Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University

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About the University

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University was founded in the 13th century as the Collège de la Sorbonne by Robert de Sorbon and is located in the heart of the capital’s Latin Quarter. It is one of the oldest French universities, renowned throughout the world. The present-day university has combined tradition with modernity since its establishment in 1970.

Three Major Disciplinary Areas

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University offers courses in three disciplinary areas: economics and management, arts and humanities and law and political science. This broad range of courses makes Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne the largest French university in humanities and social sciences, in terms of both the variety of subjects taught and the number of students.

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University has always emphasised interdisciplinary education and research. Today the university offers a number of innovative double degrees at both bachelor’s and master’s levels with excellent reputations in France and abroad.

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University is very well placed in several international rankings. It particularly stands out in the latest 2024 QS World University Rankings by subject, where nine of its academic fields are ranked in the global top 50.

A Research-Driven University

Teaching and research are intrinsically linked at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University. As with teaching, research is also structured around three major disciplinary areas with 37 research units (24 of which are in partnership with the French National Centre for Scientific Research and/or the National Research Institute for Sustainable Development) and 10 doctoral schools. Every year, more than 300 PhD theses and HDR (habilitations to supervise research) are defended at the university.

International Outlook

20% of the university’s 45,000 students are international students enrolled across the institution’s 10 academic departments and four institutes. Internationalisation of teaching and research at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne is constantly increasing thanks to strong historic links with a large number of global institutions (over 300 partners in 65 countries) and the university’s involvement in a number of networks.

This great international presence makes it possible for Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University to offer international joint supervision of PhDs, Erasmus Mundus programmes, joint degree programmes, and many delocalised degrees within foreign partner universities.

In 2020, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University was awarded the “Bienvenue en France – Choose France” label (two-star level), which certifies the quality of its actions carried out to improve the hospitality and the integration of international students.
Key Figures

More than 45,000 students

Around 9,000 international students

Around 640 incoming exchange students

1,500+ teachers and researchers

10 academic departments

and

4 institutes

2,200 PhD students

1,200+ administrative and library staff members

300+ defences of PhD theses and habilitations to supervise research

67 master’s degrees

10 doctoral schools

13 general bachelor’s degrees

7 vocational bachelor’s degrees

300+ partner universities in 65 countries

41 libraries within the joint library services (SCD)

25 locations in the Île-de-France region

2 inter-university libraries
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Visas and Residence Permits

If you are not from one of the European Union member states; one of the European Free Trade Association countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland); Andorra; Monaco; San Marino or the Vatican City; then you must obtain a visa in order to come and study at the university. You must complete this procedure before your arrival in France. Visit the France-Visas website to find out which visa to apply for depending on your situation and your stay.

THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF VISA FOR STUDYING IN FRANCE

Visas Valid for Three Months and Above (long-stay visas)

- Long-stay visas valid as a residence permit for students (VLS-TS student visas)
  - allow you to study in France for a period of four to twelve months. Upon expiry of this visa you must request a residence permit in order to stay in France.

Temporary long-stay visas (VLS-T student visas)

- allow you to study in France for a period of four to twelve months. This type of visa cannot be renewed.

Long-stay visas with the following clause: “residence permit must be requested within the first two months following arrival in France”

- you will have to go to the prefecture within two months in order to obtain a residence permit.

Visas Valid for Less than Three Months (short-stay visas)

- Short-term visas for students sitting examinations
  - are only for non-European students and are only valid for travel in France. This visa allows you to come to France to sit a French higher education admission interview or entrance examination. Please note that short-stay visas for students sitting examinations can only be awarded if the results of the selection process will be known within three months of candidates sitting entrance examinations and admissions interviews.

- Short-term Schengen visas
  - are valid for a maximum of a 90-day period for use within the Schengen area. This can be either used for an uninterrupted period of 90 days or several periods totaling 90 days within a 180-day period. You may be exempt from this visa depending on your nationality or situation.

Short-term Schengen visas are valid for business or leisure purposes, which could include a short course, an internship or a paid position (providing the holder has obtained the right to work). Schengen single-entry visas are only valid for a single trip. Schengen single-entry and multiple-entry visas allow you to travel around the Schengen area for a fixed period of six months to five years.

Visa Application Procedure

Before departing for France you must request a visa from the French consulate in your country of residence. You must present proof of university admission in France, proof of means and proof that you have accommodation reserved in France (attestation d’hébergement).

If you live in a country with an “Études en France” procedure, then you can apply for a visa through Campus France online in your area of residence.

FOLLOWING YOUR ARRIVAL IN FRANCE

Long-Stay Visa Holders

- If you hold a long-stay visa valid as a residence permit (VLS-TS)
  - if this is your first application, you have three months to take the necessary steps. You will have to validate your visa online by logging on the ANEF website (administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr).

Visa Certification Process

In order to validate your VLS-TS online, you will need a valid email address, the information on your visa, your date of arrival in France, your address in France and a payment card to pay the tax online.

Once you have completed the online procedure, you will receive by email your login details to access your account and obtain confirmation of validation of your VLS-TS. A second email that can be downloaded will confirm the information that you filled in online.
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Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University has some accommodation units within university halls of residence that it allocates to exchange students. However, being accepted and enrolling at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne does not guarantee any student with an offer of university accommodation. Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University will not issue proof of accommodation documents in advance and requires you to complete all necessary consular processing procedures beforehand. However, a proof of temporary address is sufficient.

To help you in your search, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne offers a range of accommodation options. Unfortunately, these options are too limited to meet all demand.

Finding accommodation in the Île-de-France region is not an easy task and can take some time. It is recommended that you plan ahead as much as possible. Every student is responsible for finding their own accommodation and, if necessary, look for temporary housing for the start of the academic year.

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ACCOMMODATION RESERVED FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS ON EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

The accommodation options below are exclusively available to foreign students taking part in exchange programmes.

This type of accommodation is allocated by the International Relations Department (DRI) of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University according to demand and availability. You will be contacted in June and December in order to apply for an accommodation. If you have a disability, please let us know so that we can take it into account in your application.

Selected students will receive a partner code in order to complete their application.

Please note that these two organisations may also charge a non-refundable reservation fee.

Short-Stay Visa Holders

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and you obtain a place to study in France you can apply for a study residence permit at a prefecture without having to return to your country of residence. If you are unsuccessful, you must leave France as soon as the results of your examination/admission are published.

If you are the holder of a short-term Schengen visa

there are no formalities required upon arrival or departure. At the end of the 90-day period you must leave the Schengen area. The Schengen short-stay visa is renewable, however you must wait six months before submitting a new application. Unlike with a long-stay visa, this visa does not allow you to take up residence in France.

