

# Practical Guide for Incoming Mobility Students

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## 1 The School

The École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture Paris-Malaquais – PSL is located on an emblematic site in the history of architecture, in the heart of Paris, facing the Louvre museum. This site, shared with the Beaux-Arts de Paris, is a symbolic place where generations of architects who have shaped living environments both in France and internationally have been trained.

The school builds on a century-old tradition while being resolutely forward-looking. Since its creation, Paris-Malaquais has distinguished itself with an original pedagogical approach focused on experimentation and research. Supported by three research laboratories, it encourages students to develop creativity and critical thinking, free from dogmas. This environment is particularly suited to contemporary challenges, whether ecological or technological advancements related to artificial intelligence.

Students benefit from the support of nearly 90 permanent teachers and over 200 external professionals with diverse backgrounds, ranging from architects to engineers, historians, philosophers, sociologists, urban planners, and artists. These teachers work within six multidisciplinary departments on master level, promoting an open and complementary approach to nurture students' personal convictions.

By joining Université PSL since 2025, Paris-Malaquais also benefits from the resources and synergies offered by this prestigious network of institutions.



« Mûrier » Courtyard



Callot Building



Perret Building



Amphitheater 2 des Loges

## 2. Key Figures

Nearly 90 teacher-researchers and over 200 external professional contributors  
Over 45 administrative and technical staff

Nearly 1,000 students, distributed as follows:

- Approximately 150 students per year in the Bachelor's and Master's cycles
- On average, 80 international exchange students at the school
- On average, 80 students on outgoing mobility to foreign universities
- Over 30 doctoral students
- Over 100 students authorized for HMOPN

3 research laboratories (105 members)

6 teaching departments

Over 50 international partnerships

Around 30 educational partnerships

3 workshops (fabrication, IT, photo/video)

1 architecture library

7 student associations

**Établissement  
composante de**



**Double tutelle**



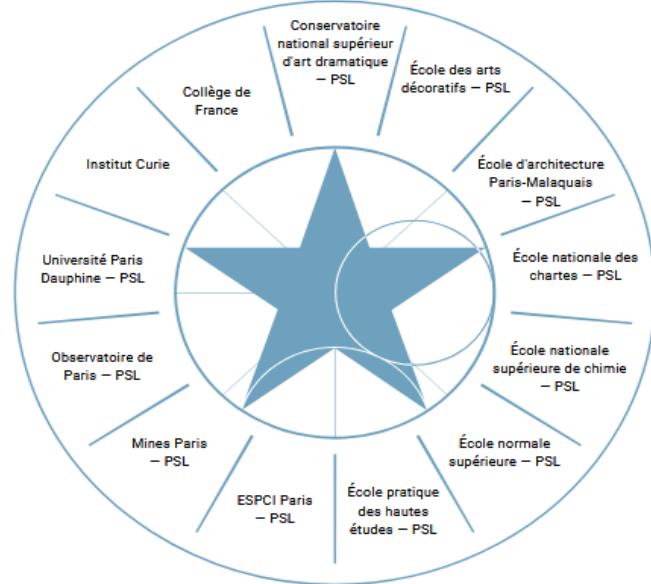
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**Fait partie du réseau**  
des 20 écoles nationales  
supérieures d'architecture  
(ENSA) dont 6 écoles en  
Île-de-France

