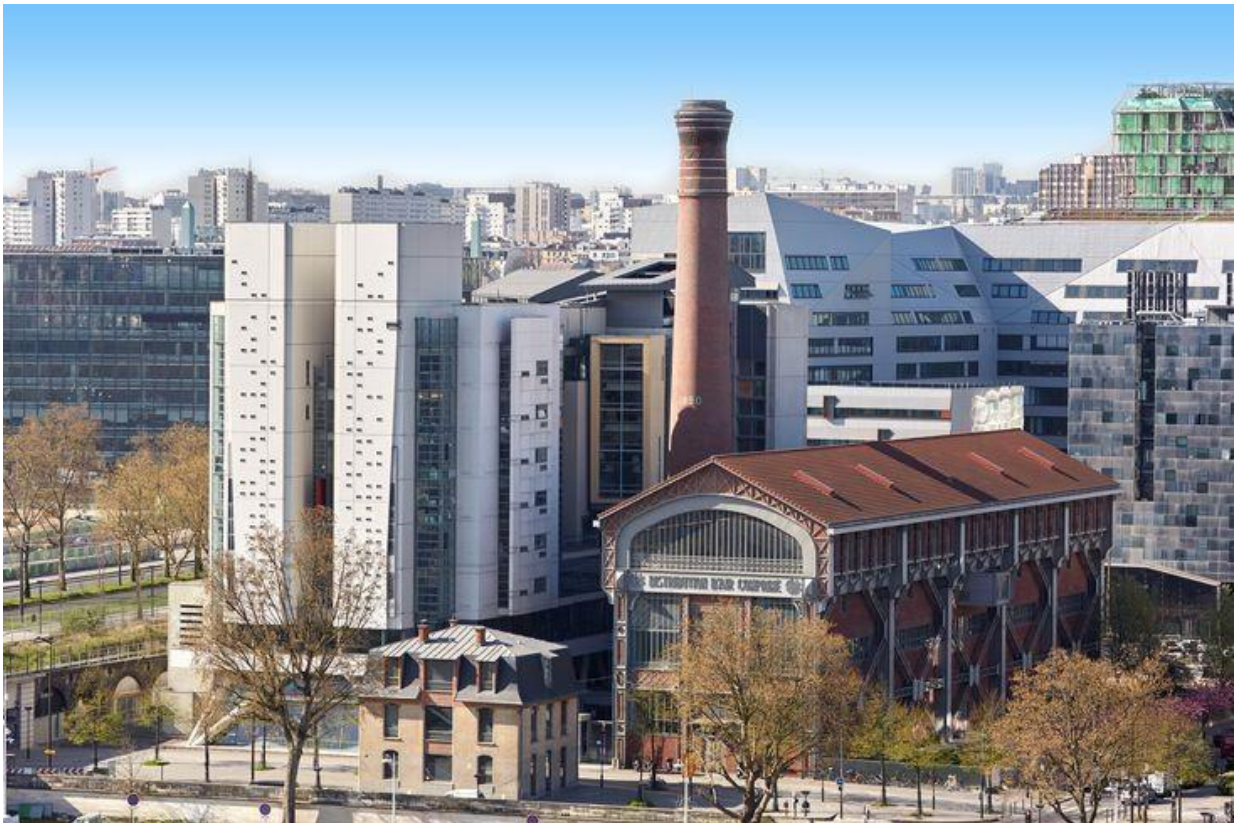




# International student guide 2025-2026

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# PRESENTATION

## *Welcome to the ENSA Paris-Val de Seine*

The Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture Paris-Val de Seine is an architectural education community that brings together 2,000 students and 250 teachers, in a contemporary seven-story building, next to the SUDAC, a former 19th century compressed air plant.

The ENSA Paris-Val de Seine is characterized by the great diversity of its educational offerings and approaches to teaching architecture.

Creating teaching teams from varied backgrounds, the school allows students to experience a diverse array of teaching methods, pushing them to be as prepared as possible for professional integration.



