

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 15th 2025 to the end of May 2026 (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. You must have completed the A2 level in French (writing and speaking skills) to be accepted.
- **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. You must have completed the A1 level in French (writing and speaking skills) to be accepted.

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 or temporary protection
- 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 mainly from Monday to Friday from 9am to 12.30pm)
- + 1.5h of foreign language per week (English or other)
- Take the TCF (+ preparation) at the end of the academic year in May
- No tuition fees (TCF 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
- A social and academic support by the association UniR (Universities and Refugees)
- 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 15th 2025
- Classes end: end of May 2026
- 1st semester exam: January 2026
- 2nd semester exam: May 2026
- TCF class preparation and examination in May/June 2026

Anyone meeting the previous criteria can fill in a registration form. **Candidacy opens from April 14th to June 2nd 2025.**

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 every applicant 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 (A1+/A2+) in the French language. **Please check your emails on June 5-7th 2025.**

Selection of candidates: If you have been selected: The **French test** will be held at the Pierre-Mendès France center (31 rue Baudricourt 75013 Paris) **on June 11th for DU PEPS and June 12th for DU Alliance (from 10 am to 2 pm: written and oral tests) amphitheater I (access ground floor).**

You must be available to take the test in person. A test online will not be possible. If you are absent at the test in June (whatever the reason might be) your candidacy will be rejected.

Applicants who are finally admitted to the DU PEPS or DU Sorbonne Alliance will be informed by email **mi-June** to start the academic year on September 15th and will be able to process to their registration in July.