

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 18th 2023 to May 4th 2024 (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 18th 2023
- Classes end : Friday May 4th 2024.
- 1st semester exam: January 2024
- 2nd semester exam: May 2024
- TCF or DELF B2 class preparation and examination in May/June 2024

Anyone meeting the previous criteria can fill in a registration form. **Candidacy opens from June 12th to July 2nd 2023.** 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) :

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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 mail to take a French test at the beginning of September at the Pierre-Mendès France center (90, rue de Tolbiac 75013 Paris) so as to check their level in the French language. Then, applicants who are finally admitted to the DU PEPS or DU Sorbonne Alliance will be informed a few days after to start the academic year on September 18th.