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CATHOLICA
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INSTITUT CATHOLIQUE DE PARIS

FACT SHEET 2026-2027

PRESENTATION

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 **12,000 students, 13% 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**.

OUR CAMPUS: MODERN FACILITIES IN A SPIRIT OF TRADITION

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COURSE SELECTION

Exchange students may choose modules from **one faculty only**.

The maximum study load per semester is **30 ECTS**. For each ECTS credit, students should expect to complete approximately 25 to 30 hours of work.

Most courses at ICP are taught in French. You can consult the French course catalogue here:

<https://en.icp.fr/programs/course-catalog-1>

ICP also offers courses in English that are open to exchange students within the Faculty of Liberal Arts and the Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Law.

The English-taught course catalogue is available here: <https://en.icp.fr/programs/english-taught-courses>

Please note that the Faculty of Theology, the Faculty of Canon Law, the Faculty of Philosophy, and the Faculty of Education and Training offer courses **in French only**.

Master's-level courses are available exclusively to students who are enrolled in a master's programme at their home university

NOMINATION DEADLINES

Fall

15th May

Spring

1st October

STUDENT APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall

15th June

Spring

1st November

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 B2 level in French 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>

Application materials for students

- 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:

- Three orientation days 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 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://en.icp.fr/campus-life/housing> or contact Christophe FARGES at: c.farges@icp.fr

SEMESTER PERIODS

Three Orientation Days are held during the first week of the Fall and the Spring semesters.

Attendance is mandatory to help exchange students integrate smoothly on campus.

Semester 1 (Fall 2026)	Semester 2 (Spring 2027)
The semester runs from mid-September to mid-December with one week off for the All Saints' break. Students studying at ICP should plan to be on campus for the Fall Semester exam period in December. The re-sit exam period is in June.	The semester runs from beginning 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:

French grading scale	Letter Grade (Anglo-Saxon system)	GPA score
14-20	A	4
13-13,9	A-	3,7
12-12.9	B+	3,33
11-11.9	B	3
10.5-10.9	B-	2.7
10-10.4	C+	2,33
10	C	2
9-9.9	C-	1,7
8-8.9	D	1
0-7.9	E or F (fail)	0

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:

Number of course hours	Number of ECTS Credits
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**. Each student with a disability will meet with the nurse and the disability coordinator of the relevant faculty to discuss the accommodations and academic support they require. For more information, please contact the International Affairs Office and visit: <https://en.icp.fr/programs/exchange-mobility/disability-and-accessibility-on-campus>.

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): 90,80 €/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

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