Keep in mind

Tourist visas cannot be converted to student visas or student residence permits in France or any European Union member state.

Contact

titredejeuretudiant@univ-paris1.fr

Useful Website

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Cité internationale universitaire de Paris (Ciup)

If you are a foreign master’s student you can apply directly to the Cité internationale universitaire de Paris (Ciup) through their website. In this case, you must not specify a partner code in the application form.

Studapart

The Studapart online platform is a partner of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and allows students to view advertisements for various types of accommodation (private accommodation, university halls, estate agent offers).

If you are interested in this accommodation opportunity, you must get in touch with the International Relations Department as soon as you are able to provide a document proving your acceptance at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Housing Insurance

Whether you are living in a Crous residence, at the Ciup or in a privately rented accommodation, you must take out housing insurance from an insurance company or a bank.

Housing insurance will cover damage in your accommodation in the event of burglary, fire or water damage for example. This insurance is mandatory and is the responsibility of the tenant. The rate of insurance varies depending amongst other factors, on where your accommodation is located, its size and the total value of your possessions.

The insurer with whom you take out your policy can provide you with a certificate of civil liability. You will need this document in order to complete your administrative enrolment at the university. The certificate of civil liability will provide you with third-party insurance and personal possessions cover. The civil liability certificate can also be obtained via a mutual insurance company.

Security Deposit

When you sign your lease (or accommodation contract) the landlord will usually ask for a security deposit. This is a sum of money that the landlord will keep for the duration of the rental in the event of any breaches in contract on behalf of the tenant, such as missing rent payments or damage to the property. This will normally be returned to you providing there are no breaches of contract.

Guarantor

Landlords often ask tenants to prove that they have a guarantor who will pay their rent in the event of lapsed payments. A guarantor is generally a relative of the tenant, although this person can be a friend, who will commit to paying the tenant’s rent in the event that he/she is unable to do so. If you do not have a relative who can act as a guarantor for you then there are various specialist agencies you can consult.

The Action Logement group created a free type of guarantee for tenants called “Visa for Housing and Work” (Visale) that will cover the cost of rent in the event of deferred payments. Garantme also offers to students without a suitable guarantor a guarantee service for which you have to pay.

Personal Housing Assistance Fund (APL)

The Personal Housing Assistance Fund (APL) is a means-tested housing benefit that is awarded to help with covering the cost of rent.

You can apply to an APL benefit through the CAF (Caisse d’Allocations Familiales). The rate at which APL is paid varies depending on a number of factors, such as the location and size of your accommodation, and your financial resources. You can use the online CAF grant calculator to find out if you are eligible and the size of the benefit for which you could qualify.

Useful Websites

Crous: www.crous-paris.fr/se-loger
Ciup: www.ciup.fr/en
Studapart: pantheonsorbonne.studapart.com/en/

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Visale: www.visale.fr
Garantme: garantme.fr/en
Campus France: www.campusfrance.org/en/student-housing-france
CAF: www.caf.fr

Useful Websites

Contact
international-housing@univ-paris1.fr

The Student Life Service of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne has also developed various partnerships to assist you in your student house hunting. Visit their Facebook page for more information.
Health

Social security affiliation is free and obligatory for all students in France, whether they are French or foreign nationals.

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**Why?**
To get a portion of my healthcare cost reimbursed (medical consultations, medical tests, etc.).

**When?**
As soon as possible after enrolling at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

**How?**
By going to the ameli website aimed at foreign students, which is available in both French and English.

**How much?**
It’s free. Social security registration in France is free for all students, including French and foreign nationals.

I need to register if:

> I am a European student without a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).
> I am a European student with an S1 form.
> I am not a European student.

I don’t need to register if:

> I am European and I have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or a temporary certificate. My medical costs will be reimbursed at the same level as they would be in my home country. This card must be valid until the end of the current academic year.
> Regardless of my nationality, I have already been enrolled at a French higher education establishment. I check with the Caisse primaire d’assurance maladie (CPAM) that I am properly affiliated.

Students who are nationals of a European country, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, the United Kingdom or Switzerland can apply for an EHIC card. These students do not have to register with French social security. You should apply for an EHIC card in your home country. An EHIC card will allow you to access medical care in France.

The S1 form is only for citizens of the European Union, the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland.

It is a document that you can apply for in your home country before departure at the health organisation with which you are registered. This document allows you to register for social security purposes in France.

There are reciprocal agreements linking France social security institutions and those in other countries. To find out more about these agreements please consult the Centre des Liaisons Européennes et Internationales de Sécurité Sociale (CLEISS) website.

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**CONSULTATIONS**

**How can I see a doctor?**

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University has its own health service called the service de Santé étudiante (SSE) through which a team of doctors, psychologists and nurses advise students and provide individual consultations for prevention and information on health, contraception and nutrition. The psychologists are available for students free of charge and by appointment. The university’s Relais handicap receives, informs and supports disabled students in their studies. The university is also a partner of Nightline, a night-time helpline entirely dedicated to students who feel the need to talk.

You can also look up a doctor outside not affiliated with the university and make an appointment online or with the Doctolib mobile application.

You can receive free and confidential consultations from the Planning familial if you have questions about sexuality, intimate relationships or contraception methods. Women can access prescriptions for a variety of contraception methods through the Planning familial. The Planning familial has branches all over France.

Useful Websites

- Ameli for foreign students: etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr
- CLEISS: www.cleiss.fr
- Nightline: www.nightline.fr
- Doctolib: www.doctolib.fr
- University webpage about health services: pantheonsorbonne.fr/vie-etudiante/sante
- Relais handicap: pantheonsorbonne.fr/vie-etudiante/relais-handicap
- Planning familial: www.planning-familial.org

**HEALTH INSURANCE COOPERATIVES AND TOP-UP INSURANCE**

In order to increase your health insurance payouts you can also register with a health cooperative or for top-up insurance.

**How do I register with a health insurance cooperative?**

You are advised to register with a health insurance cooperative in order to increase your health insurance payouts, however this is not obligatory. You can ask for a quote and compare rates of different student health insurance companies, insurance companies and banks. Some health insurance cooperatives may also offer personal liability insurance, which will allow you to be covered in your place of study or internship.
**Banks**

The right to hold a bank account is written in French law. Foreign students in France can therefore open a bank account in any bank in France. Most major banks have branches in most towns. To open an account all you have to do is make an appointment with an in-branch adviser.

Opening a bank account will make daily life easier, in particular when paying bills (electricity, telephone, rent) and subscriptions (transport, internet). With a bank account you can also keep track of salary and health insurance payments more easily. A French debit card also allows you to pay for most things and prevents you from having to carry around large sums of cash. You can easily set up standing orders for your various subscriptions using your RIB (Relevé d’identité bancaire).