The ENSA Paris Val de Seine is associated with the University of Paris by decree and is therefore part of a multidisciplinary campus of over 60,000 students, offering the opportunity to develop joint projects.

Opened to the world, the ENSA Paris-Val de Seine has established more than 70 partnerships in 33 countries and aims to strengthen its position on the international stage. Every year, almost 100 students from partner institutions are welcomed to study for a semester or a year in our institution.



# BEFORE DEPARTURE

## VISA APPLICATION

If your stay in France is due to last more than 3 months, you must apply for a **long-stay student visa (VLS-T or VLS-TS)** before your departure.

The request must be made at the French consulate in your country of residence, at least 3 months before your departure.

### *Checklist :*

- *proof of admission*
- *proof of financial means (615€ per month)*
- *valid passport*
- *proof of accomodation in France*
- *ID photos*



**Citizens from a country of European Economic Area or from Andorra, Monaco, Switzerland, San Marino or the Vatican are exempted from visa requirements.**



Students of the Erasmus program who are not European citizens must request a long-stay student visa. Residence permits of your country of residence allows free circulation in the Schengen area but does not allow you to stay more than 90 days in France.



# BEFORE DEPARTURE

## ACCOMMODATION

The ENSA Paris–Val de Seine has a limited number of accommodation places to provide to students. Being accepted in our institution does not mean you will get a room.

You can find a place to stay at :

[Residhome Apparthotel | Quai d'Ivry](#)

[Résidence étudiante à PARIS : STUDEA PARIS GRANDE BIBLIOTHEQUE | Nexity Studéa](#)

[Le Capitole – Paris | Logement étudiant et appartements meublés | Studélites](#)

[Résidence étudiante Ivry | KLEY](#)

[Résidence étudiante MIS pour jeunes actifs Paris](#)

It is therefore necessary for you to look for an accommodation on your own. Finding a flat in Paris can be complicated, so it is crucial to anticipate your housing search.

## VISALE

You have found an accommodation but you don't have a guarantor? Apply for a free guarantee system on [www.visale.fr](http://www.visale.fr)

## Housing insurance

Housing insurance is mandatory in France, in order to cover any unintentional damage in your home.

## Departure notice

One month before leaving your accommodation, send your departure notice to the landlord by a registered mail with delivery of receipt.



*Beware of scams : do not pay anything before visiting or signing a contract*

# BEFORE DEPARTURE



## *Useful websites*

*CROUS of Paris*

*<https://www.crous-paris.fr/>*

*[lokaviz.fr](http://lokaviz.fr)*

*[adele.org](http://adele.org)*

*[leboncoin.fr](http://leboncoin.fr)*

*[seloger.com](http://seloger.com)*

# BEFORE DEPARTURE

## Budget

To prepare your stay in France, it is important to plan your budget. Here is a rough estimate of the expenses you may have to make:



Private flat rent : 800–900€ per month  
(without charges)

Electricity : 20–60€ per month (depending  
on the accommodation)

Internet : 20–30€ per month



Navigo monthly pass : 88.80€ per month  
or

Imagine'R student pass : 392.30€ per  
year, for students under 26 (more  
convenient for one-year stays)



Meal at the CROUS cafeteria : 3,30€

Baguette : 1.02€



Cinema ticket : 8€ (student rate)

Museum ticket : 8–20€



# BEFORE DEPARTURE

*The first month, plan for three times the monthly budget to be able to face additional expenses.*



# BEFORE DEPARTURE

## Insurances

### Health



#### EU

EU citizens must apply for the **European Health Insurance Card** before departure.



#### Useful websites

[etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr](http://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr)

[doctolib.fr](http://doctolib.fr)

[planning-familial.org](http://planning-familial.org)

#### Outside EU

Affiliation to the Social Security (French healthcare system) is free and mandatory for students from outside EU. After enrolling at our institution, please register on the Ameli website : [etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr](http://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr), in order to get a partial refund of your health expenses.

Social Security only covers part of your health costs.

