



INSTITUT  
POLYTECHNIQUE  
DE PARIS



## Institut Polytechnique de Paris International Entrance Examinations for *ingénieurs* programs

NOTICE  
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### Admission requirements

- Applicants must have completed at least 2 years of undergraduate studies in Science, Engineering or Quantitative Economics & Finance.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a foreign (non-French) undergraduate program in a higher education institution outside France.
- Applicants may apply from their 2<sup>nd</sup> year up to their last year of undergraduate studies in their home university.
- An excellent background in Mathematics and/or Physics are keys to success.
- Degree seeking students registered in a higher education institution in France are not eligible.

### Additional requirements for Ecole Polytechnique only

- Applicants must be under 25 years of age on January 1st, 2021.
- French citizens are not eligible including those with dual nationality.
- Applicants cannot apply more than once.
- Applicants must meet the medically defined criteria of physical fitness.

*To apply, no knowledge of French is required. The full application process as well as all the entrance examinations can be sat either in English or in French.*

### Application

Registration is open to all candidates meeting the conditions mentioned above.

Click [here](#) or on the image beside to access the application platform.



## Entrance examinations

### Initial selection

The initial selection is based on academic records, a cover letter from the candidate and letters of recommendation, some of them written by academics from your university or college.

### Admission Examinations

Admission examinations are composed of 4 written exams, 3 oral exams and 1 interview.

Each School will use a different set of exams and weights to grant admission (see table below).

	Test / Evaluation	Duration	Ecole Polytechnique	ENSTA	ENSAE	Telecom Paris	Telecom SudParis
Application File	Evaluation of academic excellence		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Written exams</b> <b>are exceptionally cancelled for the 2021 Entrance Examinations</b>	Mathematics	120mn	3	✓	25%	✓	✓
	Physics	120mn	2	✓		✓	✓
	Probability & Statistics	90mn		✓	25%	✓	✓
	Information and Communication Sc.&T.	90mn				✓	✓
Oral exams	Mathematics	55mn	6	✓	35%		
	Physics	55mn	4	✓			
	General Scientific Knowledge (preceded with a preparation of 30 minutes)	30mn	1	✓	15%	✓	✓
Interview	Motivations	20mn	1	✓	✓	✓	✓

During the oral tests, the candidate must solve one or more problems in Mathematics, then Physics and comment on a text of general scientific culture from mainstream international press. After the oral exams, an interview will be conducted to assess the motivation of the candidate.

The essential concepts required in Mathematics, Physics, Probability, Statistics and ICT can be found [here](#) and from the following link : <https://www.ip-paris.fr/ingenieur-programs/>.

The tests and interview can be conducted in French or in English, at the candidate's choice.

**For Ecole Polytechnique only:** a ranking average is established for each candidate who has passed all the above tests, taking into account the grades awarded and the coefficients assigned to each test as

mentioned in the table above. This year, the final ranking is based on the total of the coefficients, which is 12.

### Examinations locations

The International examination centers are set up worldwide in many countries such as Argentina, Brazil, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Russia, Singapore, Vietnam or France.

### Results

The admission results are given to the candidates following the deliberation of the admission jury, which determines the list of admitted candidates.

You will receive an e-mail asking you to confirm on your candidate space if you accept or not your admission.

### Calendar

- April 2020 Start of online applications
- 27 September Deadline to apply
- 30 September Deadline to finalize your application
- 20 October Eligibility results
- 9 November Online publication of all official notifications
- **Between 16 November and 30 November Oral exams by videoconference. (No written exams)**
- Beginning of December Online declaration of an ordered wish-list of Schools
- Mid-December 2020 Final admission results



**IMPORTANT:** Note that due to the global health crisis, the International Entrance Examinations' schedule is subject to change and the admission tests may be postponed to a later date. Please check the application website on regular basis for update.

**The list of centers open internationally will be confirmed at the end of registration.** The exact location of the examinations including the date and time of the examinations will be specified on the official notification of each candidate.