

# Polytech Lille Fact Sheet 2025-2026



Polytech Lille is a graduate school of engineering of the University of Lille. Our school offers 8 degree courses in engineering taught in French, organized in 3 academic years after two years of undergraduate studies. The French "Diplôme d'Ingénieur" is recognized as the equivalent of a Master of Science in Engineering in other countries. As a non-degree exchange student, you will study under the same conditions as regular students. You may apply for admission to our engineering degree courses according to the fields defined in the exchange agreement.

## Name and address of the school

### Polytech Lille

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## Erasmus code of the University of Lille

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Polytech is a graduate school of engineering  
within the University of Lille

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## Websites

<https://www.polytech-lille.fr/english/>

<https://www.polytech-lille.fr/english/exchange>

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- **Autumn semester:** Beginning of September - Mid January (examination period included)
- **Spring semester :** Mid-January - End of June (examination period included)
- **Examination Period:** continuous assessment (generally end-of-module assessment, course related projects, practical works).  
Industrial internships are also evaluated (written report and oral defense).

The academic calendar for 2025-2026 will be available just before the summer and will be sent to exchange students before their arrival.

## Deadlines for nomination

- **1st May for the Autumn semester or full academic year** (beginning of September – Mid January)
- **15th October for the Spring semester** (Mid January-end of June)

Nominations are required to be sent before deadlines by the home university to: [erasmus@polytech-lille.fr](mailto:erasmus@polytech-lille.fr) (for Erasmus students) or [international@polytech-lille.fr](mailto:international@polytech-lille.fr) (for students outside Europe).

## Deadlines for application

- **10th May for the Autumn semester or full academic year** (beginning of September - Mid January)
- **1st November for the Spring semester** (Mid January-end of June)

## Application for study period

- We recommend that students who intend to come for a study period of one semester apply for the Autumn semester. An important part of the spring semester is dedicated to the industrial placement or to projects in laboratories (particularly during the fourth and fifth year).
- Students who come for the full academic year will combine study period with placements in research laboratories or in industry.
- Nominated students have to fill in [this on-line application form](#) of the University of Lille.
- The application is subject to an academic assessment. Once the application has been officially accepted, a letter of acceptance is issued. The letter of acceptance is suitable for visa request in the home country, when necessary.

## Credits requirements

- **Regular workload :** 30ECTS credits per semester
- **Minimum expected workload for exchange students :** 20ECTS credits per semester

## Official transcript of records

A transcript of records will be issued after the end of the assessment period and after the examiners' school board meeting (mid or end of February for the autumn semester and mid-July for the spring semester). It should normally not exceed five weeks after the end of the mobility.

The grading system can be found [here](#).

## Course Catalog

The fourth and fifth year of studies at Polytech Lille are the equivalent of the first and second year of a master's degree. Exchange students may choose one of the 8 degree courses in engineering and select the modules of one semester (from semester 5 to 10) offered by our school.

Then, they will have to fill in the online learning agreement (only for one semester even for students applying for the full academic year. A second learning agreement will be done just before the spring semester).

The courses are mainly taught in French, except for the "INSPIRE" program, which is conducted in English. From the web page [www.polytech-lille.fr/english/exchange](http://www.polytech-lille.fr/english/exchange) select one degree course in the "Education" section, and then click on "program" to find the list of modules for each of the eight engineering degree courses.

**It is recommended not to choose classes from different engineering degree courses or semesters because of incompatible timetables.**

### Degree courses taught in French:

- [Mechanical engineering](#)
- [Energy and Industry 4.0](#)
- [Internet of Things and Cybersecurity](#)
- [Data, Statistics and Software Engineering](#)
- [Civil engineering](#)
- [Instrumentation and Business Engineering](#)
- [Biological and food engineering](#)
- [Materials science](#)

*Click on each degree course for more details.*

### Program taught in English:

- **INSPIRE** : **I**nternational semester of **S**ustainable **P**actices, **I**nnovation, **R**esilience and **E**nergy. *(Master's level, autumn semester only. Will open only if there are enough students enrolled).*

### Degree courses not open to exchange students:

- Production Engineering: only for students in continuing education and apprenticeship.
- Geomatics and Urban Engineering: only for students in continuing education and apprenticeship.

### Language proficiency

• The language of instruction is French for the degree courses. **The minimum required level of French proficiency for exchange students is B1**, except for the ones enrolled in the INSPIRE program. We do not require an official French language certificate; an informal assessment from a French professor is sufficient.

• The minimum required level of English proficiency is B1 for students coming for a project supervised in English, or for the INSPIRE program.

### French classes

• French classes are offered to exchange students free of charge as part of the curriculum (20 hours each semester) but not for beginner learners.

• Exchange students also have the possibility to attend a fee-paying French summer intensive course. Information available [here](#).

## Visa

- European Union nationals only need a valid ID card or passport to live in France.
  - Non-European nationals must issue a visa request with the French embassy in their home country and have a passport that is valid for the entire duration of their stay. Processing times can be long.
- Click here more information about entry formalities

After their arrival, all international students are required to secure a residency permit, with the exception of European Union nationals. This is a dematerialised procedure called [ANEF procedure](#).

