

Practical Guide for Incoming Mobility Students

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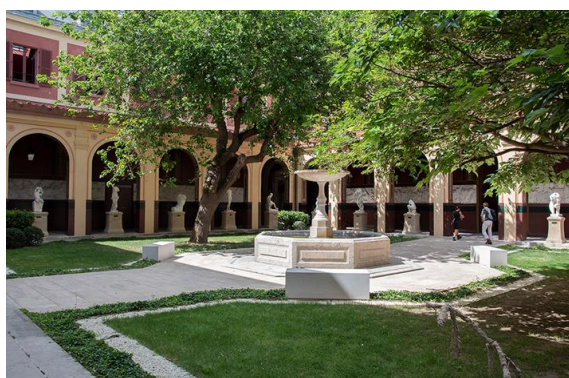
1 The School

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 centuries-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, 90 international exchange students at the school
- On average, 90 students on outgoing mobility to foreign universities
- Over 30 doctoral students
- Over 100 students authorized for HMONP (habilitation to practice architecture independently)

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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DE LA CULTURE**

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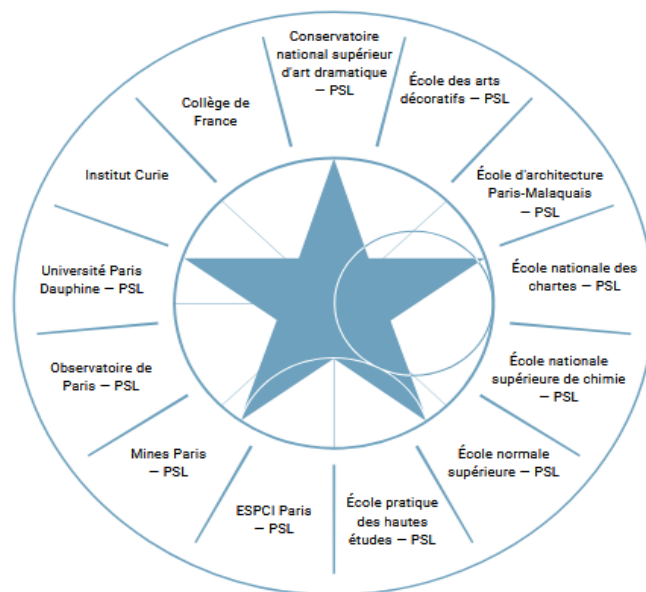