### Composition de l'Université PSL

#### Treize établissements



#### Trois organismes de recherche

- CNRS
- Inria
- Inserm

#### Huit partenaires

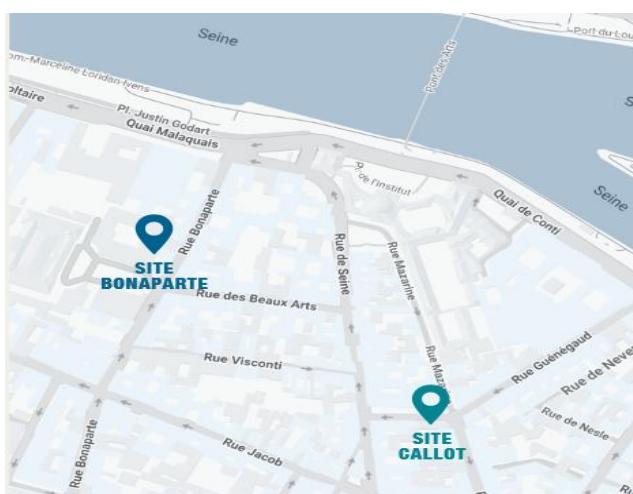
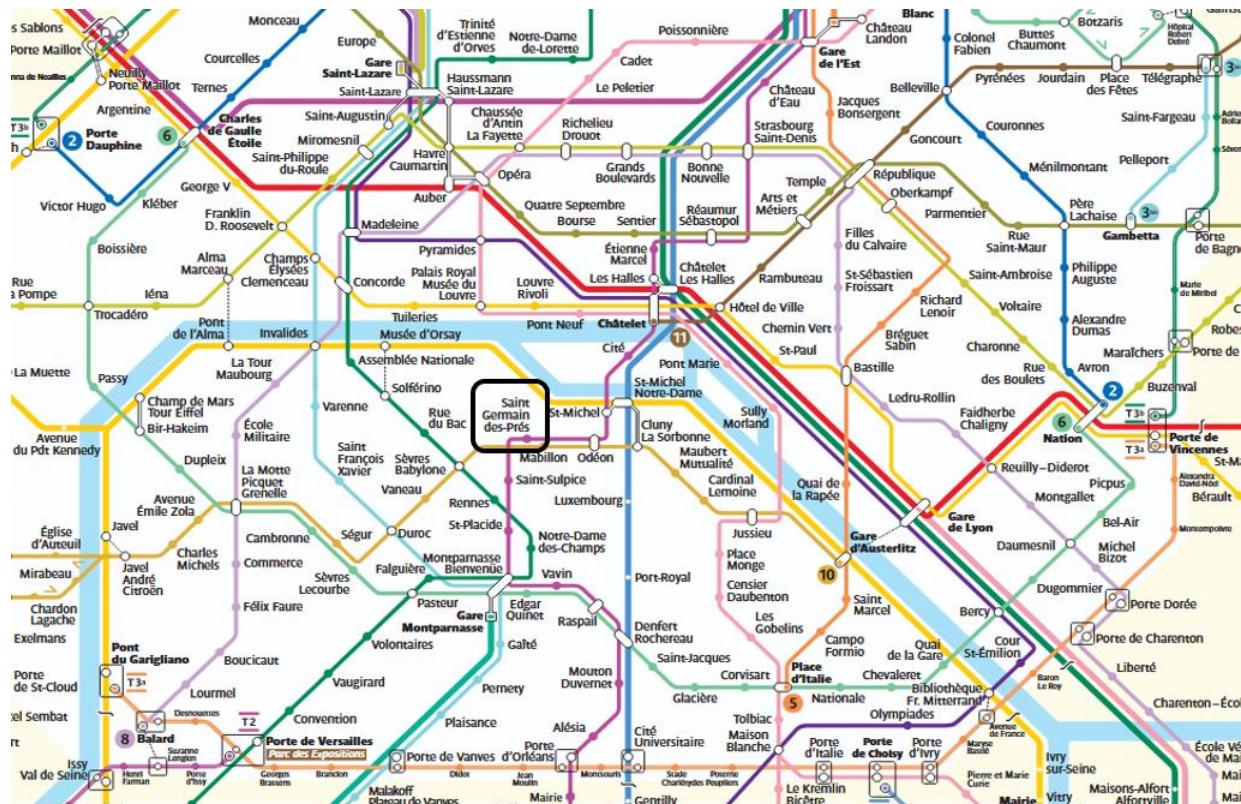
- Beaux-Arts de Paris
- Conservatoire national supérieur de musique et de danse de Paris
- École française d'Extrême-Orient
- Féminis
- Institut Louis Bachelier
- Institut national du service public
- Lycée Henri-IV
- Lycée Louis-le-Grand

### 3 Buildings / Maps

## Address

École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture Paris-Malaquais-PSL  
14 rue Bonaparte – 75006 Paris

Metro line 4 - Station « St Germain des Prés »



