



Description

The Cultural Integration Workshops are starting during the first days at EPITA and continue throughout the academic program.

The aim is for the student to have all the keys to integrate in all domains to their new country.

Understand the specificities of mandatory administrative procedures, EPITA way of learning, French higher education system, French culture, French customs to better integrate them.

Having all the necessary support on a daily basis, to be able to reach a successful education, and integration in France in the long term.

Learning Objectives and Outcomes

- Understand the French context (administrative, higher education, working context, French culture and way of living...) to better integrate it and try to lower the potential cultural shock.
- Having all the keys to integrate the French and student life at EPITA.
- Having all the necessary information to proceed all the mandatory administrative procedures.

Course Schedule and Contents

Session#1

Welcome Days:

- Workshop administrative procedures (OFII, Social security, CAF, transportation system, VISA renewal at the préfecture...)
- Workshop integration in the French higher education system (ECTS system, modules system, all throughout the year evaluation system, learning through doing way of learning at EPITA...)
- Welcome lunch

Session#2

Integration week:

- 4 days/3 nights off campus with groups activities in teams
- International cultural activities
- Team building activities

Session#3

EpiBuddy System:

- Gathering French and international students with the buddy system. Have a French Buddy to provide with the necessary tips to integrate EPITA system easily, and to guide the international students in Paris and the surrounding areas.



Session#4

Non-academic cultural events:

- Welcome party
- Cheese & Wine party around Christmas
- International week: Showcase the international dishes from all represented countries on campus. Prepared by the students for the students. Showing traditional costumes and food around a friendly atmosphere
- End of the year barbecue

Grading

N/A

Policies

- Implication of all students (individual and in groups)
- Team spirit
- Integration of all team members on an equal basis
- Working together, and managing the cultural differences
- Attendance and contribution to all activities

Welcome!