

Discover ICP

Faculties, Institutes and Schools Associated schools

6 faculties

Faculty of Canon Law
Faculty of Philosophy
Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Law
Faculty of Liberal Arts
Faculty of Education
THEOLOGICUM - Faculty of Theology and Religious Sciences

And 6 Specialised Institutes

Important numbers
900 Professors 9 Associated Schools

165 Curricula at Bachelor, Master, Doctorate Level

10 000 Students 1/3 are International

60 Nationalities

140 Partner Universities in 40 Countries

5 Libraries

1 Interdisciplinary Research Unit

95 Academics, 250 Doctoral Students

A Historic, Highly Respected University



Founded in 1875, the Catholic University of Paris (Institut Catholique de Paris - ICP) is the inheritor of the Medieval Liberal Arts Colleges and lies in the tradition of the Sorbonne, the oldest academic institution in France. ICP is renowned for its excellence in core academic fields such as Theology, Philosophy and Canon Law that serve as a basis for the development of Humanities and Social sciences, where Education, Ethics and Anthropology are well represented. As a non-for-profit Association pursuant to French Law of 1901, recognised as Promoting the Public interest, its unique Research Unit "Religion, Culture and Society" is fully recognised by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research.

Humanist Values and Human Scale Campus in the Heart of Paris

Inspired by a long Christian and Humanistic tradition, ICP values open-mindedness and dialogue across borders, as suggested by the University Motto: "An Open Mind to the World". ICP welcomes all students and academics, whatever their nationality, culture, language and religion and puts an emphasison individual pedagogical guidance. Centrally located in the 6th district of Paris, between the Latin Quarter and Saint-Germain-des-Prés, ICP is built on the site of an old Carmelite convent from the 17th century. ICP is a place of serenity and history, a unique and positive environment conducive to study, research and campus life.

European Dimension, World Reach

ICP belongs to the European Higher Education Area and delivers ECTS (European Credits Transfer System). ICP is also a major actor of the, global Catholic network of higher education. ICP prepares for obtaining State Degrees recognized at National and European level (Bachelor, Master and Doctorate Degrees), Canonical Diplomas as well as its own Diplomas. Part of ICP, the ILCF (Institute of French Language and Culture) offers recognised certifications. Faculties of ICP deliver Bachelor (3 years), Master (5 years) and Doctorate Degrees in three main complementary teaching and research areas:

Humanities: Philosophy, French and International Literature, Past and Present Languages, European languages, Ancient Oriental Languages, History, History of Art, French as a Foreign Language, French Culture, Politics...

Law, Social sciences and economics: Law, Economics, Sociology, Human Resources, Mediation and Negotiation...

Theology, Religious Sciences & Canon Law: Canon Law, Moral Theology, Pastoral Catechesis, Theology of Arts, Liturgy, Ecumenical and Interreligious Studies, Exegesis, Christian Anthropology...