



**CENTRALE
LYON**

FACT SHEET 2026-2027

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✧ EXCHANGE APPLICATION ✧	
Academic calendar	Autumn semester: September 1, 2026 – January 30, 2027* Spring semester: February 2, 2027 – June 26, 2027* <i>* dates to be confirmed</i>
Arrival Day	August 24, 2026*: Double Degree + “3 rd Year” exchange January 28, 2027*: “Semester 8” exchange <i>* dates to be confirmed</i>
Application Procedure	Complete the online application form (MobilityOnline). Documents to be enclosed with the application are: - Resume (CV) - Official nomination from your university - Photo ID - Transcripts (since you entered higher education) - Proof of French language competency - Proof of English language competency - Scientific reference letters (one at least) - Copy of the passport End of April, application forms will be examined by the selection committee. Double Degree students are not concerned when they have already been selected in their home countries by the jury of the Group of Ecoles Centrales (Brazil, Chili, China, Germany, Mexico, Japan). However, these students must still complete their online application form via MobilityOnline. In May, applicants will receive the outcome of the commission. Prospective exchange students applying for the full year exchange or for an academic semester exchange must either have an academic Bachelor degree or they must have at least 180 ECTS credits prior to their exchange application. Exceptions to this rule must be dealt with prior to applications between the home and host institutions.
Application deadlines	Double degree, ‘3rd year’ exchanges ➤ Application deadline: September 22 / October 09, 2026 (12:00 UTC +1) ➤ CEU: ≈ November 2026 ‘Semester 8’ exchange ➤ Nomination by the original University: until: October 9, 2026 ➤ Deadline for file submission: September 22 / October 09, 2026 (12:00 UTC +1) ➤ CEU: ≈ November 2026 Application forms and further information: http://www.ec-lyon.fr/, select « International »
✧ ACADEMIC INFORMATION ✧	
Language of instruction	French – a few English courses are available (please consult the curriculum). A good knowledge and skills in French language are required to successfully pursue the studies at ECL (at least a “B1 level” of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages [CEFRL]).
French language courses	French language courses are included in all the study programmes. Double degree students must pass a minimum of “B2 level” by the end of their stay at ECL. To get the French “Diplôme d’Ingénieur”, every student must reach a minimum of: - 590 for the TOEFL (ITP and PBT) exam

English language	- 96 for the TOEFL IBT exam - 825 for the TOEIC Listening and reading exam - 7 for the IELTS exam - 173 for the Cambridge certifications exam - 120 for the Duolingo English Test ➔ Every double degree student must have a minimum background in English: no beginners' English courses are available in the study programmes.																												
Grading system	ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) Workload of a full-time student: • 30 ECTS per semester • 60 ECTS per academic year Depending on the course, 1 ECTS corresponds to about 30 hours of work; half of them spent in-class. The scale is from A ≥ 14 excellent to F < 10 Fail. The grades are from 0 to 20, 10 being the pass mark. The lowest passing grade is 8, if the Jury validates it. In Ecole Centrale de Lyon, grade 20 is extremely rare. Grades 15-20 rare. 14 and up are excellent. Our institutional grading is explained below: <table><tr><th>Evaluation</th><th>Note/20</th><th>Pourcentage d'élèves ayant validés l'activité</th><th>Signification</th></tr><tr><td>A</td><td>>14</td><td>10</td><td>Excellent</td></tr><tr><td>B</td><td>≥ 12 et < 14</td><td>25</td><td>Very Good</td></tr><tr><td>C</td><td>≥ 11 et < 12</td><td>35</td><td>Good</td></tr><tr><td>D</td><td>≥ 10 et < 11</td><td>30</td><td>Satisfactory</td></tr><tr><td>J</td><td>-</td><td></td><td>Validated by the Jury</td></tr><tr><td>F</td><td>< 10</td><td></td><td>Fail</td></tr></table>	Evaluation	Note/20	Pourcentage d'élèves ayant validés l'activité	Signification	A	>14	10	Excellent	B	≥ 12 et < 14	25	Very Good	C	≥ 11 et < 12	35	Good	D	≥ 10 et < 11	30	Satisfactory	J	-		Validated by the Jury	F	< 10		Fail
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General Engineering training	General syllabus at ECL is composed of: - A compulsory core syllabus of 3 semesters (common core): Mathematics, Electrical Energy and Systems Control, Computer Science, Information Science and Engineering, Solids Mechanics and Structures, Mechanical Engineering, Fluids and Energy, Materials Engineering, Physics and Chemistry of Matter, Human and social Sciences, Languages, professional Unit (ex. study Projects, Sports) + 1 month internship in a company, working as a blue-collar worker in the first year or a three-month internship in a company in the second year. After completing the 3 semester core programme, students create their own optional course, depending on their preferences and their career plan: - 1 semester of transition (semester 8): for starting to specialize (elective courses) + 3 months internship in a laboratory or in a company, working as an engineer. - 2 semesters to focus on two areas - sectorial and functional (3rd year): 7 “Options” (sectorial electives) and 6 “Métiers” (functional electives), completed by a 5 to 6 month final year internship in a laboratory or in a company achieving a project as an engineer. This internship is concluded by a written thesis and an oral defence.																												
Incoming students	Depending on the Agreement between ECL and the home institution, students will be allowed to follow: - Semester 8 - 3rd year (Semester 9 and 10) [+ possibly a Master Degree] - Double-Degree (1st and 2nd year or 2nd and 3rd year or hybride) - Certificate in Research Training (1 year in an ECL research laboratory) - Certificate for credits (One or two semesters) - Accelerated Engineering Degree Programme Further information: http://www.ec-lyon.fr/, select « International »																												
⌘ STUDENTS' LIFE ⌘																													