Your bank statements can act as proof of means in France when it comes to renewing your resident permit.

The cost of having a bank card, international bank transfers, and withdrawing money abroad can vary noticeably between one bank and another so it is advised that you compare banks before taking out an account.

You must have (at least) the following three documents with you in order to open a bank account: a piece of identification, proof of address and an attendance certificate or student card.

If you have difficulty opening a bank account there is a procedure called “droit au compte” that you can go via. In the event of this the Banque de France (Bank of France) will indicate a bank that will be obliged to provide you with a bank account. Details of this procedure, as well as the documents you have to provide and contacts of various organisations offering help with this procedure are on the Banque de France website.

**Useful Website**

Working in France

French law allows the majority of foreign students to work 964 hours a year, or the equivalent of 60% of the legal working hours limit. Students can therefore only earn a partial salary. Depending on your situation, you may need to apply for a work permit. This application can be made using the ANEF online platform of the French Ministry of the Interior.

Completing an internship can be mandatory as part of the preparation for some degrees. French and foreign students are subject to the same rules:

> The internship must be contractual (an agreement must be signed between the university and the host organisation).
> A minimum wage rate of €4.35 per hour of internship is compulsory if your work placement lasts more than two consecutive months (or from the 309th hour of internship).

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Living in Paris

Budget

COST OF LIVING

The figures below must only be taken as a guide and can vary.

**Accommodation**

(Rent per month)

- Studio at the Crous: €250–€550
- Studio at the Ciup: €670–€780
- Private studio: €800

Electricity and water per month: €50–€100

**Food and Restaurants**

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**Transport**

- Monthly travel pass: €86.40
- Metro ticket: €2.15
- Student annual travel pass: €382.40
- On-board bus ticket: €2.50

**Telephone & Internet**

(contract per month)

- Mobile phone: €15–€20
- Internet-TV: €30–€40

**Entertainment**

- Cinema ticket: €7–€15
- Exhibition entrance: €5–€20
- Swimming pool entrance: €2–€3.50

**Financial support**

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please get in touch with the Student Life Service to discuss your situation and consider applying for financial assistance:

fsdie-social@univ-paris1.fr

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The Jobaviz free to use platform run by the Crous is an employment hub aimed at students, allowing them to find job opportunities that correspond to their studies and experience.

www.jobaviz.fr

The CIDJ (Centre d'Information et de Documentation Jeunesse), or Youth Information and Resource Centre, advertises a selection of job opportunities including student jobs.

www.cidj.com

RéseauPro is an online platform for the university’s students and graduates where they can find internship and job offers.

reseaupro.univ-paris1.fr
Getting Around

PARIS AND THE ÎLE-DE-FRANCE REGION

An extensive five-zone public transport network serves Paris and the Île-de-France region and includes metro, bus, tram, regional express train (RER), and regional train (Transilien) links. The RATP group is responsible for operating the majority of public transport services in Paris and the surrounding area.

If you would like to take out a subscription you have a choice between:

> The “imagine R Étudiant” subscription: annual subscription aimed at students under 26 living in the Île-de-France region for unlimited journeys around the entire region (all zones: €382.40 per year, including handling fee).

> The monthly “Navigo” subscription: monthly subscription for unlimited journeys in all zones (€86.40/month)

Metro, Bus and Tramway

The price of a t+ ticket is €2.15 for one journey. You can buy it via the Île-de-France Mobilités mobile app or load it on the Navigo Easy pass that can be purchased in all counters/stations for €2. The t+ ticket is valid on all RER and train networks in Paris, and all metro, tram and bus services.

You can also subscribe to the Navigo Liberté + service and travel using a pay-per-use card. You will be charged the following month based on the journeys you have made. By using this service, you can benefit from a single rate of €1.73 per journey.

> Metro is the fastest, least expensive and most simple means of transport in Paris. The metro network is made up of 16 lines and more than 300 stations across Paris and its suburbs. On weekdays, services begin around 5:30am and finish around 1:15am. On Friday and Saturday evenings, as well as on the eve of public holidays, services finish at 2:15am at the latest.

> Noctilien is a bus service with 47 lines that allows you to get around in Paris and the Île-de-France region between 12:30am and 5:30am.

> Four of the 14 tram lines of Île-de-France serve Paris: the T2, T3a, T3b and T9. Tram tickets are the same as metro and RER tickets within Paris.

> The bus is an excellent way to discover Paris. Bus lines in Paris for the most part run from Monday to Sunday. Services may decrease on Sundays and holidays depending on the line.

RER and Transilien

The RER network is made up of five lines (A, B, C, D, and E) that serve Paris and the Île-de-France region. Ticket prices are the same as for metro tickets when travelling within central Paris. Otherwise, the price of a ticket depends on your destination within the Paris region.

Transilien trains are regional trains that depart from Paris’ major stations: the Gare du Nord, Gare de l’Est, Gare de Lyon, Gare d’Austerlitz, Gare Montparnasse and the Gare Saint-Lazare.

Cycling

Vélib’ is the Paris bike-sharing system. In order to use the Vélib’ mechanical and electric bikes, you can choose from several types of passes (single ride, 1 day or 3 days) and subscriptions with or without commitment. Île-de-France Mobilités offers residents of the Île-de-France region a long-term rental service of e-bikes called “Véligo Location”. The rate and duration of rental and subscription vary depending on the type of bike.

IN FRANCE AND ABROAD

By Plane

Paris is served by three international airports:

> Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)
  - RER B (Aéroport Charles de Gaulle 1 station for terminals 1 and 3 and Aéroport Charles de Gaulle 2-TGV station for terminal 2)
  - TGV (Gare Aéroport Charles de Gaulle 2-TGV)
  - RATP bus: lines 350 and 351
  - Noctilien bus: lines N140 and N143
  - Roissybus

> Paris-Beauvais Airport (BVA)
  - Paris-Beauvais Shuttle (Porte Maillot station)

> Paris Orly Airport (ORY)
  - Metro: line 14
  - RER B + “Orlyval” shuttle train, or RER C + bus line 183
  - Noctilien bus: lines N22, N31, N131 and N144
  - Orlybus
  - Tram (line T7) + metro (line 7)
  - Tram (line T9) + bus (line 183)

Regional express train (TER) (Paris Gare du Nord) + bus (line 6)
By Train

The French train network is very well developed. In general, the train is the fastest means of transport and the most practical for traveling in France. The extensive TGV network (Train à Grande Vitesse) is the country’s most efficient train service. SNCF is the country’s national rail company.

**SNCF stations in Paris:**
- Paris Austerlitz
- Paris Est
- Paris Gare du Nord
- Paris Montparnasse

By Coach

For a more leisurely and cost-effective option, the bus is a practical means of travelling around France. Several coach companies provide services from Paris to many other French and European cities.

