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INSTITUT CATHOLIQUE DE PARIS FACT SHEET 2025-2026

Established in 1875, the **Catholic University of Paris (Institut Catholique de Paris - ICP)** is the heir of the Medieval Liberal Arts Colleges and is in the tradition of the Sorbonne, the oldest higher education institution in France (1253). Located **in the heart of Paris**, between the world-famous Latin Quarter and Saint- Germain-des-Prés, the ICP campus operates on the site of a 17th century Carmelite convent.

In September 2021, a new campus was opened in Reims (Champagne), and in September 2023 a third campus opened in Rouen (Normandy).

Inspired by a long Christian and Humanistic tradition, ICP values **open-mindedness** and dialogue across borders, as suggested by its Motto: « **An Open Mind to the World** ». ICP welcomes all students and academics, regardless of their nationality, culture, language or religion.

Every year, the ICP welcomes **10,000 students, 15% of whom are international**. Holder of the 'Bienvenue en France' label, the ICP stands out for the **quality of the services it offers to incoming students**.

Contact us: international@icp.fr

OUR CAMPUS: MODERN FACILITIES IN A SPIRIT OF TRADITION

Discover our Campus at: <https://www.icp.fr/international/venir-etudier-a-licp/un-campus-au-coeur-de-paris>

Virtual Tour of our Campus: <https://www.icp.fr/html/visite-virtuelle/>

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COURSE SELECTION

You may choose modules from **one faculty**. Most of Faculty **courses** are **delivered in French**. The maximum study load per semester is **30 ECTS**. For each ECTS, 25 to 30 working hours are needed.

Please check our **French course catalogue**: <https://www.icp.fr/international/venir-etudier-a-licp/catalogue-des-cours> or the English page: <https://en.icp.fr/programs/course-catalog-1>

The ICP offers **courses in English** open to exchange students within its Faculty of Liberal Arts and its Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Law.

Please check our **English-taught courses catalogue**: <https://en.icp.fr/programs/english-taught-courses>

Please note: The Faculty of Theology, the Faculty of Canon Law, the Faculty of Philosophy, and the Faculty of Education and Training do not offer any courses in English.

Postgraduate students:

Fall semester: postgraduate students can take undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

Spring semester: postgraduate students can only take undergraduate courses.

NOMINATION DEADLINES

Fall 2025

From March 15th
to May 15th

Spring 2026

From July 15th
to October 15th

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall 2025

15th June 2025

Spring 2026

15th November 2025

ADMISSION PROCESS

If you are studying at one of our partner universities, please have your Study Abroad Office or Erasmus coordinator nominate you for our program.

A B1 level in French is required to study at our faculties, **nevertheless a B2 level is highly recommended** at a Bachelor Level.

A C1 level in French is required at the Master and PhD Levels.

A B2 level in English is required for the courses that are taught entirely in English.

For more information, please visit the following page: <https://en.icp.fr/programs/exchange-mobility/pedagogical-information>

Supporting documents

- Passport copy
- Learning Agreement
- Letter of motivation in French
- Transcript of records
- Proof of French proficiency (B2 recommended)
- ID Photo
- European Health Insurance Card (for European students) Worldwide health insurance coverage (for non-European students)

PREPARE YOUR ARRIVAL TO ICP

Once your admission to the ICP is confirmed, you will be able to access the **ICP International Welcome Desk**. This **online platform** will give you all the information that you will need before, during and after your mobility:

- every event organized by the International Affairs Office,
- detailed checklists of every administrative procedure,
- advice to settle into your life in Paris: how to use the Paris public transportation, open a bank account, meet people at the ICP and even book an airport pickup!

You can find out more about [the ICP International Welcome Desk with this video](#).

FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The University's French language center, the "Institut de Langue et Culture Françaises" (ILCF) – Institute of French Language and Culture – offers **French as Foreign Language classes (FLE) free of charge for exchange students** during the semester: 20 hours, delivering **4 ECTS**.

ILCF organizes monthly intensive courses in June, July, August, September, and January. These courses can lead to several ECTS credits but are not (except mentioned otherwise in the exchange agreement) included in the exchange agreement and are on a fee-paying basis.

For more information, please visit: <https://ilcf.icp.fr/en> or send an email to: ilcf@icp.fr

ACCOMMODATION

Finding accommodation in Paris can be difficult. ICP has an agreement with the public body CROUS administering University Residences around the Paris Region.

Exchange students can have a chance to **stay in downtown Paris** in 2 University Residences for one semester or even for a full academic year at affordable rents:

TOLBIAC Residence	Studio	17-22sqm	520 € monthly
SAINT-JACQUES Residence	Room	11-18sqm	590 € monthly

For more information, please visit <https://www.icp.fr/international/venir-etudier-a-licp/vie-pratique#logement> or contact Christophe FARGES at: c.farges@icp.fr

SEMESTER PERIODS

Semester 1 (Fall 2025)

The semester runs from mid-September to mid-December. Students studying at ICP should plan to be on campus for the Fall Semester exam period in December and January.

