The PSL Master’s degree in Life Sciences is an interdisciplinary Master's programme that aims to prepare the next generation of scientists, engineers, and physicians to address emerging problems in contemporary biology, ecology and environmental science.

The Master is managed by the École normale supérieure – PSL and the École Pratique des Hautes Études - PSL, and involves several other world-renowned institutions: Collège de France, ESPCI Paris – PSL, Ecole nationale supérieure des Mines de Paris – PSL, Institut de Biologie Physico-Chimique, Institut Curie and Institut Pasteur. Competitive recruitment with an exceptionally high researcher/student ratio, tailor-made training, along with close tutoring are shared between the different teaching institutions within PSL. As part of PSL’s graduate programs in Life Science and Earth Science and Biodiversity, research training through research practice is an historical mark of these institutions.

**MAIN ASSETS**

- **Interdisciplinarity:** solid training in biology, ecology and related fields (mathematics, physics, chemistry, computer science).
- **Generalist education with specialization in a cutting-edge field.**
- **Training in research and in innovation through research:** students complete two internships in academic or industrial research laboratories, private organizations, regional authorities, nature reserves, in France or abroad.
- **International exposure:** the Master’s offers curricula taught exclusively in English, or in French and English. French language classes are available to international students. International internships benefit from existing networks with partner institutions.
- **Expert teaching:** the programme is implemented by the best specialists from world-renowned institutions.
- **High quality of PSL laboratories.**
- **Access to scholarships** (€10,000/year) for specific categories of students.
- **Mentorship:** a faculty mentor is assigned to each student to guide him or her in choosing courses, finding an internship, and preparing a study contract. Students in the Medicine/Science track will receive a mentoring in medicine.
- **Access to pre-professional contracts and eligibility for continuous professional training.**

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

The PSL Master’s in Life Sciences primarily prepares, via the PhD, students for careers as researchers, research professors, research physicians or research engineers in the public sector, or as Research and Development professionals in the private sector, particularly in pharmaceutical and innovative biotechnology industries. Career opportunities also exist in parks and nature reserves, local authorities, as well as in the private or semi-public sectors in biodiversity or environmental management.
Master 1 (60 ECTS)

3 curricula

— Interdisciplinary Master’s in Life Sciences (IMaLiS)
— Integrative Master for Global Health and Ecology (IMaGHE) – Integrative physiopathology (IPP)
— Integrative Master for Global Health and Ecology (IMaGHE) – Biodiversity and environment (B&E)

Master 2 (60 ECTS)

6 curricula

— Systems biology, genomics and bioinformatics (IMaLiS, Sysbio)
— Neuroscience (IMaLiS, Neuro)
— Fundamental biology for health (IMaLiS, Bio4Health)
— Ecology and evolution (IMaLiS, EcoEvo)
— Integrative physiopathology (IMaGHE, IPP)
— Biodiversity and environment (IMaGHE, B&E)

All curricula include research internships during both M1 and M2 years (4–6 months/year for IMaLiS, 2–6 months/year for IMaGHE). Limited cross-sampling between the different pathways is possible, provided faculty are in agreement.

COURSES

— IMaLiS is a high-level, generalist, life sciences curriculum incorporating key interdisciplinary content (including optional training in mathematics, physics, chemistry, geosciences and computer sciences). It is managed by the department of biology of the ENS. Courses: cellular and developmental biology, medical sciences, genetics, genomics, neurosciences, computational biology, system biology, evolution and ecology, optional training in career skills, foreign languages, scientific communication, statistics, etc.

— IMaGHE (Integrative Master for Global Health and Ecology) includes two alternative, interconnected curricula devoted to life sciences, from the molecule to the organism (Integrative PhysioPathology) or from the organism to the environment (Biodiversity and Environment). Both curricula address questions about biotic and abiotic interactions affecting the health of living organisms. IMaGHE is managed by the section of Life and Earth Sciences of the EPHE.

Courses: Master’s 1 and 2 programmes allow early involvement in a research (or R&D) project by backing fundamental learning with the context and practice of the internship. These tracks include a common core providing mandatory training in career skills (foreign languages, scientific communication, statistics, resume or grant-writing, ethics, etc.), in addition to “commitment” courses preparing for a pre-specialized education (infectiology, cancer and treatments, nervous system diseases).

ADMISSIONS

Application process
1 - Online application
Submission deadlines are listed on the corresponding webpages.
2 - Interview for preselected candidates (IMaLiS).

Prerequisites
— Master 1: bachelor degree or equivalent encompassing significant cell and molecular biology training (Life Sciences, Health, Sciences & technology, Geo-sciences etc.).
— Master 2: master 1 degree in Science (Life Sciences, Health Sciences, Science and Technology, Earth and Life Sciences, etc.) or equivalent (minimum 4 years of studies), and students from French engineering schools who have received basic education in Life Sciences.

At least C1 level in English recommended for IMaLiS M1 and M2 (courses taught in English).

DIPLOMA DELIVERED

National Master’s degree conferred by Université PSL and prepared at ENS – PSL (IMaLiS) and at EPHE – PSL (IMaGHE).

More information
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