Founded in 1912, École normale supérieure Paris-Saclay (ENS Paris-Saclay) is a leading institution for interdisciplinary graduate education and research. It trains future university instructors and researchers, with an emphasis on applied sciences. A significant proportion of its graduates also pursue civil service careers or join major French state-owned corporations in the fields of research & education, engineering or management.

ENS Paris-Saclay recruits more than half of its students through highly selective national competitive examinations. Upon admission, they become probationary civil servants, usually called “normalien” and receive a monthly stipend. Other students are also admitted through an extremely rigorous selection process.

The disciplines taught at ENS Paris-Saclay’s 12 departments of study and 13 research units cover three broad fields: fundamental sciences, engineering sciences and humanities and social sciences. ENS Paris-Saclay welcomes around 2000 students (including 300 PhD students) and 500 employees (300 academic staff and 200 support staff).

As a founding member of Université Paris-Saclay, ENS Paris-Saclay also has close ties with the other 13 prestigious members of this institution which totalizes 60,000 students and represents 13% of all French public research.

ENS Paris-Saclay has a strong international dimension, as reflected on the academic level by agreements with more than 100 partners abroad, and on the research level by agreements with more than 100 partners abroad, and on the research level by extensive participation in European and international projects.

◆ RESEARCH

Fundamental sciences labs:
- Centre for Mathematics Studies and their Applications (CMLA)
- Specification and Verification Laboratory (LSV)
- Laboratory of Biology and Applied Pharmacology (LBPA)
- Laboratory Aimé Cotton (LAC)
- Quantum and Molecular Photonics Laboratory (LQM)
- Supramolecular and Macromolecular Photophysics and Photochemistry (PPSM)

Engineering sciences labs:
- Systems and Applications of Information and Energy Technologies (SATIE)
- Laboratory of Mechanics and Technology (LMT)
- Automated Production Research Laboratory (LURPA)

Humanities and social sciences labs:
- Institute for Political Social Sciences (ISP)
- Institutions and Historical Dynamics of Economics and Society (IDHES)
- Sorbonne-Cachan Economics Center (CREST)
- Research Center for Design (CRD)

Interdisciplinary research institutes:
- D’Alembert Institute
- Farman Institute
- Maison des Sciences de l’Homme Paris-Saclay

◆ STRENGTHS

High level of training and research, an extremely selective admission policy, close mentoring of students. More than 70% of graduates proceed to a PhD program. ENS Paris-Saclay's multidisciplinary academic program are characterized by close links between teaching and high-level research. Strong international partnerships.

◆ LOCATION

ENS Paris-Saclay is located in Cachan (94), in the South of the greater Paris area. In 2020, the school will move to the Paris-Saclay Campus (30km South-West of Paris).

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