

# ENS Louis-Lumière – Admissions process

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 exam ("concours"), common to all applicants regardless of nationality**

- The prerequisites for taking the exam are available on the school's website: <https://www.ens-louis-lumiere.fr/index.php/concours-presentation>
- The applicant must choose between three fields of study: Cinema, Photography, or Sound.
- Applicants first have to register to take the exam. Each application is then reviewed by a commission. Eligible applicants are notified at the beginning of March.
- The first round is composed of written tests (end of March). Those selected for the second round are invited to interview at the school (end of May/beginning of June).
- 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 three years.

**2. By applying for a semester as an exchange or 'international mobility' student. A bilateral agreement must be set up between a student's home institution and ENS Louis-Lumière.**

There are two possibilities within this framework:

- a. The request emanates directly from the international student (there is no pre-existing exchange), the application must nevertheless be supported by their school or university:
  - All exchanges last 1 semester; incoming students join ENS Louis-Lumière's 2<sup>nd</sup> year students (Semester 3: September-January) and follow the same classes.
  - All classes are mandatory.
  - Courses are taught in French.
- b. The student is on an exchange with a Louis-Lumière student, whereby both parties are entitled to study for the same period abroad.

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 Masters (Cinema, Photography, Sound) per year of study.

## Application Procedure

ALL candidates must apply via the same procedure outlined below.

Applications must comprise:

- a cover letter and a CV;
- school/university transcripts containing course title, list of classes, 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.
- evidence of the applicant's level in French.

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

Applications are examined by a selection committee.

Interviews will be held at the beginning of May 2023.

Results will be published in June 2023.

Applications are open between **January 5<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023** for a mobility during the 2023 Fall semester (September 2023–January 2024).