellow-lit signs.

Once you are on the train, the destination is announced by voice at the station before the junction.





Places to visit

There are many places in Paris and its surroundings you can visit as you please!
You can check the [Paris Tourist Office website](#) to learn more about the city.

Here are some tips:

- > Many museums are free for those under 26 such as the Louvre, l'Orangerie, Pompidou Center, quai Branly, Orsay, or the Arts et Métiers (don't forget your ID!)
- > Street art can be seen on various districts like the 4th in the center of Paris, 13th, 11th, 19th, 20th, like a life-size exhibition!
- > You can find some gaming bars in the center like the Reset bar or Le Dernier Bar avant la Fin du Monde at Châtelet
- > The biggest parks of Paris are the Buttes-Chaumont (19th), Montsouris (13th) and Luxembourg (5th)
- > There are castles accessible with the public transports like the castle of Versailles, Fontainebleau, Monte-Cristo, or Rambouillet (45 min to 2h of travel)

Useful links

Student Services



CROUS and University Restaurants




Welcome Desk Paris



International Campus in Paris

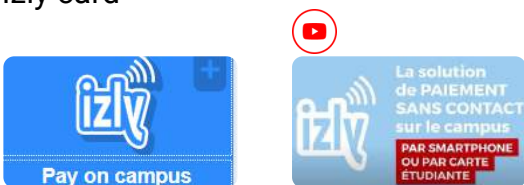



 A one-stop shop for administrative procedures

Financial Aid



Izly card



 Use this card to eat in university cafeterias for just 3,70€! Many other services are offered

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