



Hauser Global Law School Program

University of Paris II Panthéon - Assas Paris, France

Exchange Program Information Package
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We are pleased you are interested in New York University School of Law's overseas exchange program with the University of Paris II – Panthéon-Assas. This package gives a general description of the program as well as details about some of its more important aspects. The information in this pack was taken from a variety of sources made available by the University of Paris II – Panthéon-Assas, such as their website – <http://www.u-paris2.fr>, handbooks, and other informational guides. Carefully review this information before deciding whether to apply.

Please plan to attend an information session. If you can't, or if you have additional questions about the program, please feel free to stop by the Hauser Global Law School Program Office (FH 340) to speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs.

Important Application Dates

January 21	NYU application deadline
Mid-January to Mid-February	Applicants screened
Mid to late February	Selections made
March 16:	Paris II application deadline

I. Program Description and Information

A. About the Program

Up to two NYU Law students may study at the University of Paris II-Panthéon - Assas per academic year. This program is offered only in the Fall semester. The program is open to second- and third-year students only who have spent at least one full-year at NYU School of Law. First-year students cannot participate. **All courses at Paris II are taught in French.**

B. About the University of Paris II—Panthéon - Assas

The University Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) is the successor of Paris's former Faculty of Law and Economics, which used to be a part of the Sorbonne, and is located at the heart of the Latin Quarter since the XII century. Following the events of May 1968, the University of Paris was divided into seven new universities, thereby creating the University Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) in 1971. Today, its areas of specialization are law, political science, economics, business administration, and communication. During the academic year 2003-2004, 17,446 students were enrolled at Paris II, of which approximately 13 percent were foreign students.

C. Program Dates

Fall 2009*

First week of October	Lectures begin
Mid-October	Recitations begin
Late December	Start of winter break
Mid-late January	Exams

*exact semester dates to be confirmed

D. Courses

There are two types of teaching available to you. The *cours magistraux* are large, lectures given by the professor while the *travaux dirigés* are smaller recitations or workshops with no more than 30 students. The *cours magistraux* meet for 3 hours/week while the *travaux dirigés* meet 1.5 hours/week.

Students in exchange programs can choose their courses from the first through fourth years of the curriculum according to the learning agreement established with NYU. To advise students on their choice of courses, a meeting is held with a professor who is the liaison between Paris II and NYU. You must then communicate your choices with the Bureau des Programmes d'Echange (BPE) at the very latest two weeks after you have arrived. It is also desirable that you send a copy of your choices to NYU. Once you have registered for your courses, you will automatically be registered for the exam. Students who wish to register for recitation groups must inform the BPE during the first week of the lecture.

Course Requirements

NYU School of Law students will be expected to take a minimum of five courses (for a minimum total of 30 ECTS) at the University of Paris II-Panthéon - Assas in order to earn 12 credits towards their NYU Law degree. Additionally, in order to ensure compliance with all ABA regulations, NYU School of Law requires that all courses be approved by our office before your schedule has been finalized.

Courses Offerings

A list of courses for the 2007-08 academic year is available online at <http://www.u-paris2.fr/servlet/com.jsbsoft.jtf.core.SG>. The course

offerings do not vary much from year to year. Select Droit 1er Semestre for the list of Fall semester classes.

Language Course

Optional and free French language course – from 1.5 to 3 hours/week – are available to foreign students. A written test in French takes place at the beginning of the semester to determine which level you are at. The class begins the following week.

E. Exams and Grades

Exams

Students must pass either oral or written exams for their lectures. The written exams may last anywhere between 1.5 to 3 hours.

The BPE will register you for your exams when you have made your course selection. The exam schedule will be made available a few weeks before the exam on the Paris II website, on notice boards at the Assas, Vaugirard, and Charcot Centres before each session, and at the BPE. Exams are held at the beginning of January. As an exchange student from North America, your exams will be arranged for December so that you may return in time for the Spring semester. For all problems concerning exams, students must speak with the BPE and not to their professors or other departments of the University. Transcripts will be sent directly to NYU around March.