Accommodation	The 10 hectares residential area on the campus includes 2 dorms: - The residence Paul Comparat, which is run by the School itself with rooms (13 m²) include a bathroom and a shared-kitchen for 16 rooms. Approximate rent per month: 350€* - The residence ADOMA, (private residence) with studios include a bathroom and a kitchenette (18 m²). Approximate rent per month: 478,18€* Further information: http://www.ec-lyon.fr/, select « Campus/Hébergement » <i>* Price may vary</i> We try to guarantee accommodation for all incoming Double Degree students who wish to live on campus. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee the same for students coming for one or two semesters. For your information, we work with Nomad Campus: https://nomadcampus.com/ and Studéa Nexity: https://www.nexity-studea.com/ The application form for the housing will be sent via MobilityOnline by the International Office after the student admission. Housing assistance for students In France, students of all nationalities may apply for government housing assistance. Assistance amounts are computed case by case, based on the rental amount. Applications for assistance must be completed on the website of the family assistance fund (CAF, Caisse d'allocation familiale) after the arrival at ECL, within 3 months of taking possession of the room or studio.
Canteen	The canteen lies halfway between the teaching and research buildings and the dorms, in a building which also houses the association premises, the students' centre, and the cafeteria. Meal cost per student: 3,30 €* <i>* Price may vary</i> Opening hours are: - Monday – Friday, lunch: 11:30 to 13:30 - Monday – Wednesday, dinner: 18:45 to 20:15
Visa / Residence permit	Students from countries outside Europe need to apply for a visa/residence permit for studies before entering France. Even if they live in EU countries, they must apply for a student visa at the French Consulate/Embassy in the country in which they reside. There are several kinds of visa. With one exception, Algerian nationals, the VLS-TS visa applies to all international students wishing to enrol in a French institution of higher education. The VLS-TS visa is valid for 1 year. After their arrival in France, the International Office helps the exchange students with the visa formalities relating to their stay in France. Information and application form may be obtained from the French Embassy or consulate in the home country. For further information: ➤ Campus France Agency, the national agency for the promotion of French higher education abroad: http://www.campusfrance.org/en ➤ Rhône Prefecture: http://www.rhone.gouv.fr
Health Insurance	To be considered as a regular student, you are required to have a complete insurance coverage for the entire stay in France. - Students from EU/EEA member countries should bring the European Insurance card or a certificate of private insurance providing full coverage for medical risks without restrictions related to cost. Because the European card may not cover all costs.

	- Non European students must be enrolled at the Social Security system. Once the students arrive and are registered at ECL, they have to complete the free online procedure (etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr). They also have the possibility to subscribe to a supplementary health insurance. It is mandatory to get a private health insurance before the registration and arrival at ECL. (hospitalisation cover, repatriation, etc.) Furthermore, upon arrival, it is strongly recommended that you take out supplementary health insurance to ensure full coverage of your medical expenses.
The third party liability insurance	It is mandatory for every student enrolled at ECL to take out a third party liability insurance in order to be covered for damage they may unintentionally cause to others or for material they may damage during their stay at ECL. This civil liability insurance must be taken out upon arrival and can be done when opening a bank account.