An extra health insurance ("mutuelle") can be purchased to get a better coverage. Ask for a quotation and compare offers to choose the one that suits the best to your needs.

Note: extra health insurance is not compulsory in France but highly recommended.

[SMERRA - Mutuelle étudiante](#)

[La Mutuelle Des Etudiants - Devis et souscription en ligne](#)

[Mutuelle et assurances - étudiant et jeune actif | HEYME](#)

# BEFORE DEPARTURE



## Civil liability

**Civil liability insurance is compulsory** and will be requested to you upon registration. This insurance covers the damages that you may cause to others (broken materials, injuries...).

# UPON ARRIVAL



## Validation of your Visa

If you have a VLS-TS visa, you must get it approved online within 3 months following your arrival in France. Please login to the ANEF platform: [administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr](https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr) and fill the requested information.

## bank account

You can open a French bank account in order to facilitate your procedures and to benefit from certain services or financial aid.



*Be sure to compare the offers of the different banks before making your choice.*

### Checklist :



*-ID card or passport*

*-proof of residence in France*

*-registration certificate of l'EttSA Paris-Val de Seine.*

## financial aid

The Caisse d'Allocations Familiales (CAF) offers personalized housing assistance (APL) to help you pay your rent. The amount of the APL changes according to your housing price and your financial resources. There is no limited age to receive it. The application must be made online.

You can use the [CAF simulator](#) to find out if you are eligible and to estimate the amount of aid you may receive.

# STUDENT LIFE

## AdminisTraTiVe reGisTraTion

Following the first information meeting, you will be asked to complete your administrative registration.

Once it is complete, you will receive your school certificate.

You will then be notified by email when your student card is ready.

### *Checklist :*

- *copy of ID card or passport*
- *civil liability insurance certificate*
- *copy of the European Health Insurance Card (Europeans only)*
- *copy of visa (non-Europeans only)*



## PedaGoGiCal reGisTraTion

To enable you to make your courses choices for the coming semester the International Relations Office will send you digital forms by email.

You will find the teaching program on our website: <https://www.paris-valdeseine.archi.fr/international/etudiants-entrants-incoming-students.html>



# STUDENT LIFE

## Creation of your TaiGa account

You will be able to check your schedule, your grades and contact your teachers through the TaiGa software.

1- Log in to :

<https://taiga.archi.fr/taiga/etd/>

2- Choose " ENSA-Paris-Val de Seine ".



3- Click on « envoi mot de passe ».



4- Enter your username, which is firstname.lastname (example: julie.martin) or firstname.lastname (example: rodrigo.garciahernandez). Then enter the code to copy.

5- You will receive a message on your personal email address allowing you to reset your password. Remember to check your spam.

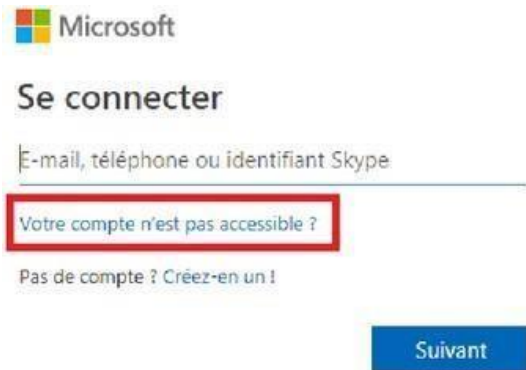


# STUDENT LIFE

## ACCess To youR insTiTuTional email addRess

Once you have registered administratively, you will have access within a few days to your institutional email address via Office 365.

1- Go to <https://www.office.com/>  
Click on login.