Grades

Your exams will be graded in the first instance by the Paris II faculty in accordance with the Paris II grading system. Paris II grades its exams on a 10 or 20 point scale, which have letter grade equivalents in the ECTS grading system. Because grading standards between NYU School of LAW and Paris II may differ, a direct translation to NYU School of Law's letter grading system can be quite difficult. Therefore, participating NYU students will, upon successfully completing a course, receive a designation of "pass/fail" for the course on their transcripts. All students must receive the equivalent of a letter grade C in order to receive credit for the class.

ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CREDIT OR GRADE FOR ANY COURSE TAKEN IN THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION BY NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. We expect, however, that all credits earned at the University of Paris II-Panthéon - Assas will count towards New York University School of Law credits.

The minimum to pass an exam is 5/10 or 10/20. To convert the marks to the European Credit Transfer System, refer to the table below:

Paris II Grade	Remark	ECTS
Greater or equal to 14/20	Exceptional results, only several minor shortcomings	A
Between 12 and 14/20	Above average results, despite a number of shortcomings	B
Between 11 and 12/20	Fairly good work, with noticeable shortcomings	C
Between 10.5 and 11/20	Decent work, but with several significant inadequacies	D
Between 10 and 10.5/20	Passable, meets minimum standards	E
Between 8 and 10/20	Insufficient, additional work necessary	FX
Less than 8/20	Insufficient, significant additional work necessary	F

F. Language Requirement and Improvement

Students should be able to follow university lectures in French, participate in seminar discussions and understand written material in their field. To this end, the University of Paris II requires you take one of the following three exams to assess your level of French:

TEF - Test d'évaluation du français

DALF – Diplome approfondi de langue française

DELFL – Diplome d'Études en langue française. For this exam, you must achieve a level of B2.

These exams are administered in the US. More information about these exams and where you can take them are available at http://www.afusa.org/lear/test_cent.html

Improving Your French before Going to France

Directions to explore:

- The Alliance Française is the network of French language and civilization schools that is the best known abroad. Information and addresses: www.alliancefr.org

- On the French Foreign Ministry website, you can find the cultural cooperation network directory (Alliances Françaises, Cultural Centres and French Institutes, Research Institutes, Cooperation and Cultural Services): www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/annuaire
- Again on the Internet, you can find the addresses of French schools affiliated with the Agence pour l'Enseignement Français à l'Étranger: www.aefe.diplomatie.fr

Improving your French in France

Below are some of the best-known and most reputable organizations:

La Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Paris (CCIP)
 Délégation des Hauts de Seine
 6-8, rue des Trois Fontanot, 92023
 Panthéon - Assas Cedex
 Tel: ++33 (0)1 46 14 26 26

Association Philotechnique
 18, rue des Fossés Saint-Jacques,
 75005 Paris
 Tel: ++33 (0)1 43 54 36 20
www.philotechnique.fr

Délégation de Paris
 2, Place de la Bourse, 75002 Paris
 Tel: ++ 33 (0)1 53 40 46 00
www.ccip.fr

Municipal courses for adults
 (Mairie de Paris)
 Information: 08 20 00 75 75

Centre International d'Etudes Pédagogiques (CIEP)
 1, avenue Léon Journault,
 92310 Sèvres
 Tel: ++33 (0)1 45 07 60 00 www.ciep.fr

II. U-Paris II Staff and Facilities

Until students are admitted to the Exchange Program by both NYU School of Law and the University of Paris II-Panthéon - Assas, we ask that students not contact the administration at Paris II directly with inquiries about the exchange program. Until that point, NYU School of Law will be your point-of-contact for all questions you might have. However, upon admission to the program, the following contacts from Paris II may prove useful:

Staff

The Bureau des Programmes d'Echange (BPE) is your principle contact while at the University of Paris II. Should you encounter any problems, administrative, academic, or otherwise, during your stay in Paris, please contact the BPE. Within the office are staff members designated to assist students from a particular part of the world, though you may seek assistance from any one of them in your representative's absence. For the US, the designated officer is:

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 Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)
 Service de l'Action Internationale
 Bureau des Programmes d'Echange
 Escalier M – 2^{ème} étage - Bureau salle V
 12, place du Panthéon
 75231 Paris Cedex 05
 Tel: ++33 1 44 41 55 30
 Fax: ++ 33 1 44 41 56 86
 Email: michele.sanchez@u-paris2.fr

Library

In addition to the main university library, there are specialized libraries for the Law faculty located primarily in the Panthéon Centre of campus. Specialization includes: Canonical law, civil law, commercial law, European law, public law, comparative law, criminology, constitutional law, and more.