**Useful Websites**
- Île-de-France Mobilités: www.iledefrance-mobilties.fr/en
- RATP: www.ratp.fr/en
- Transilien: www.transilien.com/en
- Vélib’ Métropole: www.velib-metropole.fr/en
- SNCF: www.sncf-connect.com
- Véligo: veligo-location.fr

Going Out

Paris is the world’s number one cultural destination: welcoming, cosmopolitan and with an impressive cultural heritage. In the QS Best Student Cities 2024 ranking, Paris was selected as the 3rd best student city in Europe and the 6th best in the world.

Paris is alive with exhibitions, shows, festivals and sports events all year round. Art, architecture, fashion, food and crafts are constantly being reinvented in the heart of the French capital.

In every neighbourhood of Paris there are unmissable attractions, secret gardens and hidden gems, on the hill of Montmartre to Montparnasse, the Latin Quarter to the Canal Saint-Martin and on the quays of the Seine.

**Key Figures:**
- 3 operas
- 141 museums
- 2,230 historical monuments
- 741 cinema screens
- 33 cabarets

**MUSEUMS AND MONUMENTS**

With over 140 museums, Paris has one of the most varied cultural scenes in the world in terms of the art forms represented and themes presented. Painting, sculpture, photography, contemporary art and science is constantly being produced in response to a wide range of themes to engage all tastes.

**Free Admission for Under 26s**

Access to permanent collections in almost 50 of the museums and monuments in Paris and the Île-de-France region is free for young people under 26 who come from one of the European Union member states (Louvre Museum, Musée d’Orsay, Palace of Versailles, etc.). There is also a reduction for temporary exhibitions in most museums.
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Museums with Free Admission

It is free for everyone to visit the permanent collections in 11 of the 14 City of Paris’ museums all year round only the Île de la Cité Archeological Crypt, the Catacombs of Paris and the Palais Galliera have entrance fees.

A Few Must See Destinations

Arab World Institute
Arc de triomphe
Catacombs of Paris
Cinémathèque française
Cité de l’architecture et du patrimoine
Cité des sciences et de l’industrie
City of Paris Museum of Modern Art
Eiffel Tower
Grand Palais
Louis Vuitton Foundation
Louvre Museum
Maison européenne de la photographie
Musée d’Orsay

Many other museums are free all year round, such as the Musée du Parfum Fragonard, the Shoah Memorial and the Curie Museum.

You can also wander freely around the capital’s 530 public parks, gardens and squares. The only difficulty is choosing between The Bois de Vincennes or The Jardin du Luxembourg, The Buttes-Chaumont or the Jardin des Plantes.

EVENTS

You can find below a selection of unmissable cultural and sporting events held in Paris each year. These events may be subject to rescheduling in the event of exceptional circumstances.

European Heritage Day: third weekend in September
Free or reduced entrance to iconic sites that are not often open to the public for one-off visits.

Chinese New Year: sometime between the end of January and the beginning of February
See traditional costumes and displays passing through the heart of Paris’ Chinatown in spectacular processions.

Printemps du cinéma: beginning of Spring
Benefit from cinema tickets at €5 for all films across all participating cinemas for a period of three days.

Paris Marathon: April
One of the world’s biggest marathons, bringing together more than 50,000 runners.

European Night of Museums: third Saturday of May
Chance to visit Parisian museums at night and attend one-off demonstrations.

Roland-Garros - The French Open: end of May – beginning of June
The world’s biggest clay surface tennis tournament.

Nuit Blanche in Paris: first Saturday in June
Art installations open for all-night viewing until dawn in public spaces and Parisian buildings.

Fête de la musique: 21st June
Free street and garden concerts, as well as concerts in squares, stations and bars.

Fête du cinéma: end of June – beginning of July
Benefit from cinema tickets at €5 for all films across all participating cinemas during several days.

Bastille Day: 14th July
Fireworks are launched off the Eiffel Tower to celebrate the country’s national day.

Paris Plages: from the start of July till the end of August
Sand, deckchairs, palm trees and organised activities along the banks of the Seine and the Bassin de la Villette.

Outside of Paris, there are many getaway destinations within an hour and a half’s reach to rival what you can find in the capital. Following the trail of the Impressionists at Auvers-sur-Oise or Giverny, visiting one of the region’s many castles such as Vaux-le-Vicomte or Fontainebleau, or even discovering the Villa Savoye designed by architect Le Corbusier in Poissy - the possibilities are endless.

Our Selection:

National Library of France (BnF)
Gaîté Lyrique
Musée Carnavalet
Musée des Archives nationales
Pavillon de l’Arsenal

Arab World Institute
Musée de l’Orangerie
Musée de la musique - Philharmonie de Paris
Musée des Arts décoratifs
Musée du quai Branly – Jacques Chirac
Musée Picasso
Musée Rodin
National Museum of Natural History
Palais de Tokyo
Panthéon
Petit Palais
Pompidou Centre

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THEATRES

With more than 300 performances a week and 130 performance spaces, Paris has a huge variety of plays running throughout the year.

Several private theatres in the capital offer €10 entrance to young people under 26 with support from the City of Paris on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, subject to availability.

The Comédie Française is the quintessential French theatre and offers tickets to under-28 without reservations an hour before showtime on Mondays.

CINEMA

Paris is one of the cities with the highest density of cinemas in the world. With almost 80 cinemas in the French capital, the programme is highly diversified, with several hundred films on every week and new releases every Wednesday. Most cinemas show foreign films in their original version with French subtitles.

“Lost in Frenchlation” offers non-French speakers the opportunity to discover typically French films with English subtitles in independent cinemas across Paris. The screenings come with debates in English as well as cocktails and other special activities.

Most cinemas in Paris offer reduced tickets to students and young people under 26. In some cinemas entrance for morning screenings is available at a reduced price.

TOP TIPS

Kiosque Jeunes

Kiosque Jeunes is a scheme put in place by the City of Paris opening up a variety of cultural activities available to 13 to 30 year olds, including concerts, plays and sporting events.

In order to benefit from these offers you simply have to make a Parisian account on moncompte.paris.fr and then create and activate your profile on kiosquejeunes.paris.fr/kiosquejeune.

You will be able to book up to two tickets per day to attend an event from a large online offer. The Kiosque is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 11am to 12.30pm and from 1.30pm to 6pm, and is located at Quartier Jeunes (QJ), 4 place du Louvre (75001).

Pass Jeunes

From the beginning of June to the end of September, 14-25 year-olds from Paris and the Seine-Saint-Denis area can get free or reduced access to a large selection of cultural, sporting and leisure activities with the Pass Jeunes. This little booklet is completely free and contains coupons for exhibitions, monuments, opera and cinemas.