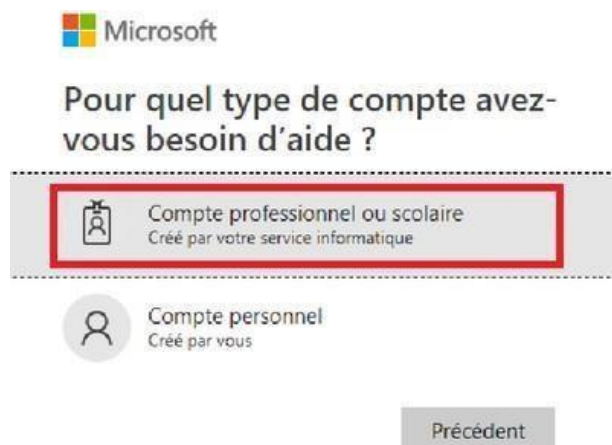
3- Click on "Compte professionnel ou scolaire".

4- Enter your ENSA Paris-Val de Seine email address. This will be in the form: prénom.nom@paris-valdeseine.archi.fr.

If your name is composed of two parts, these parts will be linked (example: John Smith Ford = john.smithford@paris-valdeseine.archi.fr).



2- Click on « Votre compte n'est pas accessible ? »



5- Enter the code.

You will receive an email on your personal mailbox with a code to enter in the form. This will allow you to reset your password and connect to Office 365.

# STUDENT LIFE

## CenTeRs

**The library** gives access to a collection of nearly 18,000 books and hundreds of subscriptions to specialized French and foreign journals. Student essays and thesis are also stored for consultation. The online database can be consulted on the school website.



**The material library**, technical and technological center, offers a tool that is deeply rooted in the professional and industrial reality and participates as a logistical relay for all school projects. More than 15,000 products and materials are on display, including several models, 600 CD-ROMs for implementation, and 26,000 references that can be consulted in technical books.



**The photo and video labs** offer an access to Canon or Nikon digital cameras; backgrounds (black, white or green); studio flashes and accessories; continuous light lamps; and reflectors.

**Computer rooms** and those for teaching studios have 150 workstations equipped with professional software that is freely accessible. Students have access to plotters, photocopiers, scanners and numerous printers for their printing needs.

**The model workshop** covers 110m<sup>2</sup>. It provides the students with numerous cutting and working machines free of charge. Materials are provided by students themselves. The model workshop also allows the loan of small tools: drill/driver, wood router, carving machine, hammer, pliers, pliers, drill bits...

# CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

## ARChITeCTuRe

**The Cité de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine**, located in the Palais Chaillot, is the largest architecture center in the world.

<https://www.citedelarchitecture.fr>

**The Pavillon de l'Arsenal**, located in the 4th arrondissement, is a unique place where the development of the city and its architectural achievements are presented to all.

<https://www.pavillon-arsenal.com/>

## PaRis, Ile de FRanCe AND ARChITeCTuRe

There are many sites in the Paris area that may be of interest to architecture students. Visits can take place with your teachers, but we also invite you to discover these sites by yourself.



*Villa Savoye, le Corbusier*



*Fondation Louis Vuitton, Frank Gehry*



*La Seine Musicale, Shigeru Ban & Jean de Gastines*



*Grande Arche de la Défense, Johan Otto von Spreckelsen*

and : The Institute of the Arab World, the Pompidou Center, the Quai Branly Museum, the Philharmonie of Paris, the National Dance Center in Pantin, the Choux in Créteil, the Etoiles in Ivry-sur-Seine, the MAC-VAL, the Espaces d'Abraxas in Noisy-le Grand, the Cité de la Mode et du Design...

# CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

## MusEUMS AND monumenTs

**Les Journées Européennes du Patrimoine** (end of september) : free or reduced rate visits to historical monuments.

Access to the permanent collections of the **museums of the City of Paris** is free for all (except for the Archaeological Crypt of the Parvis Notre-Dame and the Catacombs).

[https://www.parismusees.paris.fr/fr/resea\\_u](https://www.parismusees.paris.fr/fr/resea_u)

Admission to national museums is free for all EU citizens under the age of 26.



*The Louvre*

Many museums offer Architecture students an approach to Art, Design and innovations:

- Orsay Museum
- Museum of Fashion and Design
- Louvre Museum
- Museum of Modern Art
- Museum of Decorative Arts
- National Museum of Asian Arts Guimet
- Georges Pompidou National Center for Art and Culture
- Palais of Tokyo
- ...

