INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM

École Polytechnique is a world-class educational and research institution, located approximately 30 minutes from the center of Paris. École Polytechnique’s excellence is founded upon the renown of the many famous scientists and mathematicians who have studied or taught there, such as Joseph Fourier, André-Marie Ampère, Augustin Cauchy, Henri Poincaré and Benoît Mandelbrot. This excellence is also based on the quality of the École Polytechnique Research Center, as well as its international visibility thanks to strong partnerships with the best universities worldwide.

INFORMATION INCOMING STUDENTS - 2016-17

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Further information on the International Academic Exchange Program
http://www.admission.polytechnique.edu/home/exchange-programs/international-exchange-program/

Erasmus code
F PALAISE01
Admission

Who can apply?

Students can ask to study at l’École Polytechnique for one or two semesters and pay tuition fees to their home university. If you wish to study as an exchange student at l’École Polytechnique, you should first contact the Exchange coordinator at your home university.

Be sure that your school is on l’École Polytechnique’s list of worldwide partner institutions. L’École Polytechnique will only process applications that have been nominated by the home institution.

The International Academic Exchange Program is open to students at the following levels:

- **Undergraduate: Bachelor’s students in their 3rd or 4th year**

  Applications from Bachelor's students in their 2nd year of studies when applying will be considered.

- **Graduate: Master’s students in their 1st year**

Course registration and Academic information

In this exchange program students enroll directly in courses in the 2nd or in 3rd years of the prestigious *Ingénieur Polytechnicien* curriculum at École Polytechnique and take classes together with French and other international students.

**Semester dates (2nd year)**

Courses start on late August

- **Fall Semester:** August to January
- **Spring Semester:** February to June

Company internship is not open to Exchange students.

**Semester dates (3rd year)**

Courses start on early September

- **Fall Semester:** September to February
- **Spring Semester (research internship):** March to August

The scientific research internship is open to Exchange students under certain conditions and can be carried out in one of l’École Polytechnique laboratories.

**List of Departments**

http://www.polytechnique.edu/en/departments

**Course Catalogue and descriptions**


Each scientific course followed in the 2nd or 3rd year, will give 5 credits or ECTS to Exchange students.
Language Proficiency

As most of the courses are taught in French and as exams are to be taken in most case in French as well, applicants must prove a good knowledge of the French language to be admitted. A B1 level in French is required at minimal.

For courses taught in English, a B1 level in English is required at minimal. A2 level in French is fully recommended.

Semester workload

20-30 credits or ECTS suggested.

Academic Transcripts

Request for Official transcripts of Academic Records can be made in July each year. The Official transcripts of Academic Records will be sent to the student and his or her Exchange coordinator/ Contact person by email.

Application deadline 2016-2017

Application fall 2016 or full year

- Erasmus and other Partner Universities : April 17, 2016

Application Process

Nominations should be made by the university exchange coordinator by email to the contact person above containing the students’ name, level of study at his or her home university, gender, date of birth, nationality and email address.

Application from the Students

The student has to apply and upload the required documents listed below to the on-line application platform.

- A learning proposal or learning agreement approved by your home university
- A CV or Resume
- Your official transcripts of records including full details of all university-level courses
- A Statement of Purpose written in French or in English
- A list of the courses already taken at your home university
- A certificate from a French teacher confirming your oral and written level in French
- 2 Letters of recommendation from 2 of your professors

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

L’École Polytechnique has a specific program to support international students’ stay in France and assist them through mandatory formalities such as immigration visa, health insurance, accommodation and all sorts of administrative matters.
The office is called International Student Support & Services Office (in French BASIX). Once admitted, each student will receive an email with all information to prepare his or her arrival on campus.

**Estimated costs of living**

800 euros per month is the estimated amount required to cover all major living costs including accommodation, food, health insurance, study material, transport and other personal expenses. The application for the International Academic Exchange Program includes an offer for an individual room on campus (450 euros/month). **Further information** is available on-line.

**Visa**

All applicants who are not EU citizen need a visa to study in France. In order to get a visa, you must apply for one with the original certificate of admission issued by l’École Polytechnique at the French Embassy or Consulate in your home country.

**Orientation Program**

L’École Polytechnique provides an orientation program, a few days before starting of the courses designed to help students find their way on the campus.