The Université de Paris 8 Vincennes – Saint-Denis is the successor to the Centre Universitaire Expérimental de Vincennes and the intellectual and pedagogical excitement that followed May 1968. Inspired by the ideal of universal access to learning, the university strives to create and disseminate knowledge and critical thinking about the contemporary world. The reputation of Paris 8 is also tied to the international renown of many members of its faculty over the years, including Hélène Cixous, François Châtelet, Jean-François Lyotard, Michel Foucault, Gilles Deleuze, Serge Leclaire, Madeleine Rebérioux, Robert Castel, Michel Deguy, and Jean-Pierre Miquel, among many others. Operating in Saint-Denis since 1980, Paris 8 is the choice of students from throughout the world. The university and its faculty and staff adhere steadfastly to the principle that access to knowledge is a universal right and contributes to a more just and humane society.

**MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY**

The university’s vast array of educational offerings is divided into six broad multidisciplinary fields:

- Arts: Theater, dance, music, film, plastic arts, photography, and imaging arts and technologies. Paris 8 is the only university in France that offers degree programs in every artistic discipline, from the licence through the doctoral level.
- Humanities and social sciences: Paris 8 is one of France’s most highly regarded institutions in the humanities and social sciences—sociology, history, geography, education, political science, language sciences, psychology, psychoanalysis, and more.
- Geopolitics and European studies: Paris 8 is home to two prestigious institutes in the field of geopolitical and international studies: the Institut d’Etudes Européennes (IEE, institute of European studies) and the Institut Français de Géopolitique (IFG, French geopolitical institute).
- Literature and languages: French and comparative literature, sign language, languages and cultures.
- Sciences, technology, health: A full set of degree programs featuring the most advanced technology (artificial intelligence, robotics and embedded systems, hypermedia).
- Culture and communication: General and specialized programs in media, cultural industries, and digital publishing.
- Law, economics, and management: Paris 8 offers a full set of degree programs in law, economics, and management.

**RESEARCH**

The quality of its faculty and students, its interdisciplinary character, its openness to the contemporary world, its many international partnerships in education and research, and its relations with its social, economic, cultural, and professional environmental factors make Paris 8 an exceptional center for teaching and research in the service of thought and action. A space where knowledge is produced and spread, Paris 8 offers its students ample opportunities to learn research by doing research and by contributing to active research efforts. The degree programs of Paris 8 are underpinned by the activities of 35 research teams, 7 of which are affiliated with the CNRS. The university’s research teams are organized into 4 doctoral departments.

**STRENGTHS**

- 200 cooperative agreements and many joint doctoral dissertations
- an array of services for international students, including assistance in finding housing, internships, and instruction in French as a foreign language, as well as assistance in securing grants and other financial assistance for students interested in academic mobility

**IDENTITY FORM**

- Precise name of the institution: Université Paris 8 (Vincennes Saint-Denis)
- Type of institution: Public
- City where the main campus is located: Paris (St Denis)
- Number of students: 22,000
- Percentage or number of international students: 30%
- Type and level of qualifications awarded: LMD - institution-specific degrees, French language courses
- Programs for international students: No
- Programs in English: Yes - Depends on program
- Registration fees/year (for information only): from 179 euros to 564 euros (approximately)
- Postal address: 2, rue de la Liberté - 93 526 Saint-Denis