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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**Opening hours :**  
**9h-17h**

## HOLIDAYS

### Holidays :

- All Saints Holidays (1 week in early November)
- Christmas (2 weeks end of December/beginning of January)
- Winter vacations (1 week end of February)
- Easter vacations (1 week end of April)
- Summer vacations (5 weeks July/August)

### Bank holidays :

- 1st November (All Saints)
- 11th November (Armistice 1918)
- 25th December (Christmas)
- 1st January (New Year)
- Easter
- 1st May (Labour Day)
- 8th May (Victory 1945)
- 14th July (National Day)
- 15th August (Assumption Day)





# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## Access

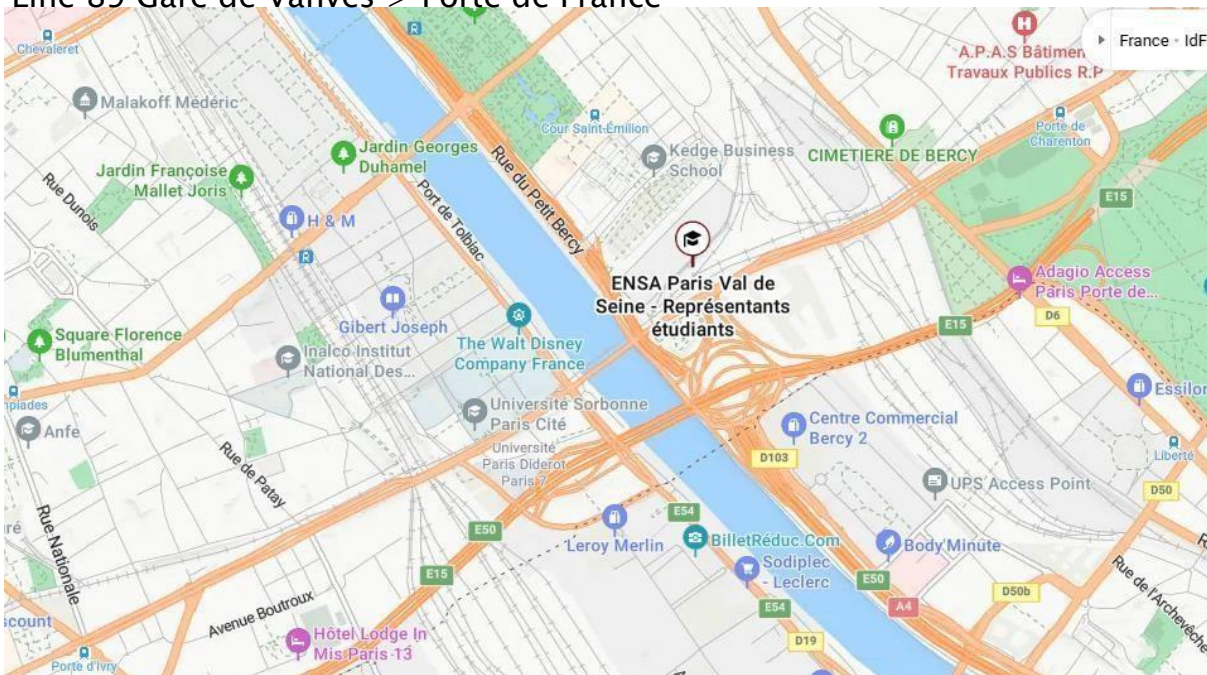
### Metro and RER

« Bibliothèque François Mitterrand » station  
Line 14 and RER C  
10 minutes walk from the school

### Bus

« Watt » stop  
Line 325 – Château de Vincennes > Bibliothèque François Mitterrand

« Porte de France » stop  
Line 62 – Porte de Saint-Cloud > Porte de France  
Line 89 Gare de Vanves > Porte de France



## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

European emergency number : 112

SAMU : 15

Police : 17

Firemen : 18

Emergency number for deaf persons : 114 (accessible by SMS or fax)