**CONFÉRENCE DES
GRANDES
ÉCOLES**

**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

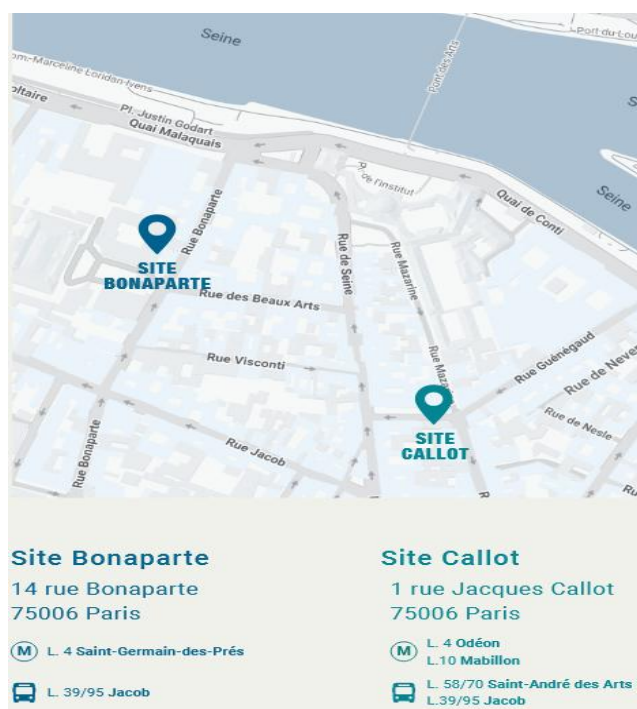
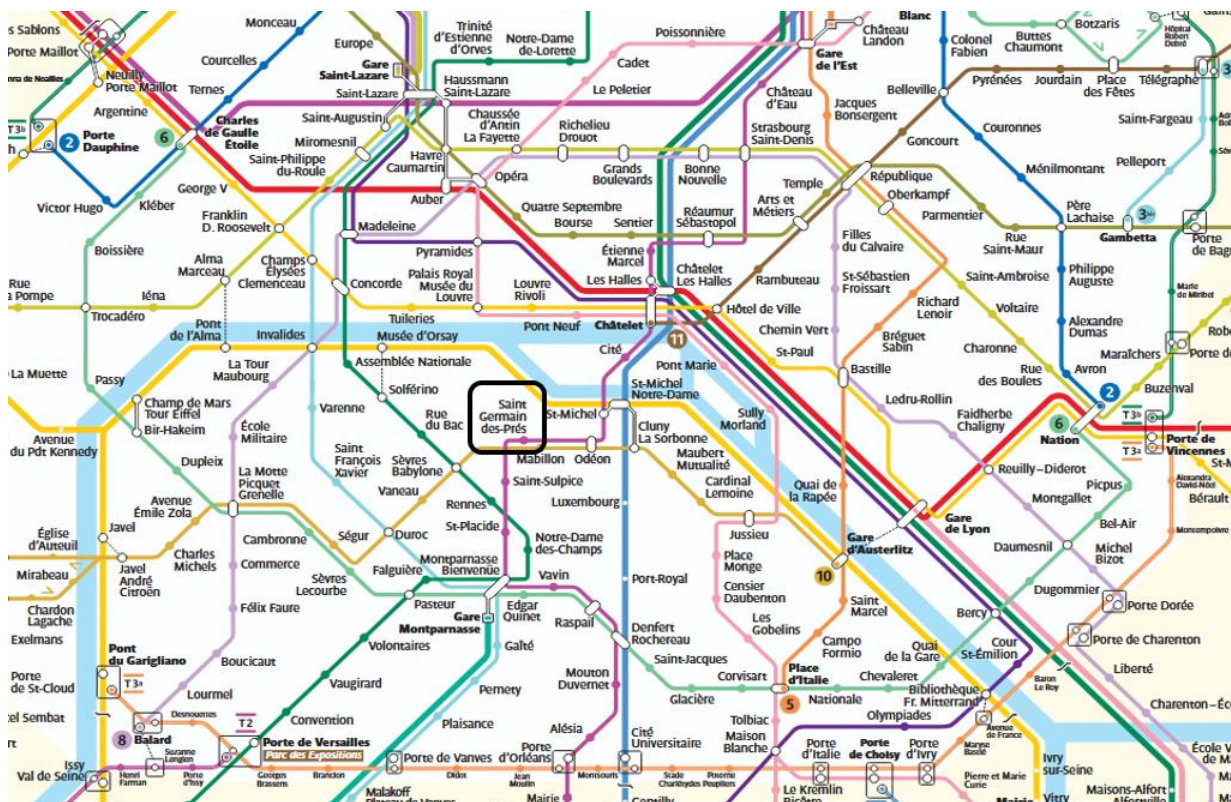
- Beaux-Arts de Paris
- Conservatoire national supérieur de musique et de danse de Paris
- École française d'Extrême-Orient
- Femis
- Institut Louis Bachelier
- Institut national du service public
- Lycée Henri-IV
- Lycée Louis-le-Grand

3 Sites / Maps

Address

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

Metro line 4 - Station « St Germain des Prés »