Semester 2 (Spring 2026)

The semester runs from mid-January until end of May with two weeks off for Easter break. All Spring Semester and full year students should plan to be on campus for the exam period in April and May. The re-sit exam period is in June.

REGISTRATION AND ASSESSMENT

Students attend pre-selected courses for two weeks which they can drop or change afterwards.

After this two-week orientation period, students must register in courses that they will take for the rest of the semester. To validate the courses, students must complete the course work which includes:

- Full attendance (2 absences allowed)
- Complete all midterm papers or any other form of evaluation required by the professor
- Sit for the final exam

GRADING SCALE

France has a different grading scale than other countries. Please find below important information:

Grade Point Equivalent	Interpretation	Course grade
A+	OUTSTANDING – highest grade	16-20
A	EXCELLENT	14-15.9
B+	VERY GOOD – almost excellent	12-13.9
B	VERY GOOD	11-11.9
B-	GOOD	10.5-10.9

C+	VERY SATISFACTORY	10.1-10.4
C	SATISFACTORY	10
C-	INSUFFICIENT	9-9.9
D	FAIL – weak performance	8-8.9
E	FAIL – considerable work required	0-7.9
DEF	DEF is assigned when the student is absent from the required final examination or more than 3 times during term. Equivalent to FAIL	
V	Means “Passing” – Attendance only – The students obtain only ECTS credits but no grade	

ECTS CREDITS

To facilitate student mobility and the recognition of studies, the ICP applies the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).

Exchange students: To find out the number of ECTS credits for each course, please refer to the table below:

<i>Number of course hours</i>	<i>Number of ECTS Credits</i>
12 to 17 hours	2
18 to 20 hours	3
21 to 23 hours	4
24 to 35 hours	5
36 hours and more	6

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

Certified transcripts of records will be **sent** to the student’s home university **within two months** following the final exam. Transcripts will be sent at the end of the academic year for students staying for two semesters.

DISABILITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND SUPPORT

The ICP has a **specific policy for welcoming students with disabilities** and **offers a campus adapted for people with reduced mobility**. Every student with a disability will meet with ICP’s head of Health Department and the Disability Officer of their faculty to discuss the **accommodations and academic support** they need. For more information, please contact the International Affairs Office and visit: <https://www.icp.fr/vie-du-campus/vie-associative-et-etudiante/handicap> (page in French).

A **free counselling and psychological support service** is available in French and English for every student. For more detailed information, please contact: infirmerie@icp.fr

HEALTH, SOCIAL SECURITY AND INSURANCE

Non-EU international student: You can **benefit from French healthcare** during your studies in France. You can also purchase a complementary health insurance policy including repatriation prior to arrival. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.ameli.fr/assure/droits-demarches/etudes-stages/etudiant/french-social-security-registration-process-foreign-students>

<https://www.icp.fr/international/venir-etudier-a-licp/vie-pratique#sante-securite-sociale> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEpy9Xr9UKk>

EU citizen: Your **European Health Insurance Card** gives you access to medically necessary, state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay in any of the EU countries under the same conditions and at the same cost as people insured in that country. Cards are issued by your national health insurance provider.

Important: the European Health Insurance Card does not guarantee free services.

Before arriving in Paris, please visit: <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559>

STUDENT LIFE

ICP has a **very active student life** that will allow you to make friends easily, enjoy life on-campus and discover the Parisian cultural life.

Specific activities are also organized all year round for exchange students.

Discover all the possibilities at: <https://en.icp.fr/campus-life/practical-information/student-life>

For more information, please visit: <https://en.icp.fr/campus-life/cultural-activities>

PLAN YOUR BUDGET

It takes an average monthly budget of about **1 300 € to live comfortably in Paris**.

To allow you to compare the cost of living in Paris with that of your home city, here are a few examples of prices to give you an indication:

Civil liability insurance (compulsory insurance)	€25-30/semester
Social Security (health insurance)	As a student in France, 70% refund of your health expenses. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEpy9Xr9UKk
Complementary health insurance (optional)	around €50/month
Rent	€500-900/month
Renters insurance (compulsory insurance)	€30-70/year
Electricity, gas, water	€30/month
Public transportation subscription	Monthly card "Navigo" (Paris region): 86,40 €/month. Imagine "R" Yearly Pass: 374.40 €, for students under 26 https://www.iledefrance-mobilites.fr/en
Meals at the university restaurant	Starting at €3.30
Dinner in a restaurant	Starting at €15
Groceries	About €200/month
Culture/Hobbies	Around €200/month
Telephone/Internet	€20-40/month

