

Fact sheet 2026-2027

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NOMINATION AND APPLICATION

Nomination and application process	Autumn semester or full academic year	Spring semester
Nomination deadlines	April 15th	October 15th
Form of nomination	The partner university will fill in the online application form	
Online application deadlines	From April 15th to May 15th	October 15th to November 15th
Online application	Online registration via the online application system CadENS. ENS online application form: https://cadens.ens-lyon.fr/#/login For more information: https://www.ens-lyon.fr/en/studies/admissions/application-student-exchange-program	
Acceptance	After evaluation and validation of the student's application by a pedagogical coordinator, ENS will send an acceptance email to both the partner institution and the student. In case of refusal, both parties shall also be notified by email. More information here: https://www.ens-lyon.fr/en/studies/admissions/application-student-exchange-program	



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic program	Academic program available for exchange students are available here : https://www.ens-lyon.fr/formation/catalogue-de-cours/cours-pour-les-etudiants-en-echange Please note : up-dates will be possible until September. The pedagogical coordinator is responsible for the organization of the student's courses and modules. After official acceptance, please get in touch with the coordinator of your area to find out more about the options available.	
Dates of term	1st semester	From September 15 th to December 18 th
	2nd semester	From January 10 th to April 30 th

More information here: <https://www.ens-lyon.fr/en/studies/student-information/academic-year-calendar>

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Language requirements	SHS – Arts, Humanities and Social sciences	SEE – Exact Sciences
Language of instruction	French	French and/or English
Required language level	B2/C1	B2

For more information, please visit [this page](#).

LEARNING AGREEMENT AND TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

Learning agreement	ENS will issue an electronically signed Learning Agreement which can be adjusted after the beginning of the semester. A final electronically signed Learning Agreement will be issued.
Required number of courses / credits	According to student's individual needs and/or according to home university. We suggest 30 ECTS per term.
Transcript of records	Grades are usually available 6 weeks after the end of the examination sessions.
Grading system	ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) Academic for a full-time student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30 ECTS per semester - 60 ECTS per academic year

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Visa	If you are an EEA student (European Economic Area: EU countries, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Monaco and Andorra), you do not need a VISA. Other students can request a "long-stay VISA". https://www.ens-lyon.fr/en/studies/student-information/practical-information-prepare-your-stay
Health insurance	If you are an EU student , you must obtain, prior to your arrival, the European Health Insurance Card from your Social Security office or provide detailed proof of private health insurance coverage (translated into French or English) valid for the duration of your stay in France. If you are a non-EU student , you will need to obtain health insurance coverage when you are enrolling at the ENS (free, but COMPULSORY). https://www.ens-lyon.fr/en/studies/student-information/practical-information-prepare-your-stay

Housing	<p>Once you are accepted to the ENS de Lyon, you will receive an email with the online application form.. Exchange students have priority to on-campus accommodation. https://www.ens-lyon.fr/en/studies/student-information/practical-information-prepare-your-stay</p>
Students with special needs	<p>The school is actively engaged in a policy of recruiting, welcoming and giving support to people with disabilities, through its multi-annual Disability Scheme.</p> <p>ENS de Lyon actively supports students with disabilities: they can request a support program for students with disabilities (PAEH), with a view to adapting their study and examination conditions. The disability office organizes awareness campaigns and training, in which all students, teacher-researchers and administrative and technical staff are invited to participate.</p> <p>Disability Office: Email: mission.handicap@ens-lyon.fr Tel. : +33 (0)4 26 23 39 81 https://www.ens-lyon.fr/en/about-us/our-commitments/disability-policy</p>
Services and facilities	<p>The school also gives you access to a certain number of student services among which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University Restaurant (RU) - Diderot Library - Reprography - IT Services - Health Prevention service - Laundry is accessible in the residence - Sports facilities <p>Moreover, a flurry of student associations plays a key part in ENS de Lyon’s campus life, whether in the fields of culture, arts, sports or humanitarian action. ENS de Lyon also hosts myriad conferences, performances, concerts and exhibitions – exciting events for everyone. For more information: https://www.ens-lyon.fr/en/indexation/tags/campus-life</p>
FLE – French course	<p>Courses where non-French speaking students are gathered in small groups to learn the basics of the French language through written and, above all, oral exercises. These courses are offered to all exchange students.</p>
Grading system	<p>The ENS de Lyon uses the <i>European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System</i> (ECTS) which is a workload-based system for measuring and comparing study results. The student is awarded a certain number of ECTS credits for each course that reflects the workload necessary to successfully complete a course.</p> <p>Credits are awarded only when the student has fulfilled the course requirements, for example regular attendance. The credits are allocated by the individual departments in accordance with the standard workload determined by the respective study and examination.</p>
Welcome week	<p>ENS de Lyon hosts a dedicated “Discovery & Integration week” for all our international students during the last week of August.</p> <p>This is a free of charge integration week. Different activities are offered, such as campus tours, administrative information booth, cultural activities, sightseeing visits, and intensive French classes (from A1 to B2 level).</p> <p>Thematic workshops will be organized, regarding for example: enrolment finalization, bank and insurance, medical services, etc.</p>