III. Preparing for Your Trip

A. Anticipated Tuition, Fees and Living Costs

Tuition

Because this is a revenue-neutral exchange program, participating NYU Law students will pay New York University the normal tuition for a 12 credit-hour semester at NYU Law. Should you take additional classes beyond the normal course load, you may be liable for any fees involved.

Cost of Living

Due to the strength of the Euro, in recent years Paris has ranked higher than New York in terms of the cost of living for Americans. Below is a sample of what you can expect to spend and to pay for everyday items. To live comfortably, you will need to have between 700 and 1,000€ per month at your disposal to cover expenses (keep in mind that a monthly minimum of 430€ is required for the resident permit). One Euro is approximately \$1.30.

Average costs

Rent per month in a student residence	400€
Rent per month in a private residence	600€
Monthly 2 zone Metro pass	50€
Food	300€
Furniture/Study materials	100€
Leisure activities	200€
Movie	6 to 8€
A cup of coffee	2.30€
A fixed-price menu in a restaurant	12 - 20€

Fortunately, student status enables you to benefit from lower prices in many areas: university cafeterias, university housing or housing subsidies from the CAF (Caisse d'Allocations Familiales or Family Allowance Fund), reduced rates in public transportation, leisure pursuits, entertainment, etc. Inexpensive meals can be taken at Le CROUS (Centre regional des oeuvres universitaires et scolaires) for 2.75€. These restaurants are located on every University of Paris campus across the city.

B. Student Housing and Living Arrangements

Unfortunately, Paris II is unable to offer you a place in the university residence halls. Students must find their own accommodations. The following list will be useful for you in your search. As soon as you are accepted by NYU into the program, you should begin looking for accommodation.

Once you have secured housing, you will be able to request financial assistance from the Caisse d'Allocations Familiales. This request may be done online at www.paris.caf.fr or at an office nearest to where you live.

Service Logement du CROUS

39, avenue Georges Bernanos
75005 Paris
Tel: ++33 1 40 51 55 55
<http://www.crous-paris.fr/article.asp?idcat=AAD>

Union nationale des Maisons d'Etudiants (UNME)

2, rue de la Roquette
75011 Paris
Tel: ++33 1 48 05 73 62
<http://www.unme-asso.com/>

Cité internationale universitaire de Paris (CIUP)

19, Boulevard Jourdan
Service des admissions
75014 Paris
Tel: ++33 1 44 16 64 48
<http://www.ciup.fr/>

Organisation étudiante internationale de logement (OEIL)

27, rue Hérard
75012 Paris
Tel: ++33 1 53 17 08 24
<http://www.oeil-fr.com/>

C. Visa and Residence Permit Information

Student Visas

Before leaving your country to study in France, you must apply for a student long-stay visa (visa D), which is required to obtain your student residence permit once you have arrived in France. Before applying for a visa, you must first register your intent to study in France with <http://usa.campusfrance.org/>. Once you have done that, you can then apply for your visa at the French Consulate General by making an appointment online at <http://www.consulfrance-newyork.org/>. Be sure to read all the instructions on the site before going to your visa interview.

Below are some of the documents that may be requested to process a student visa application:

- 2 application forms. All forms must be completely and legibly filled out in black or blue ink, signed and dated.
- 3 photos. All photos must be recent, identical, passport size - 2" x 2" (4,5cm x 4,5cm) and showing face front the forehead hairline and ears on a white background.
- Passport or travel document (+ 1 copy of identity page) valid for at least three months following the last day of your stay in France. Be sure the passport has blank "visa" pages left to affix the visa.
- A USA residency card (Green Card) or I-551 stamp, or a valid USA visa with I-94 and IAP66 or I-20 were applicable or an Advanced Parole, which must be valid for at least 30 days beyond the last day in France. (+ 1 copy)
- Proof of your student status (Student Identification card or attestation from your School or University in the USA) (+ 1 copy)
- Letter of inscription in a School / University in France, specifying exact dates of attendance.
- Financial guarantee. A notarized letter, with the provider's exact name and relation to you, personal address and telephone number, certifying that you applicant will be granted a monthly allowance of at least US\$600 for the duration of your stay in

France. A copy of the personal bank statement of the provider must be attached, this provider cannot be the school, or a proof of personal income of at least 600usd per month for the duration of the stay in France.

