

Exams

In Arts and Humanities, what are the tests?

The 3 written tests are:

- study of documents (4h)
- test in your major (4h)

For those 2 written tests, the candidate can choose French or English.

- French language test (4h). Must be written in French

Oral tests are:

- test in your discipline: questions /commentary of a document in the subject chosen (preparation 1h, test 30 minutes). The candidate chooses to speak in French or English.
- interview: presentation of your background and project, both academic and professional (the jury speaks in French only. The candidate speaks either English or French).

Previous years tests on: <http://www.ens.fr/admission/selection-internationale/rapports-et-sujets-78/?lang=en>

In Sciences, what are the tests?

The 2 written tests are:

- exercises in your major (3h)
- exercises in your minor (2h)

Candidates must write either in French or in English.

The 2 oral tests are:

- exercises in your major (preparation 15 minutes, test 1h)
- exercises in your minor (no preparation, test 45 minutes)

Exercises are both in French and in English. The candidate chooses to answer either in French or in English.

Previous years tests on: <http://www.ens.fr/admission/selection-internationale/rapports-et-sujets-78/?lang=en>

For short listed candidates in Arts and Humanities, what happens in the interview?

During the interview, the candidates must introduce themselves for a maximum of 10 minutes to present their background and academic and professional projects.

Then the jury asks them questions for 10 minutes.

Am I allowed to use a dictionary or any document during the tests?

Any personal document is forbidden.

In Humanities, no dictionary is allowed.

In Sciences, the candidate can bring and use a dictionary French/mother tongue/French or English/mother tongue/English.

Am I allowed to use a calculator?

Using a calculator is not allowed.

Who are the jury members?

Jury members are French or foreign teachers, teaching at ENS or in any other university. The jury list is displayed on the ENS' Website at the beginning of the tests.