Site Bonaparte

14 rue Bonaparte  
75006 Paris

M 1. 4 Saint-Germain-des-Prés

1 39/95 Jacob

## Site Callot

1 rue Jacques Callot  
75006 Paris

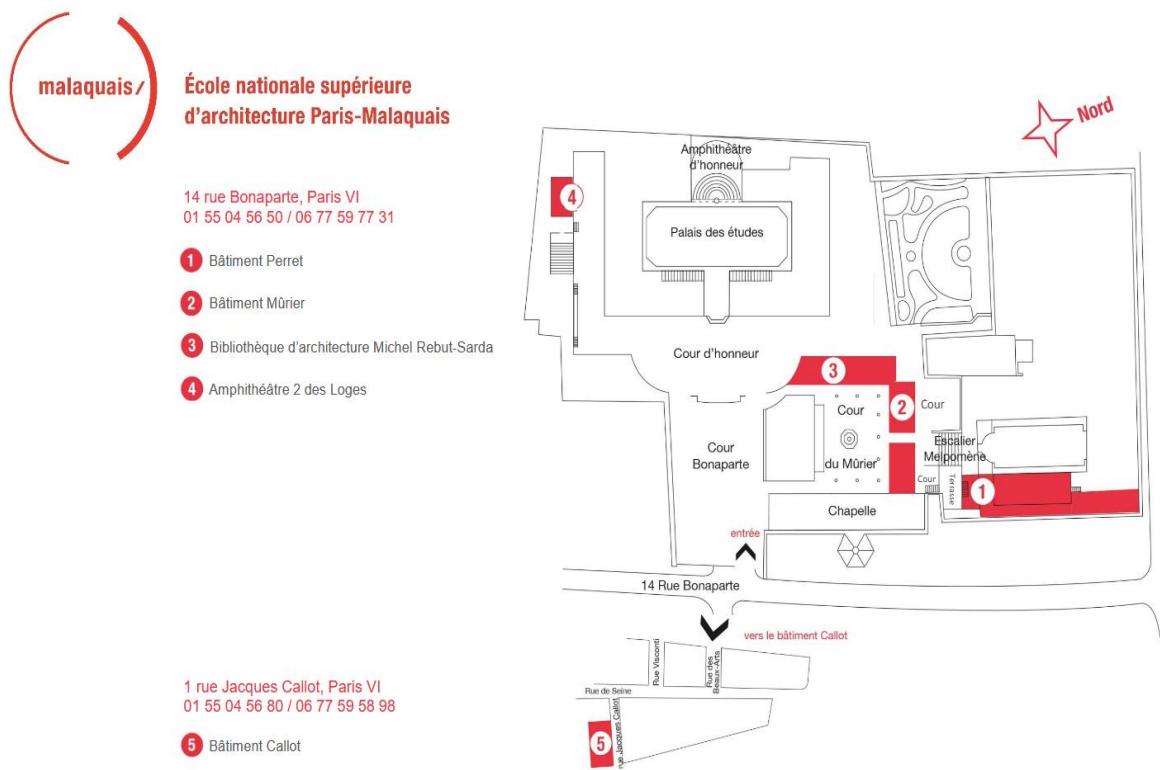
L. 4 Odéon

L. 58/70 Saint-André des Arts

## Opening Hours

14 rue Bonaparte: Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 8:15 PM

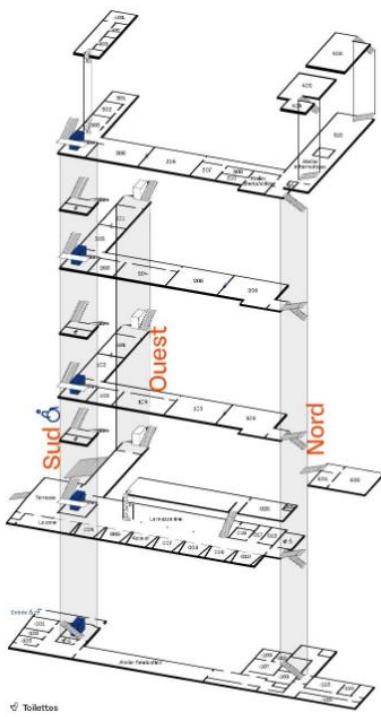
1 rue Jacques Callot: Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 8:15 PM



# Bâtiment Perret



École nationale supérieure  
d'architecture Paris-Malaquais



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## **4 Transportation**

Paris has an extensive metro and RER network. The metro covers the city, and the RER connects Paris to its suburbs. You can buy metro, RER, or bus tickets at stations, but there are also weekly or monthly passes that may be more advantageous if you plan to travel frequently.