To receive a Pass Jeunes (subject to available stocks) you must reserve it online at passjeunes.paris.fr and then collect it from a pick-up point.

Useful Websites

Que faire à Paris: quefaire.paris.fr
Paris Tourist Office: parisjetaime.com/eng/
Paris Jeunes Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ParisJeunes
University Life

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Organisation of Studies

France, like most European countries, joined the Bologna Declaration (1999), which is considered to be the starting point for the construction of European higher education space.

European countries decided to harmonise the European higher education system in order to ensure the recognition of qualifications across Europe and support student, staff and researcher mobility. The current system rests on several key principles.

**A THREE-TIER CURRICULUM**

**Bachelor’s**

In France undergraduate degrees are taken over three years, or six semesters.

**Master’s**

After completing an undergraduate degree, students can study for a master’s degree over two years (or four semesters) that can be taken immediately after a bachelor’s degree or can be part of a programme of lifelong learning. Master’s qualifications are designed to:

- prepare students for research careers;
- prepare students to take an advanced qualification and find employment at a high level.

**PhD**

Upon completion of a master’s, students can enrol to begin doctoral studies. All students who hold a master’s degree can apply to study for a PhD, whether they hold a master’s degree, an engineering degree, or have a master’s level qualification from a business school.

On average, doctoral studies last for three years.

**THE DIVISION OF TEACHING INTO SEMESTERS**

Each academic year is divided into two semesters, each worth 30 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System). Subjects are grouped into modules (UE - Unité d’Enseignement) that require participation in lectures, seminars (TD) and practical exercises (TP).

**Lectures**

These take place in lecture theatres, often called “amphis”, sometimes with as many as 1,000 students present.

**Seminars and Practicals**

Seminars (TD) and practical exercises (TP) are small-group classes that take place in classrooms or laboratories, exploring lecture topics in greater depth.

**THE EUROPEAN CREDIT SYSTEM**

Each module is worth a certain number of ECTS credits and a complete semester is worth 30 ECTS credits. Each module (UE) completed within a semester results in the award of ECTS credits. One semester of study is worth 30 credits and an academic year is worth 60 ECTS credits. This is the total volume of work that a student should complete during the course of a year. This system makes it easier for qualifications to be recognised across European countries. It also makes it easier for the credits obtained in one institution to be recognised in another institution in a different European country.

**CLASSES**

University classes generally start in September and finish around late May to early June before the end of year exams.

**GRADING SYSTEM**

The grading scale in France goes from 0 at the bottom of the scale to 20. Students must achieve 10/20 to be awarded ECTS credits.

**ASSESSMENT**

There are two types of university assessment: continuous assessment and examinations. Continuous assessment takes place throughout the year and can take the form of oral or written examinations covering all topics on the syllabus.

Examinations assess students’ knowledge in all syllabus topics over the course of a few days. For modules assessed via examinations students will be assessed at two points of the year (with examinations held at the end of semester one and end of semester two). Every qualification has its own specific assessment procedures.

**RESITS**

During the resit period students can retake examinations for which they did not receive a passing grade. First and second semester resits take place at the end of the academic year.

**Useful Website**

Campus France: www.campusfrance.org/en/French-higher-education
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Enrolment

Once you have been accepted to study at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne you must complete the three enrolment steps:

1. **Student and Campus Life Contribution (CVEC)**

   Exchange students do not have to pay the CVEC fee. However, foreign students who are not part of an exchange programme or are continuing their education at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University must pay this contribution before enrolling. The rate of this contribution is €103.

   You are exempt from paying the CVEC contribution if either of the following cases apply to you: you are a refugee who is in receipt of subsidiary protection, an asylum seeker with the right to stay in France, or a French government scholarship holder.

   - **Identification document (passport or national identity card)**
   - **Academic transcript of secondary school qualifications along with a translation (also required for master’s courses)**
   - **Proof of online payment of registration fees, for full degree students (copy of the email)**
   - **Proof of civil liability insurance, which you can obtain from your relevant insurer (you can upload this later to the ENT).**

2. **Administrative Enrolment**

   If you are accepted to take part in an exchange programme, once you are officially nominated, you will receive a link in order to apply. You will remain enrolled at your home university to which you will continue to pay your usual tuition fees. You do not need to pay any tuition fees to Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

   You will receive by email instructions on how to complete your administrative enrolment on Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne’s Primoweb site (for both exchange students and full-degree students). You will receive a pre-enrolment number along with these instructions and a step-by-step tutorial. You will need your pre-enrolment number to access the Primoweb site, as well as your date of birth.

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3. **Academic Enrolment**

   You can obtain your proof of payment in two minutes:

   > Create an account at MesServices.Etudiant.gouv.fr
   > Select Paris as your place of study
   > Pay your CVEC contribution
   > Receive your proof of payment and present it to Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne when you enrol.

   On your ENT account you will find a tab entitled “Pièces Justificatives” where you should upload the documents required to complete your enrolment.

   These documents are:

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ACADEMIC ENROLMENT

Once you have finished your administrative enrolment at the university, you must complete your academic enrolment with your academic department, in order to be able to sit your examinations. Enrolment in language classes (e.g., French as a foreign language), sport and cultural activities should be completed through the relevant services: Department of Languages (DDL), Sports and Physical Education Department (UEFAPS) and Student Life Service (PVE).

Orientation

Every year leading up to the start of semester one in September and the start of the second semester in January, Welcome Days are held for incoming exchange students. These weeks are a chance for students to become better acquainted with the university.

During these events, participants have the opportunity to improve their skills in French as a foreign language (FLE) thanks to classes taught by the department of Languages (DDL). Students are grouped based on a language placement test they take at the beginning of the Welcome Days. Students may also attend university methodology classes for each discipline as well as research method classes offered by the library in order to support students with using the online resources.

At the start of the Welcome Days there is an introductory meeting at which representatives give information about various university associations and services, such as the International Relations Department, the sports services and the Student Life Service.

The Welcome Days finish with a cocktail reception which is a chance for students to meet and get to know each other.

If you would like to participate in Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne’s Welcome Days then you must fill out an application form online that will be sent to you prior to your arrival as places are limited. Your offer to study at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University does not guarantee a place on these orientation events. Participating in all sessions during the Welcome Days does not lead to the obtention of credits (ECTS).

Useful Websites

CVEC: cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr
Administrative enrolment: pantheonsorbonne.fr/inscription/inscription-administrative
Primoweb: primo.univ-paris1.fr/primo/
Language classes enrolment: rlang.univ-paris1.fr

Contacts

Exchange programme mobility:
incoming-exchange@univ-paris1.fr
Non-exchange programme mobility:
incoming-fulldegree@univ-paris1.fr
Enrolment
Telephone helpline:
+33 1 71 25 11 37 (from France and abroad)
Ressources

IT Services

You will receive your login details to access the university’s online resources once you have administratively enrolled. You can activate your Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne account using these details and create a password.

