

## / QUALITY OPENINGS

Students from the *École normale supérieure*, whether they are *élèves* or *étudiants*, are called upon to occupy **high-level positions**.

More than 80% of ENS' students prepare a Ph.D. after they have graduated.

They have numerous academic openings: researchers, professors at the university or in *classes préparatoires*, in France or abroad; they also have non academic career possibilities: researchers or managers in companies or start-ups, high-ranking civil servants, international institutions workers, members of the diplomatic corps.



The ENS is a member of Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University (PSL), a research university built up as a federation of high-class research institutions, which shares common practices and values: the place occupied by research and essential role in training, and the opening to challenges and innovation. PSL offers privileged training possibilities for ENS students in the most various fields.



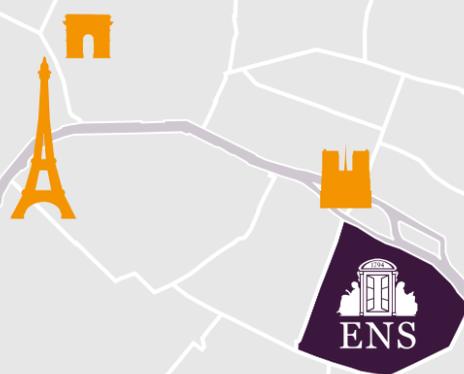
## / PREPARING THE ENS DIPLOMA: HOW TO BECOME A NORMALIEN ÉTUDIANT



## / EXCEPTIONAL LIVING CONDITIONS

Located in the Quartier latin, the ENS gives its students exceptional living conditions. Its libraries are in open-access, as the numerous conferences it hosts, on very diverse subjects, and thus making the ENS one of France's core intellectual centers.

Unlike the *normaliens élèves*, admitted after a competitive examination, the *normaliens étudiants* do not have the status of civil servants. Thus they are neither remunerated nor subjected to the ten-year commitment (*engagement décennal*) as their fellow *élèves* are, but they have exactly the same training.



### In Paris, at the heart of the Quartier latin

Around the ENS are gathered some prestigious teaching and research institutions and numerous culture and sports equipments.



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### / THE ENS COMMUNITY

ENS recruits each year:

**194** NORMALIENS ÉLÈVES THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

**30** NORMALIENS THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL SELECTION

**120** NORMALIENS ÉTUDIANTS



### / THE DIRECTOR'S WORD

With a strong identity, a large national prestige and an indisputable international reputation, the *École normale supérieure* gathers about **2,500 students in humanities and science**.

Its contribution to scientific excellence and French intellectual life is considerable. ENS is a French *grande école* which provides a training based on research and turned towards innovation and creativity. While conversing with your *tuteur* and teachers, you will be able to build your academic path with a great intellectual freedom. At the end of your studies, you will have a wide array of professional opportunities: administration and public service, companies, teaching and of course research.

ENS' course offer is quite diverse, thanks to its partnerships with universities and Parisian institutions, and more specifically with our partners within PSL Research University.

You will benefit from a stimulating, multidisciplinary environment; you will be in contact with 1,500 researchers and 35 laboratories of international reputation, whose works are at the pinnacle of global research.

Housing at the heart of Paris, mixing together humanists and scientists, allows a more enriching cultural and associative life. The *École normale supérieure* is the place where you will be able to quench your thirst for knowledge and make your creativity bloom.

Marc Mézard

### / SOUGHT AFTER PROFILES

#### Excellent students in a specific field

The École's departments select students, basing themselves upon their skills on a specific field. They will be able to further study in their field of predilection while discovering other subjects.

Each department organizes the selection process, through selections of the application files and oral evaluations aiming at testing their skills and motivations. Every year the Executive board decides about the numerous clauses. In 2015, **120 students will be admitted** (65 in Sciences and 55 in Humanities).



#### The 15 departments of ENS

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Cognitives Sciences
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Theoretical and Applied Mathematics
- Physics
- Geosciences
- History
- Art History and Theory
- Geography
- Literature and Languages
- Philosophy
- Classics
- Social Sciences

### / TRAINING THROUGH RESEARCH

**An individual-tailored training**, turned toward the international, anchored in research teams and supervised by *tuteurs*, ie referent professors.

**A very large freedom of choice**: students choose the courses they want to assist to and build their own paths for the *Diplôme de l'École normale supérieure*. Each year they establish training programs with their *tuteurs*, who are their referent professors from the ENS community.

**A wide array of courses**, within the 15 of ENS.

**Numerous foreign languages are taught, among them some rare languages**: Arabic, Bambara, Chinese, Danish, English, French Sign Language, German, Modern Hebrew, Hindi, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, and Yiddish.

Science students imperatively have to complete an internship, on the second semester: during the first year of Master this internship should take place abroad; and during the second year of Master it should take place in France. It can be completed with one or more short-time internships during the last year of the Bachelor.

**A Medicine & Science program**, offering a mixed medical and scientific training of the highest-level.

### / THE DIPLÔME DE L'ENS

Admitted students are trained for three years with their fellow *élèves*, so that they receive the *Diplôme de l'École*. During the last year, students prepare a Master program at the ENS or with a partner institution.

**27** CNRS Gold Medal winners

**10** Fields Medal recipients

**12** Nobel Prize laureates

**1500** researchers

**35** research units



### / INTERNATIONAL OPENING

The ENS welcomes many foreign students who enrich the institution with their different points of view.

There are two possibilities to go abroad:

- **Completing a research residency in one of the best world universities**, thanks to an ERASMUS exchange program or a bilateral agreement.
- **Being a French language assistant in a renowned university**, ie teaching French to advanced foreign students.



**8<sup>th</sup>** BEST UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD \*

**1<sup>st</sup>** BEST FRENCH UNIVERSITY \*

**2500** STUDENTS

**320** FOREIGN STUDENTS

\* Shanghai ranking (Performance of alumni)