<https://www.ratp.fr/>

## **5 ENSAPM-PSL Contacts**

### **Management**

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### **Academic Services**

Sophie Bonniau, Head of Academic Services

Malika Houacine, Bachelor's Cycle Coordinator

Saëla Lamour, Master's Cycle Coordinator

## 6      Administrative Registration

As an incoming exchange student, you must:

- Be officially nominated by your home university to the International Relations Service of ENSA Paris-Malaquais-PSL
- Send an email to [international@paris-malaquais.archi.fr](mailto:international@paris-malaquais.archi.fr) with a complete file including:

1. The completed and signed form (see appendix)
2. A copy of your passport or ID card (if you are European, an ID card is sufficient).
3. A digital ID photo (jpeg, less than 300 KB) for the student card.
4. For European students: a copy of the European Health Insurance Card.
5. Language proficiency in French: level B1 prior to arrival - (simple certificate issued by the institution of origin or language teacher, and no need for a formal certification)

## 7      Mandatory Civil Liability Insurance

Civil Liability Insurance:

This insurance covers damage you may cause to a third party (material, immaterial, or bodily) through negligence. It is mandatory for all students in France (average cost: €20 per year).

If you have not taken out this insurance in France, it will not be accepted. Send your certificate by email to [international@paris-malaquais.archi.fr](mailto:international@paris-malaquais.archi.fr) upon your arrival in Paris.

Options available:

- LMDE
- HEYME
- SMERRA
- SMENO

## 8      Health

Health Insurance (AMELI):

- ERASMUS Students (European Union): Please provide your health insurance card from your home country.
- INTERNATIONAL Students (non-EU): Register with the French social security AMELI upon your arrival: [AMELI registration](inscription AMELI).

- Health Supplement Insurance:

It is optional but recommended. It covers health expenses not reimbursed by social security. Each insurance offers plans for international students. Choose and join the plan that suits you directly.

- Examples:

- [LMDE](#)
- [HEYME](#)
- [SMERRA](#)
- [SMENO](#)

## 9 PSL Welcome Desk

ENSA Paris-Malaquais PSL is a member of Université PSL. You therefore have access to the PSL Welcome Desk to facilitate your arrival. Are you an international student or researcher with many questions about Parisian life, how Université PSL works, your visa, and the administrative formalities awaiting you? The PSL Welcome Desk is here to inform, guide, and support you upon your arrival and throughout your stay in Paris and at the University.

<https://psl.eu/vie-de-campus/services-etudiants/psl-welcome-desk>

Université PSL is part of "Bienvenue en France" label.



The PSL Welcome Desk is open to international students and researchers. We advise you to contact them by email or make an appointment online to guarantee your meeting. The PSL Welcome Desk assists you in French, English, and Spanish.

Email : [welcomedesk@psl.eu](mailto:welcomedesk@psl.eu)

Make an appointment : [Réservation en ligne](#)

Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Address:

Université PSL, 5 rue André Mazet, 75006 Paris, door A - Metro Odéon (lines 4 and

## 10 Accommodation

Finding accommodation in Paris can be challenging. ENSA Paris-Malaquais-PSL advises you to use the housing resources of the PSL Welcome Desk: <https://psl.eu/en/lifepsl/student-services/psl-welcome-desk>

Additional Housing Resources:

- Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris : <https://www.ciup.fr/>
- Paris City Hall : <https://www.paris.fr/>
- CROUS Paris : <https://www.crous-paris.fr/>
- Financial Aid for Housing: <https://www.caf.fr/>
- Student Guide: <https://mie.paris.fr/>

These resources can help you find accommodation and settle in Paris.

## **11 Course Registration**

ENSA Paris-Malaquais-PSL requires international students to register for a minimum of 12 ECTS credits and a maximum of 30 ECTS credits per semester.

Students can choose from Bachelor's or Master's courses, but it is strongly advised to select courses from the same level and year to avoid schedule conflicts and exam sessions.