This account allows you to connect to all online university services through a virtual learning environment (ENT), giving you access to:

- Interactive Learning Spaces (EPI)
- University email (Webmail)
- Personal online storage space
- Exam results
- The university directory
- Online academic resources
- Library catalogues
- Your university eReader account

Digital Learning

Interactive Learning Spaces allow you to access and download resources teachers put online but also to complete academic activities (interactive exercises, homework submission, class forum, etc.). Distance learning is also accessible from the EPI (Panopto virtual lectures and Zoom virtual classes).

PIX

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University offers undergraduate students the opportunity to take the Pix certification. This online platform is used to assess and certify digital skills.

WI-FI AND COMPUTER ROOMS

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne students can make use of two computer rooms upon presentation of a valid student card. These can be found at:

- Centre Pierre-Mendès-France: room B14.03
- Centre Sorbonne: room C614

There are two ways to connect to the university wireless network: ‘eduroam’, which is available from any higher education institution, or ‘universite-paris1’.

If you have trouble using Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne’s online services please click on the “Assistance” tab within your virtual learning environment account.

Contact

IT support: assistance-dsiun@univ-paris1.fr

Useful Websites

Complete institutional digital navigation guide: ent.univ-paris1.fr
University Digital Service website: numerique.pantheonsorbonne.fr
Pix website: pantheonsorbonne.fr/pix

Libraries

The joint library services (SCD) of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University include six integrated libraries. Some thirty libraries associated to the SCD and other inter-university libraries are also open to the university’s students.

The most popular are the library in the Centre Pierre-Mendès-France (PMF) as well as the 5th arrondissement inter-university libraries: the BIS (Sorbonne inter-university library), the Cujas library, Sainte-Barbe library and Sainte-Geneviève library.

While first and second year undergraduates tend to use the PMF library, third year undergraduates often use the inter-university libraries. There are also centres reserved for the use of second year master’s and doctoral students, which although they are not listed here can be found on the university’s website dedicated to libraries.
CONSULTING AND BORROWING DOCUMENTS

The Mikado tool, available from the university’s libraries or remotely from the ENT, provides access to the entire range of documents available at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University. This includes documents available in the libraries, as well as electronic resources (e-books, articles, etc.), for which Mikado can be used to search a large part of full-text content. The tool also makes it possible to obtain information on the location and availability of a resource in the library.

Documents that are not in the library catalogue and are available in other university or public libraries in Paris can be sent via interlibrary loan (PEB). The service is only available to members of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University (students, teaching staff, administrative staff).

MAIN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The list below is not exhaustive and more specialised libraries exist in each discipline. Access conditions to each library may vary depending on your field and level of study. Check the university’s website dedicated to libraries for more information.

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<td>Centre PMF 31, rue Baudricourt 75013 Paris 5th floor (green lifts)</td>
<td>Political science Economics and management Humanities and social sciences Information and communication sciences</td>
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<td>Bibliothèque Sainte-Barbe</td>
<td>4, rue Valette 75005 Paris</td>
<td>Law and political science Economics and management Literature and languages Arts, Humanities and social sciences Health</td>
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<td>Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève</td>
<td>10, place du Panthéon 75005 Paris</td>
<td>Literature Arts Humanities and social sciences Heritage collections</td>
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<td>Bibliothèque de l’École des Arts de la Sorbonne</td>
<td>Centre Saint-Charles 47, rue des bergers 75015 Paris 2nd floor, room 26a (next to lift)</td>
<td>Fine arts and art sciences</td>
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<td>Bibliothèque Michelet</td>
<td>Centre Michelet 3, rue Michelet 75006 Paris Mezzanine</td>
<td>History of art Archaeology Photography Film studies</td>
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<td>Bibliothèque Jean-Claude Colliard</td>
<td>Campus Port-Royal 1, rue de la Glacière 75013 Paris</td>
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<td>Bibliothèque Cujas</td>
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<td>Centre Sorbonne 17, rue de la Sorbonne 75005 Paris Entrance through Sorbon gallery</td>
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<td>Centre Sorbonne 17, rue de la Sorbonne 75005 Paris Stairwell C, 3rd floor</td>
<td>History</td>
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<td>MSH Mondes - Bâtiment Ginouvès 21, allée de l’Université 92023 Nanterre Ground floor</td>
<td>Archeology Prehistory and protohistory Ancient and medieval science</td>
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<td>Centre Sorbonne 17, rue de la Sorbonne 75005 Paris Stairwell C, 1st floor LHS</td>
<td>Philosophy</td>
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<td>Bibliothèque de l’Institut de géographie</td>
<td>191, rue Saint Jacques 75005 Paris 2nd floor</td>
<td>Geography</td>
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<td>Bibliothèque Jacques-Lagroye</td>
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## University Commitments

### Disability

In line with its core values, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University is committed to welcoming and supporting disabled students. If you have a disability, you can benefit from personalised support, every day by appointment, from the university’s Relais handicap. Its team provides individual welcome, information and assistance in dealing with the various university services and finding the most appropriate answers to your needs. The Relais handicap can also help you if you need any adjustments (exam and course arrangements, accessibility, etc.).

**Useful Website**

University incident reporting procedure: p1ps.fr/VSS

**Useful Websites:**

Libraries website: bibliotheques.pantheonsorbonne.fr

Mikado: mikado.univ-paris1.fr

### Incident Reporting

As part of its safety policy, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University has developed a common incident reporting system for all staff and students who are victims or have witnessed situations of gender-based or sexual violence, harassment, discrimination, assault, or other behaviour causing a psychosocial hazard within the university. All reports are submitted to the university’s dedicated support unit and remain strictly confidential at every stage of the procedure. They are dealt with on an individual basis so that the victim or witness can be heard and offered appropriate support.

**Useful Websites:**

Libraries website: bibliotheques.pantheonsorbonne.fr

Mikado: mikado.univ-paris1.fr

**Contact**

Relais handicap: handi@univ-paris1.fr

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<td>Development Studies</td>
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<td>Centre de documentation du CES Maison des Sciences Économiques (MSE) 106, boulevard de l’Hôpital 75013 Paris Ground floor</td>
<td>Economics Applied mathematics</td>
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<td>Centre de documentation en histoire de l’art Galerie Colbert 6, rue des Petits Champs 75002 Paris 1st floor, office 109</td>
<td>History of art</td>
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<tr>
<td>Centre de documentation de l’Institut des sciences sociales du travail Centre Bourg-la-Reine 16, bd Carnot 92340 Bourg-la-Reine</td>
<td>Sociology Political science Education sciences Law, economics</td>
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Sustainable Development

Throughout the year, the Sustainable Development Service gives all the university’s students the opportunity to contribute, either individually or through their clubs and societies, to the various actions carried out by Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University. Students can take part in the many events, initiatives and workshops launched each year to address this key topic, and join the community of sustainable development ambassadors to keep track of the latest news and help build a sustainable university.