## Accommodation

When completing the on-line application, exchange students will have to tick "yes" in "further information-accommodation" section if they wish to get a room in a hall of residence.

Then the exchange helpdesk of the University of Lille will contact them to propose a room in a university residence, depending on availabilities and the budget indicated on the application. Please note that the international office cannot guarantee to meet all the requests.

The cheapest rooms are called "CROUS residences".

The monthly rent ranges from 200€ to 350€/month. A deposit payment of up to one month-rent is required.

The [Residence Reeflex](#) offers the best facilities for international students but the number of rooms available is limited. It is necessary to indicate "400 €" on the "budget monthly rent" section of the exchange student online application form.

It is not easy to find an accommodation in the city center. It is generally expensive and most owners require a guarantor.

To get further information, please write to :  
[exchange-helpdesk@univ-lille.fr](mailto:exchange-helpdesk@univ-lille.fr)

## Housing Assistance

International students are eligible to apply for housing assistance as part of a system set up to deal with the relatively high cost of housing in France. The amounts of assistance are based on the rental amount and the student's resources. The benefit is not automatic or provided.

Requests for assistance must be completed on the website of the family assistance fund (CAF : Caisse d'Allocation Familiale) within 3 months of taking possession of your lodgings (more information will be available at the reception desk of the residence).

To be eligible, it is compulsory to open a bank account in France, as housing assistance is deposited directly into the beneficiaries' bank accounts.

## Insurances

**Civil Liability Insurance (mandatory):** Civil liability insurance is required for all registrations in French educational institutions. Student mutual insurers offer cover for damage caused to third parties by the policyholder. It guarantees the repair of damages that may be caused by the student to a third person, material...

Usually, the insurance companies propose a package including all the insurances (civil liability + home insurance + additional health coverage).

We recommend that the student visit the following websites :

- [SMENO](#)
- [ADH](#) (at least formule 2)

Please note that other insurance companies or banks also offer this kind of insurance.

**Home Insurance (mandatory):** This insurance protects your accommodation in case of fire, water damage, broken glass... Upon arrival, the residence will probably ask the student for a copy of the home insurance. It's better to subscribe online before arrival.

We recommend that the student visit the following websites :

- [SMENO](#)
- [ADH](#) (at least formule 2 to get civil liability + home insurance coverage)

Please note that other insurance companies or banks also offer this kind of insurance.

### **Social Security insurance (mandatory):**

- EEA student (from the European Economic Area):

EEA students do not need to enrol for French student health insurance. They must be in possession of their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) card. This card, provided by the country of origin, gives access to health insurance in France. It must be valid for the entire mobility period.

- Students from outside the EEA:

Mandatory medical cover = French students' social security. Non EU/EEA students must sign up for the French students' social security scheme, it is free of charge.

After their registration at the University of Lille, students will register [here](#).

### **Additional health insurance cover (Highly recommended):**

It supplements the reimbursement of medical expenses beyond the amount re-funded by the students' social security scheme or through the EHIC (to almost 100 %). We highly recommend you to subscribe an additional health insurance cover (called « Mutuelle » or « Complémentaire santé » in French). Prices vary depending on the extent of the cover. (minimum : around 12 €/month)

We recommend that the student visit the following websites :

- [SMENO](#)
- [LMDE](#)
- [ADH](#)

Please note that other insurance companies or banks also offer this kind of insurance.

### **Repatriation insurance (Highly recommended):**

It is also recommended to take out a repatriation insurance in your home country before arriving in France.

## Practical information

Any questions about mobility? ULillGo can help before, during and after your mobility trip, making the various procedures as easy as possible : how to get to Lille, how to find accommodation, where to access healthcare, the grants you may be entitled to, and how to prepare for your mobility trip abroad ... all the answers you need are on the app! You can download the app from the Google Play Store or the Apple Store ([web version](#) also available).

[Ilévia](#) is the transport network of the European Metropolis of Lille. It combines the automatic underground (metro), the tram, bus as well as bicycles renting service (VLille).

It takes 15 minutes by metro from Lille Flandres train station to reach the campus "Cité Scientifique" of the University of Lille in Villeneuve d'Ascq, where Polytech Lille is located.

## About the region

- [Hauts de France region](#)
- [Lille](#)
- [Villeneuve d'Ascq](#)

## Cost of living

### Accommodation:

Room at the CROUS: €200-400. 20m<sup>2</sup> studio.

Apartment in Lille: €450 or more.

Room in a private residence: €450 or more.

Housing insurance: €50 per year.

### Food:

Meal at the university restaurant (RU): €3.30.

Dish of the day in a brasserie: €12-17.

1 beer (50 cl) in a bar: €5-6.

Typical weekly shopping basket: between €50 and €75 (including 1 daily meal at the RU).

### Transport:

1 bus/metro journey: €1.80.

Ilévia subscription for 4-25 year olds: €31.50 per month.

Ilévia subscription for general public: €63 per month (discount for CAF beneficiaries). Check the [Ilévia](#) webpage for details.

### Utilities:

Internet €25 per month.

Mobile €10 per month or more.

Electricity €50 per month.

### Leisure activities:

1 cinema ticket at student rate: €9.

Admission to the Palais des Beaux-Arts Museum: €7 and free on the 1st Sunday of each month.