

FACT SHEET – FREEMOVERS AT ENSTA

(Campus Paris-Saclay)

Institutional Information	
Name of Institution	Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Techniques Avancées (ENSTA)
Mission	Engineering for change! Enlightening, inventing, and providing world-class training in science and advanced technologies to address global challenges, at the crossroads of strategic issues, digital innovation, key economic sector needs and society's expectations.
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Institutional Details	ENSTA, created in 1741, is one of the most renowned elite graduate schools of science & engineering (<i>Grande Ecole</i>). ENSTA is a founding member of the Institut Polytechnique de Paris (IP Paris) which brings together six leading research institutions. ✓ 1200 Students ✓ 6 Research Departments ✓ 29% International Students (30+ nationalities) ✓ 33 International Double Degree Programs ✓ 2 Offshore Campuses (Tunisia & China) ✓ 60+ Student Associations & Clubs ✓ 1 campus restaurant, 1 campus cafeteria, Sports facilities

	ENSTA has been awarded the three-star label “ Bienvenue en France ” which attests to the quality of its reception facilities, accommodation, and campus life for international students.	
Accommodation		
ENSTA guarantees on campus housing for students in their 1 st year at ENSTA. The campus has 425 studios and 5 apartments available for full-time students. http://www.ensta-paris.fr/en/student-life-ensta-paris		
Academic Information		
Academic Structure	The engineering program at ENSTA is 3 years of study which corresponds to: • ENSTA Year 1 = Bachelor’s 3rd/4th Year • ENSTA Year 2 = Master’s 1st Year • ENSTA Year 3 = Master’s 2nd Year (students can not apply to enter at year 3)	
Available Entrance Schemas	• Entrance in Year 1: for students currently studying in their 3rd year of higher education at a non-partner institution outside of France (equivalent to 180 ECTS) • Entrance in Year 2: for students currently studying in their 4th year of higher education at a non-partner institution outside of France (equivalent to 240 ECTS)	
ACADEMIC CALENDAR		
International Student Revision Weeks		
All students participating in the double degree program who are from countries outside of the EU and who do not speak French as a native language are offered French as a Foreign Language (FLE) courses during the semester. Students will also receive a 4-to-6-week* intensive French for Engineering Students course before the beginning of the program (course and accommodation expenses paid by ENSTA).		
*Depending on initial level of French.		
Year 1		
Academic Calendar for AY26-27	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Semester Start Date	Early September 2026	Mid-January 2027
Semester End Date	Mid-January 2027	End July 2027
Vacation Period(s)	October 2026 (1 week); December 2026 (2 weeks);	February 2026 (1 week)
Internships	N/A	July-August 2027
Exam Period	Early January 2027	Early June 2027
Year 2		
Academic Calendar for AY26-267	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Semester Start Date	Early September 2026	Mid-January 2027
Semester End Date	Mid-January 2027	End July 2027

Vacation Period(s)	October 2026 (1 week); December 2026 (2 weeks);	February 2026 (1 week)
Internships	N/A	May-July 2027
Exam Period	Early January 2027	Early June 2027
Year 3		
Academic Calendar for AY26-27	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Semester Start Date	Early September 2026	Early April 2027
Semester End Date	Early April 2027	September 2027
Vacation Period(s)	October 2026 (1 week); December 2026 (2 weeks); February 2027 (1 week)	N/A
Internships	N/A	Mid-April-September 2027
Exam Period	First week of April 2027	N/A
Language of Instruction	French & English depending on the courses and level.	
Credits per semester	30 ECTS / semester in Year 1 and Year 2 39 ECTS / semester 1 of Year 3; 21 ECTS / semester 2 of Year 3 (Courses are typically 1.5-2 ECTS each)	
Main Fields of Study	Transport (autonomous vehicles, smart & sustainable mobility) Energy (renewable energies, nuclear energy) Engineering Mathematics (data science, operation research, optimization, quantitative finance) Complex Systems Engineering (autonomous robotics, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity)	
Academic Program & Course Information	Year 1 at ENSTA (in French)	Semester 1: Scientific Core Curriculum: All students take core scientific courses in the following areas to obtain the fundamental scientific knowledge of engineers: - Automation, Optimization & Applied Mathematics - Information & Communication Sciences and Technologies - Physics & Mechanics - Engineering Methods & Tools All students take courses in sport and in foreign languages.
		Semester 2: Thematic Lessons: Students take a choice of thematic lessons to supplement the core curriculum to get them in-depth training on cutting-edge scientific subjects.

		All students take courses in sport and in foreign languages. StOp – Practical Internship (4 weeks minimum) – End of Semester 2
	Year 2 at ENSTA (in French)	Semester 1: Choice of 1 Major • Major: Applied Mathematics • Major: Mechanical Engineering • Major: Computer Science Engineering All students take courses in sport and in foreign languages.
		Semester 2: Choice of 1 Minor • Major: Applied Mathematics ◦ Minor: Mathematical Engineering ◦ Minor: Mechanical and Physical Models • Major: Mechanical Engineering ◦ Minor: Sustainable Energies ◦ Minor: Mechanical Modelling ◦ Minor: Smart Systems • Major: Computer Science Engineering ◦ Minor: Artificial Intelligence and Cyberphysics ◦ Minor: Software and Cybersecurity All students take courses in sport and in foreign languages. PRe – Research Project Internship (10 weeks minimum) – End of Semester 2
	Year 3 at ENSTA (in French & English)	Semester 1: Professional Specializations (Choice of 1) • Applied Mathematics ◦ Optimization & Data Sciences ◦ Modelling & Simulation ◦ Quantitative Finance ◦ Math for Health & Environment • Mechanical Engineering ◦ Smart, Sustainable Mobility & Vehicle Engineering ◦ Offshore Transport & Energy Structures ◦ Nuclear Power Engineering • Computer Science Engineering

