

INTERNATIONAL SELECTION

In Humanities 2-year **MASTER** Scholarships

In Sciences 2-year **MASTER** Scholarships
or 3-year Scholarships for the last year
of undergraduate studies and Master

A HOW-TO GUIDE

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Why the ENS ?

For over two centuries many of France's most prominent scientific and literary figures, Nobel prize-winners, business leaders, high-ranking policy makers and journalists, have been educated at the ENS. Today the school houses elite research teams in new fields of research.



Excellence and intellectual creativeness are built upon:

- Academic freedom and individual tutoring,
- Training by a team of eminent researchers and professors,
- A multidisciplinary curriculum.

The ENS counts more than 2200 students (including more than 10% of foreign students) and more than 800 researchers and professors with world-class reputation. Numerous exchanges programs with world leading universities and schools give our students the capacity to adapt everywhere and contribute to weave an international network of knowledge and study.

In this prospect, the ENS has organized an International Scholars Program allowing about thirty of the most promising foreign students to join the ENS in Humanities and Sciences for 2 or 3 years of study.

Students in the International Selection:

- will follow a 2 or 3-year program starting on September,
- receive a monthly scholarship of approximately 1000 Euros and have a right to a room on the campus,
- have access to a large range of courses, seminars and libraries available at the ENS,
- benefit from the guidance of a specially assigned tutor in order to work out their study program,
- are given the opportunity to apply for an additional 3-year scholarship if they wish to pursue a PhD

A practical guide to the International Selection:

Conditions for participation:

Candidates:

- must be able to prove a foreign citizenship,
- must be born after September, 1st, 1985,
- must be enrolled in a university outside of France,
 - in their last year of undergraduate studies (to be validated before September, 1st, 2012),
 - or in the first year of post graduate studies (except candidates in Mathematics), provided they enroll in the first year of a Master's Degree at the ENS on September, 1st, 2012,
- may only apply once for this program,

The jury in Mathematics will consider in priority candidates enrolled in their 2nd or 3rd year of undergraduate studies.

Exceptionnally, students who started studying in France after August, 1st, 2012, may apply.

The selection process:



Step 1: a jury shortlists the best candidates after examining the written applications (presentation of the academic curriculum, the relevance of their study project, and their motivation)

Step 2: the shortlisted contestants are invited to take tests at the beginning of July in Paris. The panel evaluates the capacity for analysis, conceptualization and synthesis, intellectual curiosity, as well as the depth of scientific or literary knowledge.

Humanities and social sciences:

3 written tests: French language; analysis of a document; text commentary in the candidate's area of expertise

2 interviews: text commentary in the candidate's area of expertise; interview on the candidate's study project.

For the French language tests, candidates will have to write in French. For the interview on the study project, candidates will speak in French or in English.

Apart from these tests, candidates can write or speak in any of the following 6 languages: English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish. Interviews are given in French.

There are 13 specialties to choose from:

Arts (History of Art, film studies, Musicology), Classics (Latin / Greek / Archeology), Cognitive Sciences (interdisciplinary), Geography, History, History and Philosophy of sciences, History and Philosophy of law, Linguistics, Literatures, Philosophy, Social sciences (Anthropology / Economics / Sociology).

Sciences:

2 written tests: commentary on a scientific document, series of short exercises (2/3 major, 1/3 minor)

2 interviews: questions on the major, questions on the minor.

The tests and interviews take place either in French or in English. For the commentary on a scientific document, candidates can speak in any of the following languages: English, French.

Candidates must choose a major and a minor from 6 specialties:

Biology, Chemistry, Computer Sciences, Earth sciences, Mathematics, Physics



Studying at the ENS

The curriculum:

Students in the international selection prepare both a Master and the ENS diploma. The ENS diploma validates the complementary lectures followed at the ENS (36 ECTS), of which at least a third belongs to a different field of study than the student's main subject.

After completing this curriculum, most students will carry on to the PhD level.

Fields of studies are organized in the following Departments:



- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classics (archeology, linguistics...)
- Cognitive studies
- Computer science
- Geography
- Geosciences
- History
- History and Theory of Arts
- Literature and Languages
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Social sciences (Economics, History and philosophy of law, political science...)



.... And interdisciplinary structures :

- Center for education and research in the environment and society (CERES)
- The languages and culture unit for non-specialists (ECLA)

Prospects after the ENS:

The broad and multidisciplinary training acquired at the ENS promotes innovation and creativity and provides graduates with the critical reasoning skills and adaptability required for entering virtually any professional field : research, teaching, business, diplomacy, politics, journalism, arts...

Thanks to the ENS's international approach, the students enter more than just a school: they become part of a dense international network of knowledge and study upon which to build a career.