



Hauser Global Law School Program

University of Paris X- Nanterre Paris, France

Exchange Program Information Package 2010 - 2011



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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 X – Nanterre. 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 - Nanterre, such as their website – <http://www.u-paris10.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 NYU Dates

January 21	NYU Application deadline
Mid-January to Mid-February	Applicants screened
Mid to late February	Selections made
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I. Program Description and Information

A. About the Program

Up to two NYU Law students may study at the University of Paris X-Nanterre per academic year. This program is offered only in the spring 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. **All courses at Paris X are taught in French.**

B. About the University of Paris X—Nanterre and the UPX Law Department

In the current organizational scheme of the University of Paris system, which dates from the late 1960's, different units specialize in different academic fields; only a few of the thirteen units have specialized law departments, and the University of Paris X-Nanterre (UPX), itself among the newer branches of the system, is one of these. The campus of UPX is organized around a central plaza containing tennis courts and a well-equipped sports and recreation center (including a double Olympic-size pool); it is located west of downtown Paris, about ten minutes from the Champs Elysées by rapid rail (RER) service. Nearby is the international Trade Center at La Défense, which is rapidly becoming one of Europe's most important financial and commercial zones. UPX has roughly 30,000 graduate and undergraduate students, about 8,000 of whom study law. Most of these students are commuters, although there are several residence halls on campus.

The Nanterre law department offers a full program of basic, intermediate and advanced courses in law. In addition, the Nanterre faculty specializes in international trade law, human rights law, and labor law, among other subjects. The faculty is made up of a distinguished group of full- and part-time teachers. To a greater extent than is common in the United States, French law teachers participate actively in law practice; they bring to the classroom not only an academic perspective on their subjects, but an intensely practical one as well.

UPX is a cosmopolitan school, drawing students from throughout Europe and beyond. Among the law department's specialized graduate programs is one - the D.E.J.E.I. (Diplôme D'Etudes Juridiques Européens et Internationales) - which is designed to prepare law students for transnational practice. The students in the UPX law graduate programs are roughly equivalent in age and educational experience to American J.D. candidates, and WCL program participants have found that the French D.E.J.E.I. students prove to be excellent academic, linguistic and social resources.

C. Program Dates

Spring Semester

Mid-February – late May*	Spring semester
Early – mid March	Winter vacation
Late April – early May	Spring vacation
June	Exams

*exact semester dates to be confirmed

D. Courses

The curriculum at Paris X emphasizes international and comparative law studies, offering a special masters degree in this concentration. The curriculum is thus very rich in courses that suit NYU students' interests in planning a career with an international orientation. Paris X also offers a variety of post graduate courses and seminars that are made available to exchange students.

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 X-Nanterre 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 from the 2009-10 academic year is available online http://www.u-paris10.fr/61128059/0/fiche_B__pagelibre/. Select Horaires des Cours.

E. Exams and Grades

Acceptance of credit is subject to a determination by NYU School of Law that the course in question satisfies academic standards. The NYU Study Abroad Program Director reviews the proposed schedule of each student to assure the creditworthiness of their selections. In the U-Paris X law department, student performance is assessed, from course to course, using combinations of various different methods: written and oral final examinations, final papers, shorter written exercises, and evaluation of classroom performance. Each professor announces the basis on which course grades will be awarded at the beginning of the semester

ECTS - European Credit Transfer System

The University of Paris X has decided to adopt the ECTS system in order to facilitate opportunities for study abroad and mutual recognition of studies.

ECTS credits represent in the form of a numeric value between **1 and 60** assigned to each course credit the volume of work that the student is expected to accomplish for each course unit. They thus express the quantity of work that each course unit requires with respect to the total volume of work for an entire year of studies in the institution (lectures, workshops, seminars, internships, research, homework, examinations, etc.).

In the ECTS scheme, 60 credits represents the volume of work required for a year of studies, with 30 credits in equal to one semester and 20 credits in equal to one quarter. Credits acquired are transferable.

The exchange of grade transcripts allows the home institution to recognize the number of credits obtained at the partner institution abroad for specific course units so that the credits for the course unit taken effectively replace the credits that would have been obtained the home institution. This provides for complete mutual academic recognition.

The ECTS grading scale

The ECTS grading scale facilitates the interpretation of grades obtained in another institution under a different grading system. It does not replace the local grading system. Its use remains within the discretion of the higher education institutions concerned. It does not affect the grading procedure for each institution. Subjects taught at the University of Paris X are graded on a 0 to 20-point scale, with each subject assigned a coefficient of importance in a given curriculum.

