

## Admission to the Ecole nationale supérieure Louis-Lumière (The National Film, Photography and Sound Engineering School)

Admission as an international student to ENS Louis-Lumière can be gained in two ways:

1. By fulfilling the entry requirements and taking the competitive entrance "concours", common to all applicants regardless of nationality

- The prerequisites for sitting the exam are available on the school's website [www.ens-louis-lumiere.fr](http://www.ens-louis-lumiere.fr) by clicking on 'Formation Initiale' followed by 'Admission'.
- The applicant should choose between three fields: Photography, Film or Sound Engineering.
- Application to sit the exam takes place in January/February. Each application has to be validated by a commission.
- The exam takes place in France in March and is currently composed of three phases:
  1. Multiple choice questionnaires
  2. Written Tests
  3. Interview
- The list of finalists is published in June.
- The cost of tuition is approximately 300€ per year to which compulsory insurance needs to be added (approximately 200€ per year).
- All three courses are run at Masters level and last for three years.

2. By applying for a semester as an exchange or 'international mobility' student. A bilateral agreement must be set up between both institutions.

There are two possibilities within this framework:

a. The request emanates directly from the international student (there is no exchange), the application must nevertheless be supported by his/her school or university:

- Tuition lasts for one or two semesters.
- Tuition fees amount to 1 500€ per semester.

b. The student is on an exchange with a Louis-Lumière student, whereby both parties are entitled to study for the same period abroad. In this case, both parties are exempt from paying fees to the receiving institution.

At the end of their period of study, exchange and international mobility students will receive a transcript of courses followed. They will not, however, be eligible for the ENS Louis-Lumière Masters degree.

**Please note that only 2 places are available per department (Photography, Film (Cinematography) and Sound Engineering) each academic year.**

**Application Procedure**

ALL candidates have to apply via the same procedure outlined below. The applications are then examined by a selection committee and the results published approximately one month thereafter.

Applications must be composed of:

- a cover letter and a CV;
- School/university transcripts containing course title, subjects matter, number of hours, grades, ECTS...
- a copy of the most recent diploma/degree;
- a list outlining student work provided on CD/DVD or via Dropbox\*;
- Any other information in support of the application e.g. a letter of recommendation.

**\*N.B The selection committee can only examine a maximum of 20 photographs or three series. For Film and Sound Engineering applications, the 'portfolio' should not exceed 30 minutes viewing/listening time**

All tuition is in French. Candidates may be required to provide evidence of their level, they may also be tested via a Skype interview.

The deadline for applications is 31 March of any year for admission to the following academic year.