Study in an exchange program at Sorbonne Nouvelle
The University was founded in 1971, from the former University of Paris.

The Quarter Latin is the intellectual heart of Paris, it is located on the left bank of the river Seine.

The Nation-Picpus district is urban and dynamic, and surrounded by Haussmanian buildings.

The University Library contains over 14,000 titles.

The Honor Court of La Sorbonne displays historical statues.

Some facts

16,649 students

32 online programmes

11 international diplomas

70+ cooperation agreements, including 328 Erasmus agreements

70+ Undergraduate Major-Minor combinations

4,655 international students

49 research fields at master level
THE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Faculties and departments

Facility of Arts & Media (UFR Arts et Médias):
- Film and Audio-visual Studies (Cinéma et Audio-Visuel)
- Theater Studies (Institut d’Études Théâtrales)
- Communication and Media Studies (Institut de la Communication et des Médias)
- Arts and management of cultural projects (Médiation Culturelle)

Facility of Foreign Languages, Literatures, Civilizations and Societies (UFR Langues, Littératures, Civilisations et Sociétés Étrangères):
- Arabic, Hebrew, Indian and Iranian Studies (Études Orientales)
- German Studies (Études germaniques)
- Iberian and Latin-American Studies (Études Ibériques et Latino-Américaines)
- European Studies (Institut d’études européennes)
- Applied Languages (Langues étrangères appliquées)
- English and American Studies (Monde anglophone)

Facility of Literature, Linguistics and Didactics (UFR Littérature, Linguistique et Didactique):
- Teaching of French as a Foreign Language (Didactique du Français Langue Étrangère)
- Institute for general and applied Linguistics and Phonetics (Institut de Linguistique et Phonétique Générale et Appliquée)
- French and Latin literature and linguistics (Littérature et Linguistique Françaises et Latines)
- Comparative Literature (Littérature Générale et Comparée)

School of Translation and Interpreting Studies (École Supérieure des Interprètes et des Traducteurs - ESIT)
- Institute of Latin American Studies (Institut des Hautes Études de l’Amérique Latine - IHEAL)
- Lifelong learning services (Service de la formation continue - SFC)
- E-learning (Enseignement à distance - ENEAD)
- Office of Interdisciplinary Teaching (Bureau des Enseignements Transversaux - BET)
Your exchange at Sorbonne Nouvelle

Key dates per semester*:

**Fall Semester**
- mid-February to mid-May: Application
- early September: Arrival at Paris
- early September: Orientation
- mid-September: Beginning of classes
- mid-December: End of classes
- mid-December or early January: Exams
- February: Exam results

**Spring Semester**
- mid-September to mid-November: Application
- early January: Arrival at Paris
- early January: Orientation
- mid-January: Beginning of classes
- end of April: End of classes
- end of April: Exams
- July: Exam results

* Dates subject to change depending on the year
Academic Calendar*

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Your classes

Required level in French: B1 minimum (CEFRL)
- **International exchange programme**: you can register for up to 15 classes in 1 to 3 departments, depending on available places
- **Erasmus exchange programme**: you must establish your learning agreement according to your department of studies
- **International Diploma**: you must follow the course list for your diploma

To validate your semester you must obtain a minimum of 10/20 for each class.

Classes either take place as lectures (CM) in lecture halls, or tutorials (TD) in small groups of students.

Culture, Methodology and French classes are offered to exchange students who wish to improve their French.
Buddy System

The International office (DAI) implemented a buddy system to help exchange students at Sorbonne Nouvelle, and ease their integration. Your mentor will be another student from the university and will show you around, introduce you to new people and speak French on a daily basis.

Register online on the Buddy System platform and meet new students!

Activities offered by the International office (DAI)

The DAI will welcome you during the orientation meeting. On that day, you will receive your student card and all the information needed for the start of your mobility.

You wish to learn more about some districts in Paris and their history? We offer various guided visits upon registration.

The DAI invites you, to several events such as game nights, a «galette des rois» or «crêpes» tasting, international nights where you can learn more about other cultures, and much more.
Living in Paris

In a student residence offered by the OIA:
• Room with single bed, kitchenette, shower, toilet, desk and storage space
  Secured access to the residence with (welcome) desk
• Laundry room, bike storage room, study room and common room
Rent: from 304€ to 535€, all utilities included (water, electricity and internet)

• Applications:
  ➤ Arrival for the 1st/Fall semester: end of April to end of May
  ➤ Arrival for the 2nd/Spring semester: mid-October to mid-November

On your own:
• At la Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris (CIUP)
• In a private student residence
• In a student hall of residence: Non-religious hall/Religious hall
• Through a real estate agency: alone in a studio/apartment or with housemates
• In homestay

Budget

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<td>across Europe with a low-cost company (Ryanair, EasyJet, Vueling, etc.)</td>
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Useful information

**Student job**
- Maximum of 20 hours per week
- Minimum wages: 10.25€ an hour (before tax) «student» residence permit
- (VLS-TS) needed for non-European students

**Health**
You are from a European country: make sure to bring your European Health Insurance Card.
You are from a country outside of the European Union: subscribe without any cost to the French Social Security («sécurité sociale»). You are from Quebec: ask for your RAM-Q specific agreement form.