The Residence Permit

For foreign students coming to France, applying for a *titre de séjour*, or residence permit, is one of the most complex administrative procedures they must undertake. The residence permit *carte de séjour* usually takes the form of a sticker affixed to your passport.

You must apply for and obtain their *titre de séjour* as soon as possible, in other words in the month following their arrival in France and before the end of three months. You sometimes have to wait up to two months to get your *carte de séjour*. (Note: the *carte de séjour* cannot have an expiration date that is later than the date your passport expires. If your passport will expire during your time in France, get it extended in your home country before going to France). When you arrive in France, you must go to the Préfecture de Police (or sous-préfecture) where you live. You will need to bring the following:

- Passport
- Copy of birth certificate
- Proof of enrolment,
- Proof of residence in Paris,
- Proof of adequate financial resources (430 € per month)
- Form for medical exam (initial request),
- 3 or 4 recent B&W or color I.D. photos
- A self-addressed stamped envelope.
- A long-stay student visa
- Mandatory medical exam. Fill out the form for the OMI (Office des Migrations Internationales) and include it with your *carte de séjour* application. This examination is free of charge.

A tax earmarked for the Office des migrations internationales (OMI) is payable on issuance of the first *titre de séjour*. The amount for a student residence permit is €55. On renewal, the residence permit is free of charge for all students regardless of nationality.

D. Health Insurance

Students are required by the University of Paris II-Panthéon - Assas to have a private medical insurance to cover all the costs related to the treatment of sudden illnesses, accidents and accidental death. You should check to see whether your current policy covers you during your stay in Paris.

Students may also opt to join the French National Student Health Plan. In France, personal health insurance coverage is mandatory for all students of 18 years of age. All foreign students can take advantage of it, whatever their nationality. Your health care will be handled by a student mutual insurance association, either the LMDE, or the SMEREP.

Basic coverage: You should sign up with the student health insurance plan (Sécurité sociale étudiante) when you complete your administrative registration at the University. For a modest sum (189 € in 2006/2007), you will be covered for the risk of illness and hospitalization during your academic stay.

Additional coverage: Students who are covered by the national student insurance plan should keep in mind that the plan does not cover 100% of expenses. For instance, only 70% of the cost of a doctor's visit, otherwise known as the "tarif de responsabilité de la sécurité sociale," is reimbursed by the plan, the remainder being a co-payment required of the patient. Students are strongly advised to subscribe to a supplemental or mutual coverage plan to meet the costs of co-payments. This is also available through the student "mutuelle" organizations.

If you are insured through NYU's Student Health Insurance, you are covered for emergencies when traveling more than 100 miles from your campus address through Assist America. Do carry your Assist America card with you when traveling. In case you do have an emergency, you are to contact Assist America to arrange all medical services. You will not be reimbursed for any services that are not arranged through Assist America. Reimbursement is the same as the NYU-sponsored Basic plan of 80%/20% co-insurance. For more information, visit http://www.chickering.com/stu_conn/travel_assistance.aspx.

It is possible to waive your NYU Student Health Insurance. In order to do this, you must have an insurance policy that is comparable to NYU's Basic plan. For more information, visit http://www.nyu.edu/shc/about/waiving_plans.htm or contact NYU Student Health Insurance Services at 212-443-1020. **Your waiver will not be processed until Student Health Insurance Services confirms that your insurance plan meets the University's criteria.** To avoid being obligated to pay for two health insurance plans, please do not purchase another health insurance plan before your waiver request is approved by Student Health Insurance Services.

E. Provisions for Students with Disabilities

The University of Paris II-Panthéon - Assas facilities are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you are interested in the program and will need some special assistance due to a disability, please speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs, who will contact Paris II to obtain information about the availability of needed services.