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



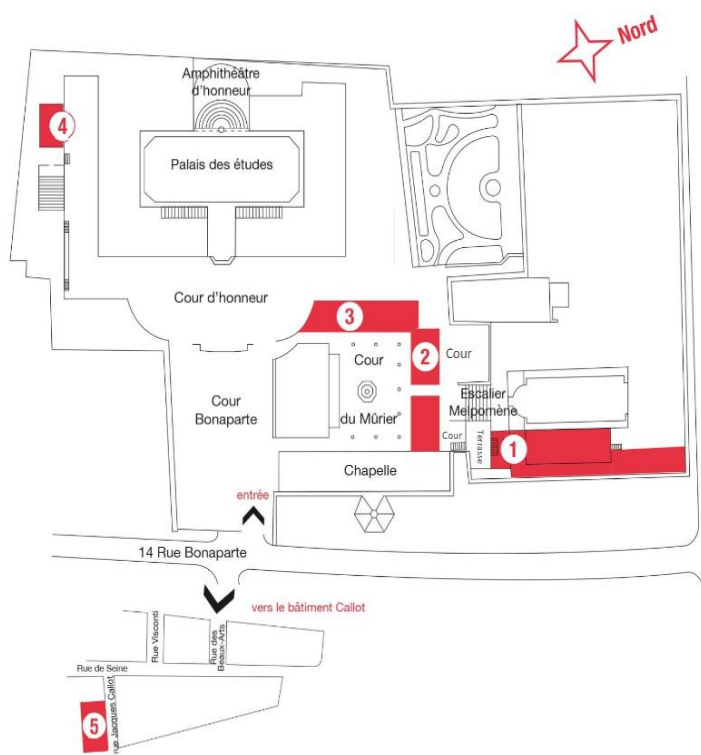
École nationale supérieure d'architecture Paris-Malaquais

14 rue Bonaparte, Paris VI
01 55 04 56 50 / 06 77 59 77 31

- 1 Bâtiment Perret
- 2 Bâtiment Mûrier
- 3 Bibliothèque d'architecture Michel Rebut-Sarda
- 4 Amphithéâtre 2 des Loges

1 rue Jacques Callot, Paris VI
01 55 04 56 80 / 06 77 59 58 98

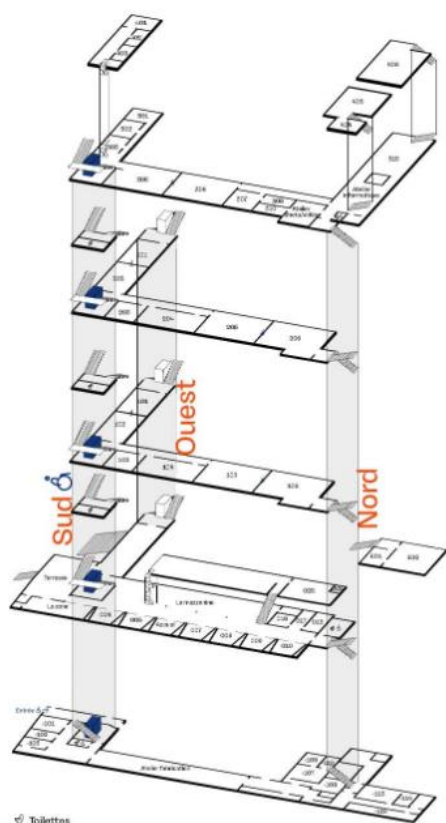
- 5 Bâtiment Callot



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Bâtiment Perret



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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

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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 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 OK).
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. Certificate of 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)
6. Civil Liability Insurance (please see hereafter)

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 upon your arrival in Paris.

Available options: [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: [Étudiants Internationaux | CNAM](#)

- 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

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/lifeps/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

CHOICE OF COURSES

Students can choose from Bachelor's (B2, B3) or Master's (M1) 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
- Practical training internship*

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

Please note: The course *UE - Research Questions R6* requires a minimum C1 level in French.

COURSES REGISTRATION AND CREDITS

ENSA Paris-Malaquais-PSL requires international students to register for a minimum of 12 ECTS credits.

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

Some courses have a limited number of places, and students are selected by the teachers.