**Public transportation**
- imagin’R card for students under 26 years old
- pass Navigo for the others

**Bank account**
It is highly encouraged to open a French bank account to rent a place, work in France, get your medical refunds.

**Phone and Internet**
There are a lot of operators, such as Orange, Bouygues Telecom, Free and SFR.

What to do in Paris and its area?

Take a walk in one of the city’s famous parcs, like jardins du Luxembourg, parc des Buttes-Chaumont, Cité Universitaire, etc.

Visit national museums, which are free for students under the age of 26, such as the Louvre, Orsay, Rodin, and Quai Branly.

Enjoy a movie, a play or even an opera with attractive tickets.

Have a coffee or a drink after class, dance on the Quai de Seine with some friends.

Go on a tour to discover Versailles Palace, Claude Monet’s house, the D-Day beaches in Normandy, the Mont Saint-Michel, and more.
Testimonies

**Jhonathan, 27 y.o. - Università degli studi internazionali di Roma - UNINT**

**Why did you choose to study at Sorbonne Nouvelle?**
I wanted to learn more about the French language and academic and cultural environment.

**Tell us more about your experience in Paris and in France in general**
I thought that the city of Paris is a unique and very interesting place, with a diverse cultural offer, and its inhabitants were respectful. I had some trouble getting around the city, especially at the beginning of the last month of my program because of the long public transportation strike. I had the chance to go to Grenoble and I really enjoyed the beauty of the city, its mountains and its high speed railroad network.

**Which tips could you give another exchange student who would like to study at Sorbonne Nouvelle?**
I highly encourage the students who wish to study here to be spontaneous, ask for help when they need it and meet new people. You have to be well organized with your classes and your schedule before you arrive there.

**Ana, 24 y.o. - University of Bucharest (Roumanie)**

**Why did you choose to study at La Sorbonne Nouvelle?**
Studying at Sorbonne Nouvelle was a dream come true thanks to the Erasmus + program. I chose this university for several reasons: I wanted to learn more about the French communication and media, meet new friends, improve my French level and experience how people live in Paris.

**Could you tell us more about your experience at the university?**
The orientation was very informative and we were given several guides that were really helpful during my stay (cultural activities, sports, libraries, student services, etc). The classes designed for exchange students allowed me to better understand the French educational system, its expectations, but also to develop my linguistic skills, and to learn more about the different cultures represented by the other exchange students. The French grading system, the schedule, the way classes are organized, the lectures and exams differ from my home institution, but it forced me to adapt, persevere and become more flexible.

**What has this experience brought you?**
It introduced me to new people, to new ways of thinking, to learn new things in my field of study, and also made me want to come back to Paris. Therefore, after defending my thesis at my home university, I came back to Paris and I wish to keep growing here professionally.
FAQ

Do I have to pay if I want to study at Sorbonne Nouvelle?
No, it is completely free for exchange students, except if you are in an International Diploma (ask your home institution for more details). You will have full access to your classes, the Health insurance, the Library and other university activities (sports, workshops, etc).

How many classes can I choose for one semester?
Exchange students can choose classes («Unités d’enseignement : UE») in 1 to 3 departments of study. Average of ECTS per semestre = 30. International Diploma students have to follow the classes of their degree. 1 UE = between 1h30 and 4h / week 1 UE = between 2 and 6 ECTS credits

Arriving at the university
You must come to the university on your own. At the beginning of each semester, there is an orientation meeting to welcome all the incoming exchange students and to provide them with all the information needed on their class registration and the university.

Am I entitled to a student dorm as an exchange student?
You can apply for one through the housing service of the DAI. Depending on the availability, you could be offered a room in a student residence.

How do my exams take place?
Exams are different with each instructor and subject/topic/class. You could be asked to take a written assignment at the end of the semester, or during the lengthy examinations period. There is also a resit session in June if you did not pass/your exam.
Do you have any additional questions?
Contact the Office of International Affairs today!

- International exchange program: mobilite.internationale@sorbonne.fr
- Erasmus+ exchange program: erasmus-incoming@sorbonne-nouvelle.fr
- International Diplomas: diplomes-internationaux@sorbonne-nouvelle.fr
- Housing: logement.international@sorbonne-nouvelle.fr