Contact
Sustainable Development Service:
developpement.durable@univ-paris1.fr

Societies and Cultural Activities

Clubs and Societies

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University has many student societies, including cultural societies, sports and subject societies, and union societies. There is a huge choice if you are interested in getting involved in the university’s student clubs and societies.

Societies are an excellent way of meeting other students and gaining experience in a variety of fields. If you are interested in student societies you can stay updated with their news and join if you wish.

Some student societies help international students become more integrated at the university by running regular activities organised for participants, including many cultural visits. You are welcome to attend these events all throughout the year, whether or not you are an exchange student, staying for a semester, a year, or more.

You can find the full list of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne clubs and societies along with contacts for these on the university Intranet website.

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne societies organise events all year round that take place within and outside of the university. The Student Life Service gives information about these events via their Facebook page.

Contact
Student Life Service:
sve@univ-paris1.fr

Useful Website:
Webpage on clubs and societies:
www.pantheonsorbonne.fr/vie-etudiante/vie-associative
Cultural Activities

The Student Life Service organises various workshops, with something on offer for theatre lovers, as well as those interested in music, writing and radio. It also promotes events organised by student societies. Some workshops may entitle you to a bonus on your average grade. Registrations can be made via the Reservaculture system, which can be accessed from the ENT.

Theatre

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University offers several theatre workshops for amateurs and experienced performers alike. They are a wonderful way to begin or continue developing your theatre skills.

You can also receive discounts for theatre tickets when you enrol in theatre workshops in partnership with the Théâtre des Quartiers d’Ivry and the Odéon-Théâtre de l’Europe.

Rehearsals are held for two or three-hour sessions each week, either in university buildings or elsewhere in Paris. Each workshop group puts on a production at the end of the year. Enrolment for annual workshop groups is at the start of the academic year and the number of places is limited. If you are interested in learning about improvisation techniques there is also an English language improvisational theatre group.

Music

The Paris Universities Orchestra and Choir (O.C.U.P.) is open to students from higher education institutions in Paris and the Île-de-France region. It is a great way to share in a passion for music and meet students studying other subjects and from different backgrounds.

The orchestra and choir perform several times a year at concerts involving Parisian and European universities and other prestigious locations.

The orchestra and the choir recruit at the beginning of the academic year and auditions take place in September. You must be an experienced player in order to be recruited within the orchestra. Knowledge of music theory is an advantage when joining the choir however beginners are also welcome.

Photography

Combining theory and practice, the photography workshop offers students an introduction to the aesthetics of contemporary photography, a training in basic shooting techniques and it also addresses the stage of post-production work.

There is no specific equipment required and the sessions take place once a week within the university. The photography workshop is only open to full-year registration and the number of places is limited. Another photography workshop is also available for advanced students.

Writing

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne offers creative writing workshops, where you can learn how to read your writings and write a complete short story. Enrolment for the workshop is for the whole year and there is a limited number of places.

Radio

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University offers a radio workshop in partnership with Radio Campus Paris, the local independent student radio station in the Île-de-France region.

This workshop offers students the chance to discover the world of radio by learning about production and editing techniques. You can also learn how to produce reports and features and to conduct interviews. Over the course of the sessions you will work on an editorial project that will culminate in the joint-production of a programme with a live studio audience and special guests.

Enrolment in the radio workshop takes place at the beginning of each semester and the number of places is limited.

Other Cultural Activities

The university’s Student Life Service organises every year, during the second semester, a Short Film Festival. This event is an opportunity for students at the university to show their films to the public and to a panel of academics and industry professionals. Over 10 short films are selected each year to be screened at an awards evening in a Parisian cinema.

There are documentary screenings, conferences, exhibitions and debates organised all year round in various university centres.

The university has also launched a workshop in partnership with the Arab World Institute to discover the arts of the Arab world in several courses.

Useful Websites:

Webpage on cultural activities: pantheonsorbonne.fr/vie-etuandante/vie-culturelle

Student Life Service: www.facebook.com/VieEtudianteUnivParisPantheonSorbonne

Reservaculture: rculture.univ-paris1.fr


Radio Campus Paris: www.radiocampusparis.org

You can get in touch directly with the Student Life Service and check their Facebook page to learn more about societies, partnerships and cultural events at the university. For more information on the latest workshops available, check the student Intranet.
Sports

There are many sporting activities at the university that you can participate in for free as part of your university studies or independently in your own time.

SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (UEFAPS)

UEFAPS runs a number of activities led by specialised sports and physical education teachers. The teaching team offers more than 60 different activities from beginner to advanced level. You can consult the full list of activities, timetables, and practical information on the UEFAPS website and Intranet. The activities take place in Paris and its suburbs.

Credit-Bearing Courses

Enrolment in a sports activity as part of a training course leads to an assessment with a grade. You can only choose one activity (from beginner to advanced level) as part of credit-bearing courses.

Participation in organised sports activities could qualify you for extra-credit, equating to a maximum of a 0.5 point grade average increase across the semester. You can also choose an optional sports activity as part of a module (UE) of your course of study, and thus obtain ECTS credits.

Please note that the modalities of sports credit-bearing courses may vary according to your level of study and your academic department.

Extracurricular Courses

You can also choose from the numerous activities on offer to do sport during your free time. These activities are non credit-bearing and will not be assessed.

Disabled Students

Disabled students can take part in group classes and/or schedule individual sessions to participate in sporting activity as part of the Parcours Personnalisé d’Éducation Physique et Sportive programme (PPEPS).

You can enrol online via the RéserveSport application. When going to the first course, you must have a valid student card and a French medical certificate less than three months old indicating your fitness to participate in the sports you have chosen.

Meetings take place on Thursday afternoons and you should therefore take this into consideration when choosing your seminar slots.

There are also internship opportunities, festivals, and skiing trips organised in partnership with the UEFAPS that can take place throughout the year starting during the first semester. In addition to this, interuniversity sports tournaments take place in France and abroad. Visit the AS Paris 1 website to find out more about the events available.

PARIS 1 SPORTS ASSOCIATION (ASSOCIATION SPORTIVE PARIS 1)

AS Paris 1 is an affiliated member of the Fédération Française du Sport Universitaire and coordinates a wide range of sporting competitions at all levels. You can consult the programmes and results on the Ligue Paris Île-de-France du Sport Universitaire (LIFSU) website. Competitions generally take place from the beginning of November. You have to be a member of the sports association at the time of the first competition in order to participate.