Links to the course catalog:

- Licence (Bachelor): <https://paris-malaquais.archi.fr/etudes/p/licence/>
- Master : <https://paris-malaquais.archi.fr/etudes/p/master/>

Please note that the following courses are **\*\*not\*\*** open to exchange students:

### **Bachelor's Degree**

- Bachelor's assessment
- Worker/internship and first practical training
- CNAM (National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts) courses

### **Master's Degree:**

- 5th-year courses (Master 2), namely courses from semesters 9 and 10 (including PFE T9/P10/R10 courses)
- Practical training internship

It is not possible for a student to take two project studios simultaneously; you can only register for one project studio per semester.

Note: The course **\*UE - Research Questions R6\*** requires a minimum French level of C1.

Attendance is mandatory for all courses. Three unjustified absences will result in a grade of "0" and the non-awarding of the corresponding ECTS credits.

You will need to verify that the chosen courses comply with the Learning Agreement required by your home university (including the number of ECTS credits and course contents).

Course changes may be possible during the first month of mobility only.

The student must inform the Bachelor's or Master's cycle manager if they withdraw from a course in which they were previously enrolled.

International students have the possibility to take make-up exams organized at the end of each semester in case of non-validation of a course.

Learning Agreements will be signed after your arrival, once all course registrations have been completed. Indeed, some courses have a limited number of places, and students are selected by the teachers.

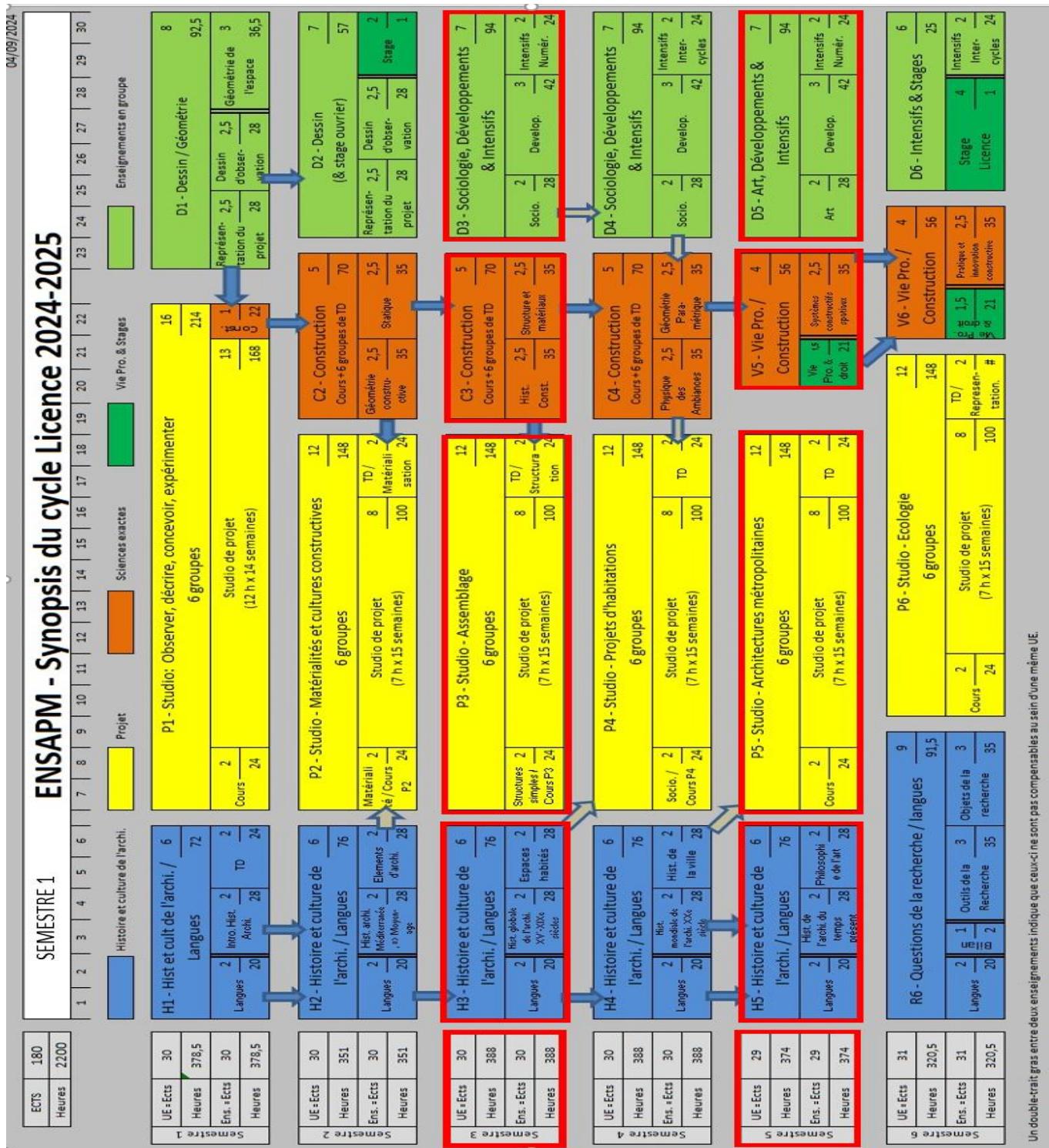
Important Codes:

