

## **DU PEPS and DU Sorbonne Alliance (University Access Diploma)**

The University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne offers 2 programs for students in exile.

The DU PEPS and the DU Sorbonne Alliance are accessible to anyone with a refugee status, asylum seeker or subsidiary protection who is willing to resume higher education in France and at the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. The 2 programs run from September 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 to May 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 (following the academic year and the university calendar).

→ **The DU PEPS** offers classes in French as a foreign language from the B1 (intermediate) level to the B2 (independent user) level as well as methodology classes, the teaching of another foreign language and group work.

→ **The DU Sorbonne Alliance** offers classes in French as a foreign language from the A2 (elementary user) level to the B1 (intermediate) level as well as methodology classes.

If you want to apply to one of them you must :

- Have reached an A1+ level in French (for DU Sorbonne Alliance) or an A2+ level in French (for DU PEPS)
- Be minimum 18 years of age
- Hold A-levels (or equivalent level qualifications from your country / Baccalauréat / see Enic Naric for equivalence)
- Have a refugee status, be an asylum seeker or benefit from subsidiary protection
- Write a cover letter to explain why you wish to enter the program and present a professional project in relation with a disciplinary field taught at Paris 1 (1 page maximum).
- Fill in the form online : <https://reseau-mens.org/candidater-a-une-formation-du-passerelle-en-ile-de-france/>

The 2 programs offer :

- 14 to 16 hours of French classes per week (classes are from Monday to Thursday mainly in the morning from 9am to 12.30pm)
- + 1.5h of foreign language per week (English or other) + 2 hours of homework assistance per week on Friday morning given by French students (Masters' degree) from Paris 1 (only for DU PEPS)
- Take the TCF or DELF B2 (+ preparation) at the end of the academic year in May
- No tuition fees (TCF or DELF B2 free of charge)
- You must be available for all the classes and have time to study : presence in class is compulsory to pass/get the diploma
- You will be registered as a student and have a Paris 1 student card
- Participation in campus life through sports and students' associations

Information :

- Classes will be held in one of the centers of the university in Paris.
- Classes begin : Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> 2024
- Classes end : Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2025.
- 1<sup>st</sup> semester exam: January 2025
- 2<sup>nd</sup> semester exam: May 2025
- TCF or DELF B2 class preparation and examination in May/June 2025

Anyone meeting the previous criteria can fill in a registration form. **Candidacy opens from April 15th to June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024.** Please do not forget to upload your documents : A-Level certificates and your cover letter on the form online.

A common online form for all the universities in Paris (there is no specific form for the University Paris 1) :

<https://reseau-mens.org/candidater-a-une-formation-du-passerelle-en-ile-de-france/>

Filling the form online for a candidacy does not guarantee a selection to be accepted in the programs. After your candidacy online, the selected applicants will be informed by email to take a French test at the Pierre-Mendès France center (31 rue Baudricourt 75013 Paris) so as to check their level in the French language. **Please check your emails on June 7-10<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

The **French test** will be held at the Pierre-Mendès France center (31 rue Baudricourt 75013 Paris) **at the end of June 2024** (the date and time will be specified in the email you will receive on June 7-10<sup>th</sup> if you have been selected).

Then, applicants who are finally admitted to the DU PEPS or DU Sorbonne Alliance will be informed **beginning of July** to start the academic year on September 16th.