Established in 1894, the École Nationale Supérieure de Chimie (ENSCL) is a public institution authorized by the French Ministry of Education to award the diplôme d’ingénieur ENSCL, a degree recognized by the French National Commission on Engineering degrees. ENSCL enrolls 353 students in a five-year program consisting of two years of preparatory studies and a three-year engineering curriculum. Both a teaching and research institution, ENSCL is a member of the Fédération Gay-Lussac, a network of French schools of chemistry and chemical engineering. The curriculum includes internships and opportunities to study abroad at a cooperating university (under the Socrates-Erasmus program).

Major fields of study
Engineering program: The objective of the curriculum is to train engineers with solid knowledge of chemistry and physical chemistry, as well as chemical engineering and other engineering sciences. Courses in economics and management, lectures, visits to manufacturing sites, internships, and a project typically carried out in an industrial setting—all enable students to gain a broader understanding of their future roles as engineers. Among ENSCL’s strong points are metallurgy, solid state chemistry, and chemical engineering. The school places special emphasis on language learning—particularly English, German, and Japanese.

Research
Associated with ENSCL are 4 CNRS-affiliated laboratories employing more than 250 research staff. Major research topics are chemistry of crystals, physicochemistry of solids, catalysis, organic and macromolecular chemistry, analytical chemistry, kinetics and the chemistry of combustion, air pollution, automation and chemical engineering, physical metallurgy, formalional chemistry, and drug design.

Strengths
ENSCL offers a two-year international preparatory course (CPI CHEM.I.ST). International students, who have earned a diploma that confers entry into higher education in their home country, may enroll in international preparatory classes at ENSCL while doing remedial work in science and improving their French. Small-group instruction is emphasized for students in the CHEM.I.ST program. A month-long course in intensive French is offered to international students in March.

Location
ENSCL is located on the campus of the Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille. Just 11 km from Lille, the university town of Villeneuve d’Ascq has a population of more than 68,000 and offers a quality of life that appeals to the young and enterprising.