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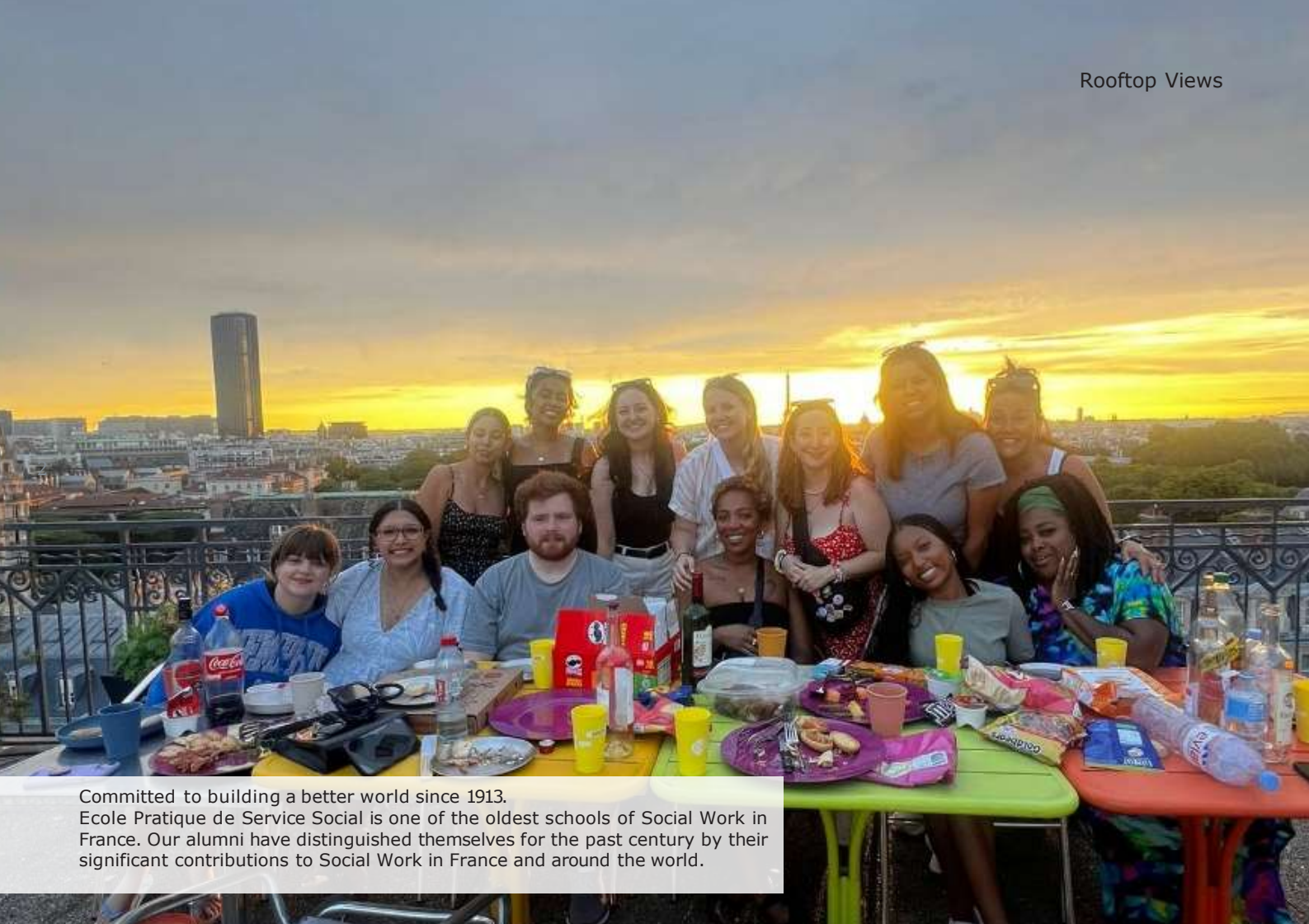
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JUNE 22 -
JULY 16
2026

10th
PARIS
SUMMER
SCHOOL
OF SOCIAL
WORK

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Committed to building a better world since 1913.
Ecole Pratique de Service Social is one of the oldest schools of Social Work in France. Our alumni have distinguished themselves for the past century by their significant contributions to Social Work in France and around the world.

WELCOME!

Welcome to our 10th International Summer School of Social Work!

Our program offers new events and experiences, a streamlined academic schedule, online digital courses, and innovative social impact projects. With the added perk of an extra 3 days in Paris, free of charge, what is there not to like?