- Erasmus Code of ENSA Paris-Malaquais: FPARIS319
- ISCED Code for Architecture: 073

If you wish to do an internship in addition to your study mobility with us, please note that ENSA Paris-Malaquais-PSL does not sign internship agreements for international students (Bachelor's, Master's, and all types of internships). For any internship agreement signature, please contact your home university.

## 12 Bachelor's Degree

The courses you can register for are highlighted in red.



Attention: This course synopsis is provided for informational purposes only.

The curriculum is subject to change and will likely be different at the time of your registration in September 2025.

## 13 Master's Degree

The courses you can register for are highlighted in red.

SEMESTRE 1		ENSAPM - Cycle Master - Année universitaire 2024-2025					
UE-Etude	Séminaires	Options	Cours	Projet	Parcours PFE	Stages	
UE-Etude 31							
UE-Horaires 310	5h x 14 sem.	70	3h x 14 sem.	42	14 sem.	42	9h x 15 sem. (+8h intervenants)
UE-Etude 31							143
UE-Horaires 310	8h x 6	48			8h x 8	64	8h x 1 sem.
UE-Etude 31							8
Séminaires		Développements		Cours magistral		UE Projets master semestres impairs	
7 <sup>o</sup> Semestre						etw 4	
				Projets		etw 4	
		(Choix communs aux semestres 7 et 9)		JuryS		etw 2	
				Intensifs inter-cycles		Anglais	
UE R7 (Recherche)		etw 10		UE Projets master semestres pairs		etw 16	
UE-Etude 31		5h x 14 sem.		14 sem.		14 sem.	
UE-Horaires 310		3h x 14 sem.		42		24	
UE-Etude 31		8h x 6		9h x 15 sem. (+8h intervenants)		20	
UE-Horaires 310						143	
UE-Etude 31						8h x 1 sem.	
UE-Horaires 310						8	
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8 <sup>o</sup> Semestre						etw 8	
				Projets		etw 4	
		JuryS				etw 8	
UE R8 (Recherche)		etw 10		UE Projets master semestres pairs		etw 16	
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UE-Horaires 310		3h x 14 sem.		42		42	
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UE-Etude 31						8	
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9 <sup>o</sup> Semestre						etw 12	
				Projets		etw 12	
		JuryS					
UE R9		etw 6		UE T9		etw 8	
UE-Etude 31		5h x 14 sem.		6h x 14 semaines		84	
UE-Horaires 310		70		14 sem.		24	
UE-Etude 31		etw 3		etw 6		etw 2	
UE-Horaires 310		etw 3		Intensif		etw 4	
Séminaires		Soutenance		Préparation Théorique du		etw 4	
9 <sup>o</sup> Semestre				PFE		etw 4	
UE PFE				etw 12			
2 h x 15 semaines		30		11 h x 17 semaines		187	
UE-Etude 31		etw 6		etw 14		etw 14	
UE-Horaires 310		Mémoire de fin d'études					
10 <sup>o</sup> Semestre							

The curriculum is subject to change and will likely be different at the time of your registration in September 2025.