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

Codes for registration:

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

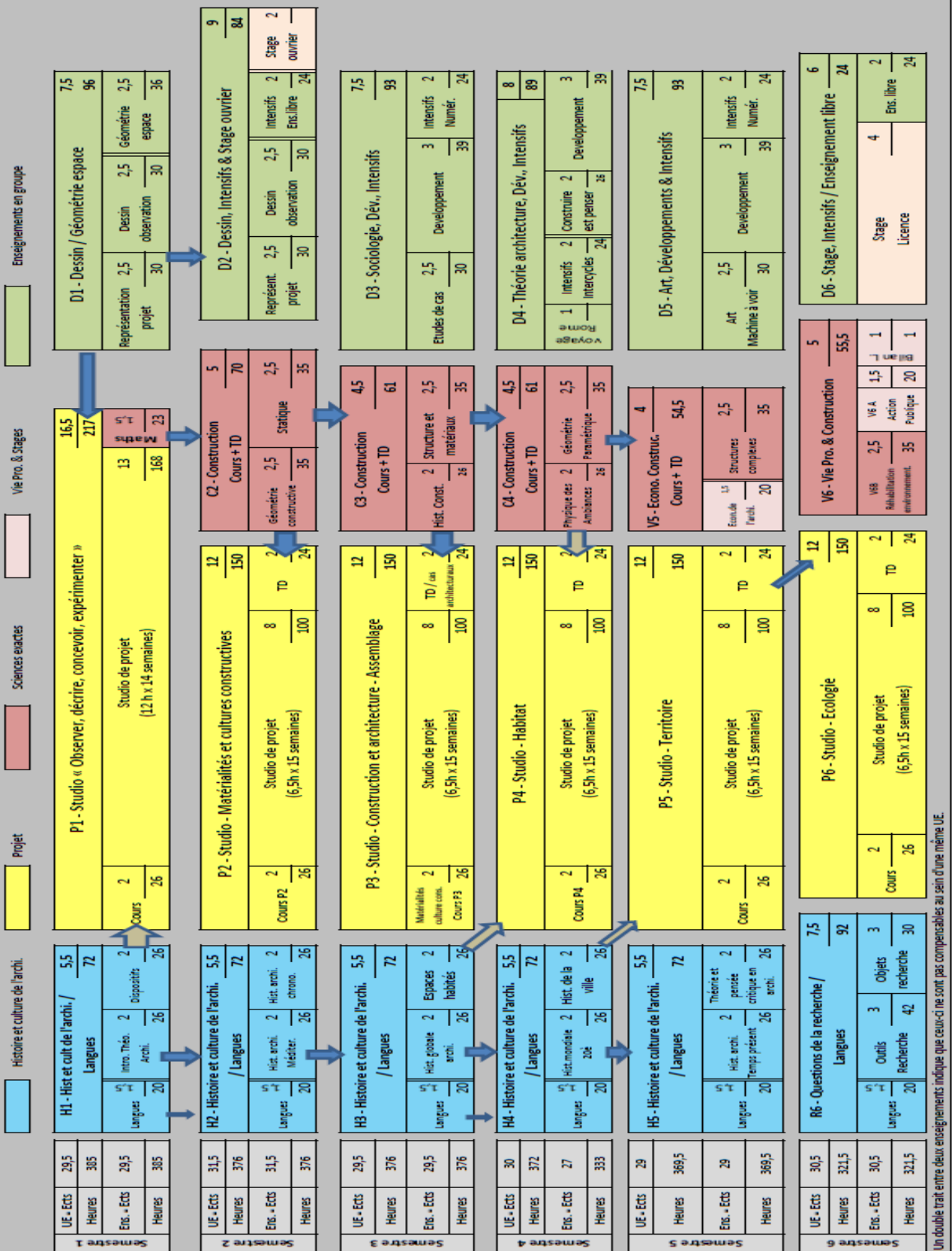
ATTENDANCE

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.