The Paris Summer School of Social Work offers an immersive curriculum that masterfully blends formal academic theory with practical, real-world application. Set in a vibrant international environment, the program is packed with professional field visits to leading agencies, collaborative workshops, and rich cultural activities. This unique approach is designed to advance your practice and deepen your global perspective, reflecting the dynamic and evolving nature of social work itself.



The Paris Summer School of Social Work is the best program for study-abroad. It is excellent academically, and the combination of academic classroom time, field visits, and field placements provide the most comprehensive and well-rounded learning about social work in France. I am extremely satisfied and I believe my students are happy and satisfied as well. I look forward to bringing many more students in the future.

Professor Delavega - Associate Director of the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change, University of Memphis, USA.

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ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Described by our alumni as "**intensive**", this program delivered in English, offers a comprehensive overview of Social Work in France as well as a complete immersion into the French way of life.

ONLINE CLASSES - Follow them at your own pace before and after the program.

IN-PERSON LECTURES - One lecture per day from 9:00 am to noon with professors of Social Work or professional social workers.

FIELD VISITS - Afternoons include field visits to various agencies. Meeting French social workers in their own environment, as well as discovering innovative projects, is an important part of the program.

INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENTS - Individual placements provide an exceptional and valuable insight into Social Work in France in a variety of agencies: welfare centers, shelters, NGO's with real hands-on activities!

INSPIR'ACTION - Discover inspirational social intervention projects or policies

INNOV'ACTION - Think outside the box with your group to create an innovative approach to social intervention based on research and observations carried out in the field.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH - With a team of social workers, build meaningful connections with vulnerable or homeless individuals, in an ethical and respectful environment.



WHAT TOPICS DOES THE PROGRAM COVER?

- History of Social Work in France
- Social Work Policies
- Early Childhood Education
- Elderly People
- Homelessness
- Immigration
- Child Protection
- Mental Health
- Gender and Racial Discrimination
- Prostitution and Sex Work
- Addiction
- Disability Studies



The three week intensive social work program with EPSS in Paris was an enriching and eye-opening experience. It provided a deeper understanding of French social work practices and their application to my professional context. The program not only enhanced my technical skills but also fostered personal growth and cultural awareness. I am grateful for the opportunity and confident that the insights gained will significantly contribute to my effectiveness as a social worker.

Bridget - USA

I loved the opportunity to go in and visit the agencies, I felt that they were just the right length of time to get a good grasp on the provided services and agency mandates, while also getting to observe and take in the work being done. Everyone that met with us was wonderful and friendly and so genuinely passionate about their work and curious to hear from us!

Jessica - Canada



WORKLOAD

Whether you are taking the program for credit or not, we expect every participant to take part in the work with the same level of commitment. Workload is manageable, just follow the guidelines set out at the beginning of the program!

ASSESSMENT

Individual work - global participation and attendance, astonishment report, online classes.
Group work - oral presentation on social impact projects (Innov'action).

GROUP SESSIONS

Weekly debrief sessions are held to make sure everyone is settling in well to their international learning experience.

TRANSFERRING CREDIT

If you wish to transfer credit to your home university please have your international advisor contact us prior to your visit to see how we can help you.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The Paris Summer School of Social Work is a French program delivered in English. Some visits may be translated from French into English. Placements are carried out in French immersion with an English speaker on hand when available. Acquiring some notions of French before the program starts is strongly advised!

WHO IS THIS PROGRAM SUITABLE FOR?

- Students (undergraduates or graduates)
- PhD's, post-docs, researchers
- Practicing Social Workers
- Faculty members (must not be signed up as group leaders)

Participants must have completed at least one year of university in the field of Social Work, Social Welfare or Sociology (or related field).



PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2026

(may be subject to change)

