

Life at Ecole nationale des ponts et chaussées

École nationale des ponts et chaussées (ENPC), a prestigious French Grande École founded in 1747, trains future leaders and researchers who will tackle the challenges of sustainable development in the 21st century. Beyond civil engineering and urban planning, which have historically built its reputation, the school offers top-tier education and research programs addressing key issues of ecological transition and social responsibility across a wide range of fields: urban planning and transportation, mathematics, economics and finance, energy, mechanics and materials science.

Located just 20 minutes from central Paris, ENPC provides a high-quality academic environment on a highly international campus with a vibrant student life.

Thanks to its human-scale approach, ENPC allows students to personalize their curriculum and provides international students with a top-tier welcome desk, certified by the 3-star "Bienvenue en France" label. From pre-arrival to settling in, students receive personalized support, including practical guidance and assistance with social security registration, ensuring a hassle-free mobility experience. Bonus: guaranteed housing in one of our residences.



Useful Links

- [More info about ENPC](#)
- [Services to international students](#)
- [Welcome Guide](#)



Academic & Language Support

Academic calendar

Fall semester :
End-August to End-January

Spring semester :
Early-February to Mid-June

Study load

Full time : 30 ECTS
Minimum : 20 ECTS

50% ECTS to be chosen in
the department of
admission

Language Proficiency

French (A2 to B2) Required
for French-taught programs,
depending on the program
and the home country

English (B2) Required for
English-taught programs

Language Support

**French as a Foreign
Language (FLE)**
courses available

Label FLE Quality
Maximum level



Essential Facts & Figures

1650

Students

40%

International

6

Academic departments
in MSc of Engineering

5

Full English
programmes



12

Laboratories

500

Researchers

1/5

Ratio Lecturers/Students

Housing Options

2 residences 100m from ENPC



1 residence in Paris center



[More information](#)

Your first days at ENPC

In August, before program start, an orientation week is offered to all international students. Main activities are : visit of the campus, presentations on sports activities, information systems and students' life, dinner with international students who joined ENPC 1 or 2 years ago ...

In February, incoming students benefit from a visit of the campus and a meeting with all the necessary information

Living expenses

Accommodation

€400-€650/month
in our residences next to
the Campus or in Paris

Transportation

Navigo pass €88/month
€37/month with student
discount

Food

€200-€300/month for
groceries
Campus meals cost €4-5

Coffee

€2-4 per cup in a café
<€1 on campus

Health insurance

Free through French
Social Security
Complementary coverage
starts at €14.60/month

Other costs

Mobile plans range
from €10-30/month

Total Budget

€850/month as a minimum, largely determined by
accommodation costs

For more information on cost
of living in France, click [here](#)

Social & Extracurricular Activities

ENPC offers a wide variety of student associations and clubs that allow students to engage in cultural, leisure and sports activities. More information on student associations and clubs can be obtained during the Club Fair, organized in early September.

[More information on students' life](#)

[More information on sports activities](#)

[Students' associations and clubs at ENPC](#)