French Grading	ECTS Grading	Definition
20 - 16	A	EXCELLENT : exceptional results, only several minor shortcomings
16 - 14	B	TRÈS BIEN : above average results despite a number of shortcomings
14 - 12	C	BIEN :fairly good work, with noticeable shortcomings
12 -10	D	SATISFAISANT : decent work, but with several significant inadequacies
08 - 10	E	PASSABLE : results meeting minimum standards
06 - 08	FX	INSUFFISANT : additional work is necessary for granting credit
06 - 00	F	INSUFFISANT : significant additional work is necessary

Exams

Your exams will be graded in the first instance by the Paris X faculty in accordance with the Paris X grading system. Paris X grades its students in the International Program on a scale of A-F, similar to that in the U.S. However, because grading standards between NYU School of LAW and Paris X 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 X-Nanterre will count towards New York University School of Law credits.

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 X requires you take one of the following three exams to assess your level of French:

TEF - Test d'évaluation du français

DALF – Diplôme approfondi de langue française

DELFL – Diplôme 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

The Intensive French Program (stage intensif de français - SIF)

The International Relations Office organizes an intensive language and civilization course for international students known by the acronym "SIF". The "SIF" takes place in the weeks preceding the first semester of the academic year and during the first four weeks of the second semester as an online scheme. Students are strongly encouraged to take part in this program as it not only provides valuable university language skills but also serves as a key period for adapting to life in France and familiarization with the Paris X campus before classes begin. Courses are taught by the French as a foreign language teaching staff.

Information and the application form for the French Intensive Course (1st or 2nd Semester) open to all international students admitted to study at the University of Paris X can be found at: http://www.u-paris10.fr/97959703/0/fiche_pagelibre/

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

G. 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, Ms. Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Visitors 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.

II. U-Paris X Staff and Facilities

Until students are admitted to the Exchange Program by both NYU School of Law and the University of Paris X-Nanterre, we ask that students not contact the administration at Paris X 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 X may prove useful:

The Department of International Relations and Foreign Students is responsible for the management, supervision and coordination of all of the international activities of the University of Paris X. For more information about the program, you may contact the International Relations Office at:

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The International Relations Office
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92001 Nanterre cedex, France
Tel: + 33 1 40 97 40 98
Fax: + 33 1 40 97 71 14
Email: relations.internationales@u-paris10.fr
Website: <http://www.u-paris10.fr/sri>

Library

Library resources include the University Library (*BU - Bibliothèque Universitaire*) and the Library of Contemporary International Documentation (*BDIC - Bibliothèque de Documentation Internationale Contemporaine*). The Paris X library resource network is organized around a common documentation service (*SCD - service commun de la documentation*) consisting of the university library and approximately fifteen faculty libraries (in total nearly 700,000 works).

Also located on campus: the BDIC (Library of Contemporary International Documentation), serving as an inter-university research library, is a major component of the on-campus research resources.

The University Law library is one of the best in France, with an excellent law collection of more than 35,000 volumes. It also holds a large selection of current French and English legal and general periodicals. In addition, there are a number of specialized book collections in the law department, on topics such as legal theory, social law, international public law, international commercial law, legal history and anthropology, business law, and political science.

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.

Fees and Living Expenses

University fees range between 150 and 550 Euros.

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

Some modestly priced student housing is also available on campus, with accommodations running in the range of US\$250-US\$300 per month. If you would like to apply for this accommodation, complete the **Application for Accommodation (located with the UPX application—see below)**, and return it to the International Office together with the Application for Admission.

Students wishing to find off-campus housing arrangements may find the International Relations Office of UPX to be a valuable resource. Among the possible alternatives are private rooms with shared baths in the residence maintained by the Foundation des Etats-Unis near the Parc Montsouris in central Paris at approximately \$350-400 per month. However, many students have opted to live in shared apartments in various areas of downtown Paris, paying \$500 (or more) each on a monthly basis. Various temporary housing agencies in Paris are organized to provide assistance to visitors planning stays of less than a year, and students have used these agencies successfully to locate accommodations.

If you have further inquiries on accommodation matters, you should contact the International Relations Office of the University of Paris X (UPX), or you may consult their International Student Handbook, which can be found online at: http://www.u-paris10.fr/41144300/1/fiche_pagelibre/.

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 X-Nanterre to have a private medical insurance to cover all the costs related to the treatment of sudden illnesses, accidents and accidental death. Students 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.

For further information regarding the student health insurance plan or alternative health care coverage plans, you should consult the International Relations Office at the University of Paris X-Nanterre. More information may also be found in the International Student Handbook located on the UPX website at: http://www.u-paris10.fr/41144300/1/fiche_pagelibre/.

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 X-Nanterre 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 X to obtain information about the availability of needed services.

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

Below are websites with 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.letsqo.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 afield more affordable and within reach. Long distance uses 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 X-Nanterre.

V. How to Apply

If you decide to apply to the Exchange Program at the University of Paris X, 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>
The timetable for the application process is as follows:

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If you are nominated by NYU to participate in the exchange program with the University of Paris X, you will be given their application to complete and submit to the Hauser Office by **March 12, 2010**. We will then forward your application to Paris X where it will be considered for admission. Should you be accepted by Paris X, 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: lawglobal@exchange.law.nyu.edu.