I speak little, or no, French. Can I apply to one of the Paris School of Economics (PSE) programs?
All compulsory classes and most electives are offered in English. In class, not speaking French isn’t a barrier, but like any time abroad in a francophone country, participation in the PSE masters program implies a complete immersion in a French-speaking cultural environment.

Should I provide you with my GRE score?
No, it is not required for the admission to the academic year 2013-2014.

How much is tuition?
Fees are around 250 euros per year, in addition to approximately 210 euros for social security (for those under the age of 28). Studying at our institution is free of any additional fees.

Are scholarships available?
Depending on your nationality, financial aid may be available from different institutions (central banks, embassies, foundations, etc.). We invite you to explore the different possibilities available on the websites of EHESS (only in French) and Campus France. Students who seek to continue their studies at the PhD level in one of the Paris School of Economics (PSE) Doctoral Programmes can apply for different financing opportunities (Ministère de l'enseignement supérieur et de la recherche, Région Ile-de-France) typically providing a monthly stipend of around 1500 euros (net) for 3 years, with a possible extra year of financing.

Is it better to apply in March or in May? Are chances and available spots the same?
The probability of acceptance is equal whether you apply in March or May. The admissions committee can decide to postpone until July consideration of a March application that requires additional information. Applications rejected in March will not be considered in May. However, nothing prevents students from applying for admission the following year if their academic curriculum has improved. We strongly encourage foreign candidates to apply in March in order to have more time to prepare their stay in France if their application is successful.
Can I apply to both programs – APE & PPD?
Yes, absolutely. But make sure you submit two separate application files!

Is it possible to submit applications online or by email?
No, you must send your application by mail in hard copy to:

PSE-Ecole d’économie de Paris
Secrétariat Master APE et PPD
48 boulevard Jourdan
75014 Paris, FRANCE

The application must include all required documents noted in the application section, as well as the application form for admission into M1 or M2.
Applications must be written in French or English. A translation of all documents in languages other than French, English, or other latin languages is required.
Incomplete applications won’t be considered. All documents, including the application form must arrive by mail in duplicate to the Programme Administration (secrétariat) before the application deadline.

Do I have the necessary background to apply to one of the PSE masters? What is expected of M1 applicants?

An undergraduate degree (e.g. Bachelors) equivalent to the French “Licence” in economics, mathematics or social sciences.
Applicants that are unsure as to whether they have the necessary preparation for the M1 program are strongly encouraged to take the exercises recommended in the admission section of each programme website. Applicants that are unable to complete these exercises presumably do not have the preparation necessary to take M1 classes.

Is it possible to apply directly for the M2 year?
Certain applicants can enter directly into the M2 year, if they have already taken and passed coursework that provides a level of preparation equivalent to that of Year 1 of the APE & PPD Programmes (microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics).
As a result, students who request direct admission into M2 must provide a clear and complete list of their past coursework. The committee can also extend an offer of admission into M1.

Why is it necessary to submit a detailed description of past coursework?
Transcripts don’t provide sufficient information as to the content of applicants’ previous coursework in other institutions of higher education.
Please provide a detailed description of courses that you have taken. Only chose courses pertinent to your APE & PPD masters application.
If you have gone to engineering school, there is no need to list all of your coursework, only those courses which are relevant to economics. It is useless to photocopy your entire university curriculum brochure; 5 to 10 lines per course are sufficient to explain the concepts and textbook(s) used in class.
This information is very important for the evaluators who will have your application in hand as they make an admission decision. Therefore, be clear and precise in your presentation.
What kind of recommendation letters should I submit? Is there a template for the recommendation letters? Do my referees have to send letters for each application, if I apply to APE and PPD programmes? Can they send them by email?

Insofar as the masters APE and PPD prepare for career in academic research, academic letters of recommendation are preferable. However, if you have work experience relevant for admission to one of these masters (research assistant, project assistant in public policy evaluation, banking and finance, etc.); one of the two letters of recommendation may be written by your employer.

Letters of recommendation must be sent along with the complete application file in sealed envelopes. They mustn’t be sent separately or by email.

If you are applying to both programs make sure you submit two sets of letters, the evaluators are not the same for each programme!

There is no specific format/standard for letters of recommendation. The more personalized and detailed they are, the better we can learn to know the candidate’s skills.

After the application is sent, is there an interview?

No. Candidates are admitted exclusively on the basis of their application.

Is there a distance learning option or a night programme?

The PSE MSc Programmes are full-time. There is no distance learning option, nor is there a night programme. However, students that wish to continue working or concurrently pursue another degree programme in addition to the PSE Masters can request permission to complete the masters over 4 years (2 in M1, 2 in M2). Candidates wishing to take advantage of this option, must state it clearly in their application file. These candidates should bear in mind that it will require adjustments in their work schedule approved by their employer or the manager of the other training they attend. Under no circumstances is it possible to work full-time and complete the APE or PPD programme at the same time. Only applications from candidates demonstrating - in addition to the initial training required - a strong motivation will be accepted.

Who should I contact for additional information?

The programme administration (“secrétariat pédagogique”)

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