- Paris is ranked “the best student city in the world” by QS World
- Students are not required to have any previous knowledge of the French language, as courses are offered in both French and English
- The geographic area and economic environment of Paris is outstanding, immersing students in the economic world and giving them the opportunity to build a strong network of businesses.
- The town of Descartes was home to the famous philosopher René Descartes (“I think therefore I am”) and there is a museum dedicated to him in the house where he lived.
- Descartes is located in the heart of eastern Paris and is identified as one of the world’s largest centers on the theme of sustainable cities.

Université de Marne-la-Vallée is primarily located in the New Town of Marne-la-Vallée, the Cité Descartes, in an area where local authorities are working to maintain urban development while preserving the rich heritage and natural areas.

Since its inception, the University Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée is characterized by a culture of innovation by developing close partnerships with research institutions within the business world with diverse corporate governance systems.

The University Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée is a multidisciplinary institution with 12 components, including IUT and 16 research units.

The primary goals for its students are to enhance employability qualification upon graduation and to further develop their excellence in research.

It also maintains close relationships and collaborations at European and international levels in the fields of education, student mobility and research.
Program Dates

Fall Semester: September 30 – January 31
Spring Semester: February 3 – June 13

Program Requirements

- Passport and student visa required
- Must be at least a sophomore
  - Minimum GPA: 2.5

Accommodation

- Off-campus residence housing

Cost of Living

The total differs according to the individual but the estimated cost is as follows:

- Estimated Living Expenses (for 4 months)
- XU Tuition & Fees: $16,500-$17,000
- Housing: $1500-$1900
- Board (food, est.): $250/month
- International travel (flight): $1000-$1500
- Local Travel: $400
- Textbooks: $200
- International Health Insurance: $150
- Personal expenses: (varies)
- Total estimated cost: $20,746-$22,146