WEEK 1	MONDAY 22-Jun	TUESDAY 23-Jun	WEDNESDAY 24-Jun	THURSDAY 25-Jun	FRIDAY 26-Jun	SATURDAY 27-Jun	SUNDAY 28-Jun		
9:00 - 12:00	ARRIVALS	ACADEMIC OPENING	Lecture	Group Work	Lecture	FREE			
12:00 - 14:00		PARIS ORIENTATION	INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION	INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION	INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION				
14:00 - 15:00			Lunch	Lunch	Lunch				
15:00 - 17:00			Transportation time	Transportation time	Transportation time				
17:00 - 18:00	MEET AND GREET	Field visit	Field visit	Field visit					
18:00	FREE	OPENING CEREMONY	FREE	FREE	FREE				
WEEK 2	MONDAY 29-Jun	TUESDAY 30-Jul	WEDNESDAY 1-Jul	THURSDAY 2-Jul	FRIDAY 3-Jul	SATURDAY 4-Jul	SUNDAY 5-Jul		
9:00 - 12:00	Lecture	Lecture	INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT	COLLECTIVE BREAKFAST + DEBRIEF SESSION	FREE	ROAD TRIP			
12:00 - 14:00	INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION	INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION		INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION					
14:00 - 15:00	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch					
15:00 - 17:00	Transportation time	Transportation time		Transportation time					
17:00 - 18:00	Field visit	Field visit	COLLECTIVE PROJECT						
18:00	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE					
WEEK 3	MONDAY 6-Jul	TUESDAY 7-Jul	WEDNESDAY 8-Jul	THURSDAY 9-Jul	FRIDAY 10-Jul	SATURDAY 11-Jul	SUNDAY 12-Jul		
9:00 - 12:00	Lecture	Lecture	INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT	HARM REDUCTION CENTER	Lecture	FREE			
12:00 - 14:00	INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION	INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION		COLLECTIVE MEAL CERGY	INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION				
14:00 - 15:00	Lunch	Lunch			Lunch				
15:00 - 17:00	Transportation time	Transportation time		CERGY COLLECTIVE VISIT	COLLECTIVE PROJECT				
17:00 - 18:00	Field visit	Field visit	FREE	FREE	FREE				
18:00	FREE	FREE						FREE	FREE
WEEK 4	MONDAY 13-Jul	TUESDAY 14-Jul	WEDNESDAY 15-Jul	THURSDAY 16-Jul	FRIDAY 17-Jul	JULY 18-19			
9:00 - 12:00	Lecture	FREE	COLLECTIVE PROJECT	COLLECTIVE PROJECT	FREE	BONUS DAYS STARTS THURSDAY 17 ENDS SAT 18 LAST DEPARTURES & DORM CHECK-OUT SATURDAY 18 at 10:00 AM.			
12:00 - 14:00	FREE		SOCIAL EVENT	SOCIAL EVENT					
15:00 - 17:00	DEBRIEF SESSION		COLLECTIVE PROJECT	FREE					
17:00 - 18:00	FREE		FREE	CLOSING CEREMONY					
18:00			FREE						
	LECTURES	FIELD VISITS	WALKING TOURS / VISITS	SOCIAL IMPACT PROJECTS					
	GROUP PREPARATION	PLACEMENTS	SOCIAL EVENTS	DEBRIEF SESSION					

SOCIAL EVENTS

ORIENTATION DAY AND CITY TOURS

We know how exciting and sometimes overwhelming it can be to arrive in an unknown place. You need to rest and explore, all at once!

That's why we make it a priority to give you time to get your bearings, learn how to move around the city and see some of the sights before the program starts.

Discover Paris old and new. Walk through and past some of the most emblematic places* in Paris by land and by water: Luxembourg Gardens, Notre-Dame Cathedral, Ile de la Cité, Latin Quarter, Eiffel Tower, Montparnasse...

*or equivalent alternatives

SOCIAL EVENTS

- Meet & Greet
- Opening and closing ceremonies
- A few group meals
- And a some other surprises...



NEW!

YOUR UNLIMITED CULTURAL PASS

Paris is a incredible place to be! Your package includes a fabulous 48h cultural pass that allows you to visit all the majors museums for free!

Versailles - Orsay - Louvre - Picasso and many, many more!



HOW MUCH DOES THE SOCIAL PROGRAM COST?

Tickets and entrance fees to social events are included in the Paris Summer School of Social Work package, there are no additional costs!



I absolutely loved my time here in France. Attending EPSS was both educational and exciting. The hospitality was so thoughtful and I could not have imagined a semester well spent. I have no regrets on attending this program. Makatie - USA



WEEKEND TRIP



(2 days & 1 night)



Culture and nature in the French countryside

* Program subject to change

Experience an exclusive getaway! Relax and discover the beauty of the French countryside at your own pace. Hotel, transportation and entrance tickets to museums are included!



Lectures, field visits, and projects gave us unparalleled access into the French social service system. I'm now going back home to my MSW program refreshed and with a plethora of knowledge that I didn't initially expect to receive. This is an opportunity that you don't want to miss. Joshua - USA



VENUE & HOUSING



VENUE - Lectures take place in our gorgeous 19th century headquarters. Located in the heart of the Montparnasse area, the school is close to the Latin Quarter and breath-taking Luxembourg Gardens. It is surrounded by great cafés, restaurants and shops in one of the safest areas of the capital, day or night.

HOUSING - Accommodation is provided a short walk away from EPSS at the Foyer International des Etudiantes. It is a beautiful student hostel and provides standard, double dorm rooms (single on request only, additional fees apply) in a very old-world atmosphere. Housing package includes breakfast, seven days a week.