## **14 French as a Foreign Language (FLE)**

Courses at ENSA Paris-Malaquais-PSL are taught in French and require a minimum French level of B1. ENSA Paris-Malaquais-PSL does not require a language certificate, but it is your responsibility to ensure you have the necessary level to follow the courses. Upon your arrival, you will have a mandatory week of intensive FLE courses.

Here is a useful link for our international students wishing to improve their French before their arrival:  
<https://www.fun-mooc.fr/fr/actualites/ameliorer-son-francais-un-atout-pour-vivre-et-étudier-et-travailler/>

These are a series of free MOOCs to learn French, ideal for preparing to follow courses at ENSA Paris-Malaquais-PSL.

In the 2025 academic year, more courses will be taught in English as part of our "YES WE CAN!" program. You will receive more information during your registration in September 2025.

## **15 ECTS - European Credits Transfer System, Grading, and Transcripts**

Here is the grade correspondence table at ENSA Paris-Malaquais - PSL.

On your transcript, you will need to consider the "local grade" = local grade.

The number of ECTS is automatically calculated by our academic services software.

Grade Correspondence out of 20	Définition
18 to 20	Excellent <i>Excellent</i>
15 to 17	Très bien. Meilleur que le niveau global des étudiant.e.s <i>Very good. Better than overall student level</i>
13 to 15	Bien. Travail globalement bon / plusieurs lacunes <i>Good. Overall good work / several shortcomings</i>
10 to 12	Suffisant – y compris pour le studio de projet <i>Sufficient - even for the project</i>
0 to 9	Autorisé.e à se présenter au rattrapage/ Ne s'est pas présenté.e pour des raisons de force majeure <i>Authorized to attend retake/ Did not attend for reasons of force majeure</i>

0	Absence non justifiée ou fraude Pas de rattrapage possible  <i>Unjustified absence or fraud. No catch-up possible</i>
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16 Academic Calendar

1 <sup>er</sup> SEMESTRE												2 <sup>er</sup> SEMESTRE																							
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## 17 Your International Student Calendar

Academic Year Mobility		
	Semester 1 Mobility September to January	Semester 2 Mobility February to June
Welcome Webinar	01/07/2025 at 12.00 noon (Paris time) <a href="#">TEAMS link</a>	January 2026 To be confirmed
Welcome to Paris-Malaquais !	05/09/2025	20/02/2026
French Langage Intensive Week	from 08/09/2025 to 12/09/2025	from 23/02/2026 to 27/02/2026
Sites Visits	15/11/2025	16/05/2025
International Lunches / Meetings	15/10/2025 17/12/2025	15/04/2026 17/06/2026

## 18 IT Services

The service includes plotters and copiers for printing, as well as computer workstations with architecture-specific software (Adobe, Autocad, Archicad, Rhinoceros) and technical support.

All information for accessing the intranet, Taïga, Wi-Fi, and the copying service will be sent to you at our first meeting.

## 19 Library

The library of ENSA Paris-Malaquais-PSL offers a rich collection covering architecture, urban planning, construction, landscape, as well as works on the arts and social sciences. It includes:

- 25,000 book titles, including e-books
- 300 French and international journals, with 90 current subscriptions
- 600 videos and research studies on architecture and urban planning
- Student diplomas (MES, TPFE, PFE)
- 20% of the resources are in languages other than French.

The resource catalog is accessible online on **ArchiRès** ([www.archires.archi.fr](http://www.archires.archi.fr)), which brings together the catalogs of partner libraries, including the **Cité de l'architecture**.

Students also benefit from PSL-Explore, the portal of Université PSL resources, providing access to digital resources such as Jstor, Cairn, Europresse, etc., and to e-books in the field of architecture.

Users can also borrow from the libraries of other national schools of architecture in Île-de-France and from the contemporary art library of the Beaux-Arts.

## 20 Workshops

**Fabrication Workshop / FabLab:** A fabrication space for making models with digital fabrication tools (laser cutter, CNC milling machine, water jet cutter, etc.), as well as technical and pedagogical support is at your disposal.

**Photo/Video Workshop:** A studio for photographing models, as well as photo, audio, and video equipment available for rent, accompanied by technical support is at your disposal.