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

** 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.*

Synopsis du cycle Licence 2026-2027



Cycle Master - Année universitaire 2026-2027									
UE - Ects		Séminaires		Options		Cours		Projet	
UE - Heures		120		1200				Parcours PFE	
								Stages	
7 ^e semestre									
UE - Ects	28	UE R7 (Recherche)				ects 10		UE Projets master semestres impairs	
UE - Heures	331	6 h x 12 s				72 3 h x 13 sem.		150 11,5 x 13 sem	
UE - Ects	28	ects 6				ects 4		ects 2	
		Séminaires				Développements		Projets	
								(Choix communs aux semestres 7 et 9)	
								Jury	
								Anglais	
								Intensifs intercycles	
								UE W7	
								ects 4	
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								UE W7	
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								ects 8	
8 ^e semestre									
UE - Ects	32	UE R8 (Recherche)				ects 10		UE Projets master semestres pairs	
UE - Heures	287	6 h x 12 s				72 3 h x 13 sem.		150 11,5 x 13 sem	
UE - Ects	32	ects 6				ects 4		ects 4	
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								UE W7	
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								UE W7	
								ects 8	
9 ^e semestre									
UE - Ects	30	UE R9				ects 6		UE Projets master semestres impairs	
UE - Heures	354	6 h x 12 s				72 6 h x 14 semaines		150 11,5 h x 13 sem.	
UE - Ects	28	ects 3				ects 3		ects 4	
		Séminaires				Soutenance		Jury	
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10 ^e semestre									
UE - Ects	30	UE PFE				ects 30		ects 30	
UE - Heures	220,5	2 h x 14 semaines				28 11,5 h x 17 semaines		195,5 4	
UE - Ects	30	ects 6				ects 14		ects 10	
		Mémoire de fin d'études				Studios de projet		Soutenance PFE	

14 French as a Foreign Language (FLE)

Courses at ENSA Paris-Malaquais-PSL are mainly taught in French and require a minimum **French level of B1**. ENSA Paris-Malaquais-PSL requires a B1-level certificate; it is your responsibility to ensure that you have the necessary proficiency to follow the courses.

Upon your arrival, you will have a mandatory week of intensive FLE French for foreigners courses, free of charge. You are also invited to register to continuous French classes with our partner PSL University (further information at registration).

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-etudier-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 2026 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 2026.

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

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

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

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

Grade Matching out of 20	Definition
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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At Paris-Malaquais School of architecture – PSL,

- **Semester 1 starts early September and finishes end of December** (for Master's programme) **or end January** (for Bachelor programme).
- **Semester 2 starts end of February and finishes early July.**
- For academic-year students, please note **that inter-semester period can vary from nearly 1 to 2 months** according to your choice of courses:
 - If you register to Bachelor courses only, you will be free from end of January till end of February
 - If you register to Master's courses only, you will be free from end of December to end of February

17 Your International Student Calendar

	Academic Year Mobility	
	Semester 1 Mobility / fall September to January	Semester 2 Mobility / spring February to July
Welcome Webinar	Tuesday 26/05/2026 at 12.00 noon (Paris time) TEAMS link	Tuesday 15/12/2026 at 12.00 noon (Paris time) TEAMS link
Welcome to Paris-Malaquais ! (Master's programme presentation)	Thursday 03/09/2026 (Friday 04/09/2026)	Thursday 18/02/2027
French Language Intensive Week FLE	from Monday 07/09/2026 to Friday 11/09/2026	from Monday 22/02/2027 to Friday 26/02/2027
PSL Week		From Monday 01/03/2027 To Friday 05/03/2027
Start of courses	From Monday 14/09/2026	From Monday 08/03/2027
Erasmus Days / International Week	Erasmus Days From Monday 12/10/2026 To Friday 16/10/2026	International Week From Monday 12/04/2027 To Friday 16/04/2027
Paris Sites Visits	21st November 2026	15th May 2027
International Lunches / Meetings	14th October 2026 16th December 2026	8th April 2027 16th June 2027

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, courses platform (Taïga/Oasis), Wi-Fi, and the copying service will be detailed to you at our first meeting onsite.

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), qui 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 region 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.

Please see :

[École | Equipements |](#)