

Colby's French Department has an exchange with the [École Normale Supérieure de Lyon](#), permitting Colby seniors to spend a year at one of France's foremost institutions for graduate-level study and research. Detailed information can be found below. Previous Colby graduates who have participated in the ENS program are also listed below, with contact information, for current Colby students wishing to learn more about their experiences.

## **INFORMATION FOR FRENCH STUDIES SENIOR MAJORS APPLYING TO THE ENS DE LYON**

There are **two main possibilities** offered by the ENS de Lyon to Colby seniors.

### **Exchange Program**

The simplest way for a Colby senior to come to the ENS in the year following graduation is to apply to be an international exchange student. International exchange students may follow classes from across the ENS's [programmes](#), as appropriate to their area of study and within the limit of available places. They receive ECTS credits for classes that are successfully completed. Tuition fees are waived.

Applications should be made [online](#) after official nomination by Colby. Applications are generally accepted in April for admission in September of the same year; in 2018, the deadline is April 20.

### **Funded Masters Programs**

A Colby senior or recent graduate with an exceptional research project can compete for one of the ENS de Lyon's [Bourses d'excellence Ampère](#), designed to support enrolment in one or both years of a two-year Masters program. Seniors should apply at M1 (first-year Masters) level. Students who have already completed a year of graduate study in a relevant field should apply at M2 (second-year Masters) level. The award consists in a tuition fee waiver and a living allowance of 1000 euros per month, paid over 12 months. For students entering at M1 level, the award is renewable for a second year upon successful enrolment at M2 level. The application deadline for these awards is much earlier than that for the exchange: the deadline for admission in 2018-19 was December 18, 2017.

### **General lodging and living information**

[Accommodation](#) is available for international students at the ENS de Lyon; it is not free, but it is subsidized to below market cost. A comfortable room within a shared apartment on campus costs around 350 euros per month (2018 rates). There is also a subsidized campus restaurant, and, students gain access to all sporting, cultural, IT and other resources at the École. In addition, students may be eligible to apply for *APL (Aide personnalisée au logement)* which, depending on the student's income, can cover up to around 100 euros of the monthly rent.

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