



ESAAIX • FACT SHEET

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027 *(new application dates: in red!)*

GENERAL INFORMATION	
In national language	École Supérieure d'Art d'Aix-en-Provence F. Ciccolini (ESAAIX)
In English	<i>Higher School of Fine Arts of Aix-en-Provence</i>
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Short description	ESAAIX is a public institution, based in the historical center of Aix-en-Provence. It delivers 1 st and 2 ^d cycle diplomas of art, intended to train future artists, art professionals, teachers and researchers. Practice-based, it is an independent school (190 students) , including 20% of international students from all over the world.
Departments/fields of study	ESAAIX holds one global department of art . Our teaching is <u>interdisciplinary, based on collective, intermedia projects</u> . > Study fields: fine arts, performance, digital art, hypermedia, video, sound > Artistic creation, practice-based research, theory > We cover the following media/disciplines: drawing-space, painting, sculpture-volume, photography, video, installation, edition-impression, performance, sound, mechatronics, digital art, 3D, hypermedia, programming, game, wood, metal
Organisation of studies	CYCLE 1 LICENCE (Bachelor) → DNA - 1 st and 2 ^d years: collective transdisciplinary projects (“pôles”), technical <i>ateliers</i> , theory, conferences & workshops - 3 ^d year: preparation of the diploma (Diplôme National d'Art – equivalent to a Bachelor degree) CYCLE 2 MASTER → DNSEP - 4 th year: collective research projects (“studios”), theory and experimentation, final dissertation, mobility and internships - 5 th year: preparation of the diploma (Diplôme National Supérieur d'Expression Plastique – Master degree)
Link to the current study guide online (description of courses, etc. <i>(in French)</i>)	https://www.esaaix.fr/Livret-de-l-etudiant-e-2025-2026 <i>(a summary in English is handed to admitted students and can be sent to candidates on demand)</i>
INTERNATIONAL OFFICE	
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Department of studies	pedagogie@esaaix.fr
ACADEMIC CALENDAR	
Autumn term (“first semester”)	22 September – 16 January – <i>subject to slight changes each academic year + cycle-specific dates</i>
Spring term (“second semester”)	12 January – 29 June – <i>subject to slight changes each academic year + cycle-specific dates</i>
EXCHANGE PROGRAMS & ECTS	
FIRST CYCLE (Bachelor) => 30 ECTS per semester	→ First cycle exchange students (Bachelor / Undergraduate / 2d & 3d year students) are included in the 2d year program , which includes, per semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 interdisciplinary collective project (“pôle”) - French (or English for native French-speaking students) - theoretical classes (history of arts, philosophy, aesthetics) - two technical <i>ateliers</i> (practical work in studios) - experimentation and research - conferences, workshops > admission: Autumn, Spring, or full year
SECOND CYCLE (Master) => up to 30 ECTS at the Autumn Semester => up to 18 ECTS at the Spring Semester	→ Second cycle exchange students (Master / Graduate / 4th & 5th year students) are included in the 4th year program , which includes, <u>at the 1st semester</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 interdisciplinary collective project (“studio”) - French (or English for native French-speaking students) - research seminar - thesis writing and methodology (optional) - conferences, workshops - possibility to attend Bachelor theory classes and technical <i>ateliers</i> (optional) > admission: Autumn, or full year ! NOTE: second cycle students cannot be admitted for the Spring term only.
STUDENT ACCOMMODATION & SERVICES	
Accommodation and support	ESAAIX does not have in-site accommodation. However, international students can have access to Aix’ student dorms (private room in a residency 15’ walk from the school). We also give students advice on how to find a private room/flat during their stay, and we can put exchange students in touch with outgoing students to arrange flat swaps. A document is provided to help international students prepare their stay (« International students study guide »). Meetings are organized at the beginning of each term to welcome new students and show them around the school.
LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY	
<i>Are courses taught in English available?</i>	All courses are taught in French. French classes are offered to International Students at the school (free of charge), with different group levels. Individual tutoring can be held in English, according to professors’ capacity. Some teachers accept papers or



	presentations in English.
Which level of French is recommended?	<u>Fluent French (B1/B2 level) is strongly recommended to attend courses and communicate with professors.</u> However, students who speak little French (A1/A2) can be admitted, if they demonstrate strong interest in our school/program, motivation to learn French and/or capacity to adapt to a French-speaking environment.
Application procedure	
Nomination period (> coordinators)	Autumn term & full year: 13 March-10 May (new dates) Spring term: 1 October-30 October (new dates)
Application deadline (> students)	Autumn term/academic year: 10 May (new deadline) Spring term: 30 October (new deadline)
Application process	Nominations should be filed <u>by coordinators through the online form:</u> ESAAIX - nomination form - 2026-2027 – Remplir le formulaire > Application documents should then be sent by coordinators or directly by students, <u>by email, with “erasmus application”</u> as object at: international@esaaix.fr ! Students will not receive a request or a link: they should send their application directly by email, once they are nominated. We will confirm reception of the documents.
Application should include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CV (in French or English) - Motivation letter (in French or English) – <i>addressed to the school and with clear motivations to join our program</i> - Portfolio (in French and/or English) - Certification of French proficiency. EU Academy certificates accepted.
OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION	<p>Classes are led by recognized artists, professionals and theoreticians. Workshops, seminars, conferences and events are organized throughout the academic year, with local, national and international artists, curators and art professionals. Public sessions and exhibitions are organized to display students' work. ESAAIX is a member of various national and international networks, and collaborates with institutions in Aix, Marseille, Provence region and various cities in France. It hosts a research lab, LOCUS SONUS VITAE. See: https://locusonus.org/vitae/index.php?page=Home.fr</p> <p><i>Please bear in mind that our school has <u>limited space</u> and can only welcome a restricted amount of exchange students each semester/year. Nominations do not necessarily imply that students will be accepted. An internal jury selects nominated students according to the number of available places, and specific criteria: quality of the application; resonance with ESAAix' educational approach (transmedia, interdisciplinary, experimental portfolios are preferred); language proficiency; motivation to join our school.</i></p>