**Ecole Speciale d'Architecture (ESA)**

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| About partner | About partner | Ecole Speciale d'Architecture (ESA) in Paris, France, was founded in 1865, and is considered to be one of France's best schools for architecture. Located on the Left Bank in central Paris it is ideal for students wanting to immerse themselves in Parisian culture.  ESA uses advanced technology in its classrooms and for this reason they have gained a reputation as being a forward-thinking institution in tune with creativity. They strive to maintain unique programs that challenge students to be original and innovative. |
|  | About Paris | Paris needs little introduction. The French capital is a major source of history, fashion and food. The city’s rich cultural and historical base, coupled with its tendency to transform and develop, makes it an innovative and dynamic city. Paris was ranked number 1 in the 2014 QS Best Student Cities. |
|  | Did you know? | ESA is the oldest Architecture school in France. |
| Academic information | Main areas of study | * Architecture * Design * Engineering * French Studies   **Note**   * The listed areas of study are not necessarily exhaustive and other fields of study might also be available at the partner institution. Moreover, names for fields of study may be different overseas. * A discipline being listed does not in indicate the suitability of the program, nor does it indicate that the discipline is taught in English. * Approval to study particular subjects at any institution is always at the discretion of the departmental/discipline and faculty advisors at RMIT University and subject to available places at the host institution. |
|  | Language requirements | A minimum B1 level in French proficiency is highly recommended. For more information go to: <http://www.esa-paris.fr/-Study-at-ESA>  Note: All engineering classes are taught in English. |
|  | Full time load [Equivalent to 96 RMIT Credit Points] | ESA uses the European ECTS credit system. One academic year is equal to 60 ECTS credits and one semester is equal to 30 ECTS credits.  Exchange students have to register for a minimum of 30 ECTS credits.  Note: the following courses Design studio (6 credits), Histoire de Paris (3.5 credits) and Français (3.5 credits) are compulsory.  Exchange students are admitted into the postgraduate level (4th year of studies) or the undergraduate level (3rd year of studies). |
|  | Link to courses | Undergraduate courses: <http://www.esa-paris.fr/IMG/pdf/guide_des_enseignements_cycle1-2.pdf>  Postgraduate courses: <http://www.esa-paris.fr/IMG/pdf/guide_des_enseignements_cycle2-2.pdf> |
| Living | Accommodation | ESA recommends a range of housing providers for students. For information on the kinds of housing available please go to: <http://www.esa-paris.fr/Logement.html?lang=fr> |
|  | Health insurance | **Non-European** students staying more than 3 months must have French health insurance **before arrival** (around 210 Euros). For those staying a full academic year, they must bring a certified birth certificate to go with the registration of French health insurance.  Note: Health insurance is called “Sécurité Sociale” and is a requirement of the French government. |
|  | Living cost | A number of external services provide comprehensive overviews of global living costs, for example:   * [www.expatistan.com](http://www.expatistan.com) * [www.numbeo.com](http://www.numbeo.com)   **Note**  RMIT University is not affiliated with any of these pages |
| Funding Opportunities | OS-HELP information | [OS-HELP Information page](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help)  <http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help> |
|  | Link to scholarships page? | [All travel scholarships](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel)  <<http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel>> |
| Useful information | Link to partner exchange page | <http://www.ieseg.fr/wp-content/uploads/IESEG-Lille-Paris-Exchange-Programme-Information.pdf> |
|  | Visa | **Non-European students** must request a student long-stay visa for studies (D visa), also called VLSTS (visa de long séjour valant titre de séjour)*,* fromthe French Consulate in their home country.  Students should check with the French Embassy in Australia to find out what kind of visa they need: <http://www.ambafrance-au.org/-English->  Please note: immigration requirements are subject to change. Please visit <http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/> for the most updated information. |