Metro and bus stops are just around the corner and provide easy and safe access to the rest of the city.

Foyer International des Etudiantes
93 boulevard Saint Michel 75005 Paris



DORM SERVICES

- Internet
- Doorman 24/7
- Rooftop view
- Library and lounge
- Shared kitchen and bathrooms
- Laundry and dryer
- Sheets, bedding
- Elevator
- **NO** Air-conditioning



Networking with other social work students and professionals from around the globe while taking in the sites and culture of Paris contributed to round this out as a wonderful experience. Erica- USA



REQUIREMENTS

LANGUAGE

Language and communication skills are an important part of our program. You must be fluent* in English and have a basic level** in French. It is your responsibility to have the required level in both languages.

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***English:** a TOEFL score of 80 (or equivalent score in any other test) or IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent of B2-C1 within the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference Score (CECRL).

****Basic French:** end of high-school French (equivalent of B1 within the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference)

WALKING

Paris is the pedestrian's paradise. Most Parisians use the excellent public transportation system to move around the city. It is safe, clean and available day and night, with metros and buses running every few minutes.

This program involves embracing the French lifestyle, including a significant amount of walking. We want to ensure the program is accessible to everyone. If you have any specific access requirements, please get in touch.

GROUP LEADERS

If you are a faculty member travelling with a group of students, specific application guidelines and rates will apply. We will be happy to have you join us in some program activities and house you at the dorm. Please contact us well in advance, so we can help you prepare for the program with your students and network with French Social Workers too!





If you want to broaden your mind and challenge your way of thinking, sign up for this experience! Margaret- USA



FEES & FINANCES 2026

Rates	STANDARD	
	2840 €	
Rates	ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP INDIVIDUAL	ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP FACULTY LEADER
	2590 €	2300 €

ERASMUS+

Students or faculty members affiliated to European universities may apply for Erasmus+ grants from their home universities (conditions apply). Please contact your international coordinator to receive the necessary information.



École Pratique de Service Social does not deliver scholarships. You may consult your home university study-abroad advisor to see if some alternate funding is available. American citizens may contact Generation Study Abroad for information or support.



WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PARIS SUMMER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK PACKAGE?

	DESCRIPTION	INCLUDED	RESTRICTIONS	STARTS	ENDS
STUDY PERIOD	E-learning, lectures, field visits, placements	●	-	June 22	July 16
ACCOMODATION	Double standard room	●	Need single room upgrade? Add 375 € to fee total.	June 22	July 18
TRANSPORTATION PASS	Unlimited metro, buses, express rail	●	Greater Paris area only	June 22	July 18
AIRPORT PICK-UP	Pick-up from airport	●	On request. Specific hours, arrivals only.	June 22	
MEALS	Breakfast only, 7 days a week	●	No lunch or dinner	June 23	July 18
ORIENTATION DAY	Museums tickets, visits, tours	●	-	July 23	
2-DAY NORMANDY TOUR	Transfers, hotel, breakfast, visits	●	-	July 4	July 5
MUSEUM PASS	Unlimited museum pass.	●	Valid 48h only within first visit	June 22	Unlimited
SOCIAL EVENTS	Opening and closing ceremonies, international evening, some group meals	●	Some social events may run up to 10 pm.	June 22	July 16
2 BONUS DAYS	2 BONUS days, stay for FREE	●	Accommodation and breakfast only	July 17	July 18
PLANE TICKET	Transport to/from home country	NOT INCLUDED			
MEALS	Lunches, dinners	NOT INCLUDED			
HEALTH INSURANCE	Medical assistance and costs	NOT INCLUDED			
PERSONAL EXPENSES	Additional daily expenses	NOT INCLUDED			
OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES	Expenses for self-led activities	NOT INCLUDED			

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

HOW TO APPLY?

All applications must be submitted through our website: www.epss.fr

You may apply if:

- You are over 18
- You have completed at least one year of a higher education program in Social Work, Social Welfare or Sociology (or in a related area).
- You are fluent in English and have mastered some basic French



The Paris Summer School of Social Work Program has been an incredible learning experience for my students. The School offers an intensive academic program that is challenging, informative, and fun. The low cost for this month-long program makes it an attractive alternative for undergraduate or **graduate** students.

Doctor Alan Kirk - Professor of Social Work, Kennesaw State University, USA

APPLICATIONS
OPEN

OCT 15

APPLICATIONS
CLOSE

APRIL 1st

ARRIVALS

JUNE 22

STUDY PERIOD
STARTS

JUNE 22

STUDY PERIOD
ENDS

JULY 16

BONUS DAYS

JULY 17-18
STAY
IN PARIS
FOR FREE!

LAST
DEPARTURES

JULY 18



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