		○ Robotics & Smart Autonomous Systems ○ Artificial Intelligence & Data ○ Cybersecurity Career Profiles (Choice of 1) ● Engineering & Design ● Research & Innovation ● Entrepreneurship & Intrapreneurship All students all take courses in sport and in foreign languages. Semester 2: PFE- Engineer Internship (5 months minimum) – Semester 2 (<i>internships over 2 months are paid in France</i>)
Grading System	European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)	
Transcript	An official transcript will be delivered to the student upon request	
Admission Requirements		
Minimum GPA or Ranking Requirements	No minimum GPA is requested at ENSTA, however entrance to ENSTA is highly competitive and as such only the best candidates will be offered acceptance.	
Language Requirements	Courses at ENSTA are offered in either French or English. All attending student must have capacities in both languages upon arrival: French* – B1 level (minimum) English** – B2 level (minimum) <i>*Certifications accepted: TCF: 400; DELF B1: 75/100. Students who have received a higher education degree diploma in an institution where the main language of instruction was French can be exempted.</i> <i>**Certifications accepted: TOFEL iBT: 80/120; IELTS: 6,5</i>	
Degree level required upon application submission	● Students must have validated 3 years of higher education (equivalent to 180 ECTS) to enter the 1st year of the program. ● Students must have validated 4 years of higher education (equivalent to 240 ECTS) to enter the 2nd year of the program. <i>Admission in Year 3 is not permitted.</i>	
How to Apply		
Application Deadlines	Fall admissions ● August 2025: Online application platform opens	

	• October 15th, 2025: Deadline for submission • End of October 2025: Publication of eligible candidates • November 2025: Online Interviews • End of November 2025: Publication of admitted students Spring admissions • January 2026: Online application platform opens • April 15th, 2026: Deadline for submission • End of April 2026: Publication of eligible candidates • End of April – End of May 2026: Online Interviews • End of May 2026: Publication of admitted students
Application Procedures	Applications are submitted directly online by the student. Online Application Platform: https://www.ensta-paris.fr/en/admission-ensta-paris-international-students
Required Application Documents	Required Documents: • Application Form (<i>online</i>) • CV (<i>in French or in English</i>) • ID Photo • Cover Letter (<i>in French or in English</i>) • Proof of Language Proficiency (<i>in French and in English</i>) • Academic Transcripts for all higher education studies (<i>in French or in English</i>) • Copy of Passport Identification Page • Copy of all Degrees (Diplomas) • Learning Agreement signed by home institution • Nomination certificate from your home coordinator • List of Current Courses • Copies of Prizes/Distinctions mentioned in application If available: • Ranking or GPA Certificates In addition: you will need two letters of recommendation submitted directly by your professors via the application platform online.
Tuition and Fees	
Students entering ENSTA as a free mover must pay full tuition for the entirety of their program, tuition rates vary depending on your country of origin: • European Union Citizens: 2770€ per year* • Non-European Union Citizens: 4860€ per year* <i>*Tuition rates based on the 2025-2026 academic year and are subject to change.</i>	
Scholarships	
Many opportunities are available for students to apply for:	

- Eiffel Excellence Scholarship <http://www.campusfrance.org/en/eiffel-scholarship-program-of-excellence> **Students benefitting from the Eiffel Excellence scholarships are exonerated from all tuition fees.** Only possible for Fall Admissions.
- French Government Scholarship (please contact the Campus France office in your home country)
- DGA Scholarship: Each year, ENSTA has the opportunity to obtain scholarships from the French *Direction Générale de l'Armement* (DGA) for students admitted to the ENSTA engineering program whose career plans are oriented towards defense and security technologies. Please provide a detailed description of your project when submitting your application.
- ENSTA Foundation Scholarship: up to 7000€ for students with the best academic excellence

Visa Information

Students who do not have EU citizenship are required to obtain a visa for a stay longer than 90 days. For information on the visa process, please visit:

<http://campusfrance.org/fr/visas-et-cartes-de-séjour>

Students with a student visa (*visa d'étudiant VLS-TS*) must validate their visa with the OFII upon arrival. ENSTA will assist the student with this process.

Health Insurance

Students coming from the European Union can request a European health insurance card from the relative state institutions of their country.

Non-European students must register with French *sécurité sociale* upon arrival in France: <http://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/>

All students can opt to sign up and pay for complementary health insurance (*mutuelle*) to get additional reimbursements.

Estimated Cost of Living (in euros €)

Accommodation (varies depending on type and location): 510€/month*

Renter's Insurance: 50€ total

Food: 250€/month

Optional Private Health Insurance (*mutuelle*): 50€ total

Miscellaneous (*phone service, clothing, etc.*) & Personal Activities: 150€/month

TOTAL per month (estimate): 900 €

*Note that students can receive a monthly stipend for the French social organization CAF (*caisse d'allocations familiales*) to offset housing costs. Please note that students must apply upon arrival and there is a delay in dispersal.