

Inalco

Fact Sheet – 2026 / 2027

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER	<u>Orientation day</u>: September 16th, 2026 <u>Classes</u>: September 21st to December 18th, 2026 <u>Exam period</u>: January 4th to 20th, 2027 <u>Resit session</u>: June 21st to July 2nd, 2027
SPRING SEMESTER (Dates TBC)	<u>Orientation day</u>: January 22nd, 2027 <u>Classes</u>: January 25th to May 7th, 2027 <u>Exam period</u>: May 10th to May 27th, 2027 <u>Resit session</u>: June 21st to July 2nd, 2027

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PERIODS	FALL & SPRING SEMESTER: - Nomination: March 2nd – March 31st, 2026 - Application: April 6th – April 30th, 2026 A second campaign <i>may</i> be organized at the following dates if necessary - Nomination: September 7th – October 4th, 2026 - Application: October 5th – November 1st, 2026
NOMINATION PROCESS	Partner universities will receive a short online nomination form to be filled out once per nominated student.
APPLICATION PROCESS	Nominated students will receive instructions on how to apply by e-mail. They will have to submit an online application form with an ID photo, a photocopy of their passport/national ID and a French language test or certificate (see below for further details). <u>Additional documents for students interested in taking courses from Inalco's Professional Tracks (minimum French proficiency required: C1)</u> - CV (written in French or in English) - Cover Letter (written in French) - English language test/certificate (minimum B2)

COURSES

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT COURSES

Exchange students can select courses from **four different categories**, according to their individual needs and French proficiency level. Please note that **all courses are taught in French**.

Language and Civilisation courses – French B1 level achieved

These courses refer to teaching in language-area studies. Please note that:

- Korean studies department – all courses are closed to exchange students
- Japanese studies department
 - Courses from the 1st year of bachelor degree are closed
 - Students wishing to take courses from the 2nd year of Bachelor degree must have a JLPT N3 with a minimum grade of 120/180
 - Students wishing to take courses from the 3rd year of Bachelor degree must have a JLPT N2
- Russian, Arabic and Chinese studies departments – Full beginner classes are closed to exchange students. Students wishing to take courses from these departments must attest that they previously studied the language for about 200 hours.

Thematic and Disciplinary courses – French B1/B2 level achieved

Exchange students with at least an intermediate level in French (B2 recommended) can enrol in courses which focus on examining phenomena through a cross-national lens.

- Anthropology
- World art
- Global political issues
- Environment
- Gender and sexuality in the world
- Connected world history
- Linguistics
- Literature, arts and translation
- Orality
- Philosophies from elsewhere
- Religion Violence, migration, memory

Please note that access to Inalco's thematic and disciplinary courses is subject to final approval by the teachers. Students should therefore confirm their admission to the course with the teachers during the first week of classes.

Professional Track courses – French C1 level achieved (+B2 in English)

- International Trade
- International Relations
- Intercultural Communication
- Language Didactics
- Texts, Informatics and Multilingualism

Please note that access to Inalco's Professional Track courses is competitive and subject to final approval from an admission committee. Furthermore, Inalco's Professional Track courses is only available for students staying one entire academic year (from September to July)

French Language courses (Inal'FLE) – no minimum, full beginners accepted

Inalco offers French as a Foreign Language courses. All proficiency levels are available from A1 (full beginner) to C1 (advanced).

*Please note that a French language test will be sent to **all** incoming students before their arrival at Inalco, regardless of the courses they decide to take. Its results will determine the group level to which the student will be registered at Inalco, regardless of other results from DELF/DALF exams.*

TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts will be sent to students by e-mail 3 weeks after the end of the exchange program.

- A full semester workload is 30 ECTS.
- The grades scale ranges from 0 to 20, 10 being the minimum grade to pass a module.

ACCEPTED LANGUAGE TESTS

- DELF/DALF
- TCF
- Certificate issued by your home university stating your level of French and/or English language

HOUSING

Inalco works with external residences (CIUP/CROUS/ALJT), located within the Paris city limits, to provide exchange students with student housing. Prices range from €500 to €800 (approximately), or about half of the average price of housing on the private market. **However, please note that housing cannot be guaranteed, especially for the Fall semester.**

Students wishing to apply for one of these residences **must include this information in their online application form.**

COST OF LIVING

Taking into account food, accommodation, transport, leisure, etc. the cost of living in France can be high, especially in Paris. Each student's budget depends highly on their lifestyle, however the **average estimated monthly budget is 900€ - 1500€.**

HEALTH INSURANCE

EU students: EU students must get a valid **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)**, covering them during their whole stay in France. For a full coverage, it is recommended to subscribe to **additional health insurance.**

Non-EU students:

- Non-EU students **must get, before departure, an international health insurance** covering them during their whole stay in France.
- In addition to this international health insurance, it is highly recommended to register to the **French Social Security** (free of charge): <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/>

VISA

- **EU students** do not need a visa.
- **Non-EU students** will have to apply for a visa: please contact the nearest French Embassy or Consulate to get all the corresponding details.

More information: <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/the-different-types-of-visas>