F. Program Cancellation Policies

We expect the program to go forward as planned and anticipate no obstacles to implementation. However, in the highly unlikely event that the entire program has to be canceled, students selected for the program will be informed immediately by telephone, email, or in person, and notices of cancellation will be posted on the Hauser Global Law School Program website. In addition, individual meetings will be arranged with any student who wishes one. If in the even more unlikely event that the Program is canceled after students have arrived in Paris, Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email. Should particular courses be canceled or rescheduled, students selected for the program will be informed by email, telephone, or in person to the extent that we are made aware of these changes.

G. Resources for Living, Studying, and Traveling in France

Below are websites where you can get more information about living, studying, and traveling in France.

<http://www.crous-paris.fr/>
<http://www.paris-france.org/en/>
<http://www.parisinfo.com/>
<http://www.letsgo.com>
<http://www.roughguides.com>
<http://www.timeout.com>
<http://www.lonelyplanet.com>

Student Travel Agencies

When buying your flight, you should consider using a student travel agent. Not only might you get a better price, you may also get a more flexible ticket that allows cancellation or date changes. The fees for these are often less than other agents or the airline itself.

STA Travel. There are branches around the city and all over the world. Also online at www.statravel.com

Travel CUTS. There is an office on MacDougal Street. Also online at www.travelcuts.com.

www.studentuniverse.com. Online only. You do not need an ISIC card to purchase products from this site. You must have an active university email address.

Getting Around

The French national railway is extensive, fast, and affordable. Traveling around the country by train is a pleasure. For travel to neighboring countries, you should also consider taking the train rather than flying. However, there are many budget airlines that fly from Paris, making destinations further a field more affordable and within reach. Long distance buses are seldom used except by those on extremely low budgets.

Budget airlines

<http://www.airberlin.com>
<http://www.easyjet.com>
http://www.meridiana.it/IG/pages/home_en.aspx
<http://www.vueling.com/EN/index.php>

Most national carriers have changed their fare structure to compete with the budget airlines. You may be able to get a reasonable airfare using those airlines. Bear in mind that many budget airlines often use an airport that is further away than the city's main airport, and you may incur additional expenses when traveling to the city centre.

By Train

<http://www.eurail.com>
<http://www.raileurope.com/us/index.htm>
<http://www.voyages-sncf.com/leisure/fr/launch/home/>
<http://www.eurostar.com>

By Bus

<http://www.eurolines.com>

Student Discounts

International Student Identity Card. This is the only internationally recognized student identity card. It is available at student travel agencies. An ISIC card costs \$22 and is valid for a calendar year. ISIC cards purchased in September are valid through the following calendar year. With an ISIC card, you can get discounts on flights, tour packages, entry to attractions, and more. Visit www.isic.org to find out what discounts are available in the country you are going to.

IV. Semester Follow-Up

Please note that all NYU School of Law students selected to participate in a study abroad program will be requested to submit to the Hauser Global Law School Program upon completion of their studies abroad:

- 1) A one or two-page report evaluating their experiences in the program
- 2) A Student Questionnaire Form at the end of their studies to be used to provide a resource for future students interested in the program with the University of Paris II-Panthéon - Assas.

V. How to Apply

If you decide to apply to the Exchange Program at the University of Paris II, you must complete a written NYU application available from the Hauser Global Law School Program website: <http://www.law.nyu.edu/global/intlprograms/studyabroadprograms/index.htm>

In screening applicants, we will look for such things as a strong academic record, serious interest in international and comparative law, and experience with different cultures and overseas travel. The timetable for the application process is as follows:

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Mid-January to Mid-February	Applicants screened
Mid-late February	Selections made and applicants notified
March 16	Paris II application deadline

If you are nominated by NYU to participate in the exchange program with the University of Paris II, you will be given their application to complete and submit to the Hauser Office by **March 16, 2009**. We will then forward your application to Paris II where it will be considered for admission. Should you be accepted by Paris II, you will receive an acceptance letter and instructions for obtaining your visa.

VI. Additional Information

One of the resources we offer to our students to provide further information on our exchange programs is a collection of questionnaires that have been completed by our past students about their experiences while studying at each of our partner institutions. If you are interested in looking at these questionnaires, please feel free to stop by our office (Furman Hall, Suite 340) between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM.

Additionally, we maintain a list of past students at each program who have indicated their willingness to speak with interested students about their experiences while abroad. Should you be interested in receiving a copy of this document, please either stop by our office or send us an email at: law.global@nyu.edu.