Contacts

UEFAPS: uefaps@univ-paris1.fr
AS Paris 1: assport@univ-paris1.fr

Useful Websites

UEFAPS: sport.pantheonsorbonne.fr
AS Paris 1: association-sportive.pantheonsorbonne.fr
Reservasport: rsport.univ-paris1.fr
PPEPS: sport.pantheonsorbonne.fr/inclusion
LIFSU: sport-u-iledefrance.com
Eating

There are several Crous eating options located around the university where you can buy a three-course meal for €3.30 (€1 for Crous scholarship students and those in precarious situations) to sit in or take away. There is a six-point menu system, allowing you to choose a main course for three to five points and a starter and dessert for one or two points each. There are many Crous university canteens, cafés and take-away vans to choose from.

Please consult the “Restauration” tab on the Crous website to find more information about Crous canteens, such as which is closest to your place of study or which is open latest.

CanTeens Open to Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Students

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In addition to the university canteens, cafeterias are available for Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne students in several of its main campuses (centre Pierre-Mendès-France, centre Panthéon, centre René Cassin and centre Saint-Charles).

IZLY Contactless Payment

All Crous canteens work with the Izly contactless payment system.

This system is fast because it’s contactless, simple because you can recharge your account online or on the Izly mobile app, and convenient, as you can use it in any Crous restaurant. For students within the Académie de Paris, the Izly card is the same card as the student card. To activate the Izly card you just have to make an account online using your Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne email address.

If you have any questions, you can go to one of the Crous de Paris university restaurants’ counters.
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University Calendar

2024-2025: Semester one

Monday 16th September - Saturday 26th October: Teaching
Sunday 27th October - Sunday 3rd November: Autumn Break
Monday 4th November - Saturday 21st December: Teaching
Sunday 22nd December - Sunday 5th January: Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January - Wednesday 22nd January: Semester One Exams

2024-2025: Semester two

Monday 27th January - Saturday 22nd February: Teaching
Sunday 23rd February - Sunday 2nd March: Winter Break
Monday 3rd March - Saturday 12th April: Teaching
Sunday 13th April - Monday 21st April: Spring Break
Tuesday 22nd April - Monday 5th May: Teaching
Monday 12th May - Tuesday 27th May: Semester Two Exams

10th June 2025: publication of exam results on the ENT

RESITS

Monday 16th June - Saturday 5th July: Semester One and Semester Two Resits

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**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2024-2025**

Friday 1st November 2024: All Saints Day
Monday 11th November 2024: Armistice Day
Wednesday 25th December 2024: Christmas
Wednesday 1st January 2025: New Year’s Day
Monday 21st April 2025: Easter Monday
Thursday 1st May 2025: Labour Day
Thursday 8th May 2025: Victory in Europe Day
Thursday 29th May 2025: Ascension Day
Monday 9th June 2025: Whit Monday
Monday 14th July 2025: Bastille Day
Friday 15th August 2025: Assumption Day
Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Locations

1 > Campus Condorcet
   8, cours des Humanités
   93300 Aubervilliers

2 > Campus Jourdan
   48, boulevard Jourdan
   75014 Paris

3 > Campus Port-Royal
   Centre Lourcine
   1, rue de la Glacière
   75013 Paris

4 > Campus Port-Royal
   Centre René-Cassin
   17, rue Saint-Hippolyte
   75013 Paris

5 > Carré Colbert (INHA)
   2, rue Vivienne
   75002 Paris

6 > Centre Biopark
   8 bis, rue de la Croix Jarry
   75013 Paris

7 > Centre de Bourg-la-Reine
   16, boulevard Carnot
   92340 Bourg-la-Reine

8 > Centre Broca
   21, rue Broca
   75005 Paris

9 > Centre Censier
   13, rue Santeuil
   75005 Paris

10 > Centre Cujas
    2, rue Cujas
    75005 Paris

11 > Centre Malher
    9, rue Malher
    75004 Paris

12 > Centre Michelet
    3, rue Michelet
    75006 Paris

13 > Centre de Nogent-sur-Marne
    45 bis, avenue de la Belle Gabrielle
    94130 Nogent-sur-Marne

14 > Centre Panthéon
    12, place du Panthéon
    75005 Paris

15 > Centre Pierre-Mendès-France
    90, rue de Tolbiac
    75013 Paris

16 > Centre d’Ulm
    1, rue d’Ulm
    75005 Paris

17 > Centre Saint-Charles
    47, rue des Bergers
    75015 Paris

18 > Centre Sorbonne
    17, rue de la Sorbonne
    75005 Paris

19 > Collège Sainte-Barbe
    4, rue Valette
    75005 Paris

20 > Éditions de la Sorbonne
    212, rue Saint-Jacques
    75005 Paris

21 > Institut de Géographie
    191, rue Saint-Jacques
    75005 Paris

22 > Maison de la Philosophie - Marin Mersenne
    12, rue du Four
    75006 Paris

23 > Maison des Sciences de l’Homme Mondes
    21, allée de l’Université
    92000 Nanterre

24 > Maison des Sciences Économiques
    106-112, boulevard de l’Hôpital
    75013 Paris

25 > Maison internationale (International Relations Department)
    58, boulevard Arago
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Check-lists

Before you arrive

REMEMBER TO BRING:

☐ An identification document (+ a birth certificate translated into French for full degree students)
☐ Your admission letter to Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University
☐ A photocopy of your secondary school qualification certificates
☐ A photocopy of your last qualification certificate (for full degree students)
☐ A bank document displaying your bank details

TO-DO:

☐ Apply for a visa in your local French consulate in your country of residence (for non-European students)
☐ Apply for your European Health Insurance Card (for European students only)
☐ Remember to take enough cash and/or a bank card with you to cover your initial costs once in France
☐ For disabled students: remember to bring your medical documents with you, preferably with a French translation

When you arrive

☐ Validate your VLS-TS online (for non-European students)
☐ Open a bank account
☐ Take out a housing insurance policy as soon as you have an address in France
☐ Register with the CPAM if you are a student without a European Health Insurance Card
☐ Obtain proof of public liability insurance (you can get this from your insurer, a mutual, or a bank)
☐ Obtain proof of payment of the CVEC or exemption from having to pay this (for students to whom this applies)
☐ Proceed to your administrative enrolment, if you have not already done so before your arrival
☐ Activate your ENT account
☐ Get in touch with the delegate teacher of your academic department or institute, who is responsible for modifying or validating your learning agreement (for exchange programme students)
☐ Proceed to your academic enrolment