

**STUDENT EXCHANGE
PROGRAMME 2025**

AGRICULTURE • FOOD SYSTEMS
AGROECOLOGY • SUSTAINABILITY

**Live & Learn
in France at
ISARA**

An inspiring semester to grow your
future — from the heart of Europe



DISCOVER ISARA

Did you know?

The city of Lyon
is classified as a UNESCO
World Heritage Site

Welcome to ISARA

ISARA is a French higher education institution specialised in agriculture, food science, environmental management, and sustainable development.

Since 1968, we have been training responsible professionals ready to tackle tomorrow's food system challenges.

🍌 **1300+ students**

🍌 **2 Campuses:
Lyon & Avignon**

🍌 **A warm, multicultural,
and supportive learning
environment**

Lyon and Avignon, great places to study

ISARA campuses are located in Lyon and Avignon, South-East of France, in a very dynamic environment surrounded by a wide number of companies, research centres and professionals working in the field of agriculture, food industry, rural development and environment sectors at large.

The main campus is located in Lyon, second-ranking city in France in regards to its number of students. Lyon has a rich cultural and gastronomic tradition and an 'old town', which was designated World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Our lively city will offer you an exceptional quality of life. Beyond that, not only does Lyon share borders with Italy and Switzerland, it is easy to escape to the mountains and the sea - which will give you the opportunity to take part in a variety of leisure activities. By joining ISARA in Lyon, you will immerse yourself in a truly multicultural environment, create lasting international friendships, and gain valuable academic and professional experiences in one of Europe's most inspiring regions.



Study in Avignon with ISARA and enjoy a unique semester in the heart of Provence! This historic, sunny, and vibrant student city offers the perfect setting combining culture, nature, and innovation. Join a close-knit campus focused on agroecology and sustainable transitions. By joining ISARA in Avignon, you will immerse yourself in a multicultural environment, build lasting international friendships, and gain valuable academic and professional experience in one of Europe's most inspiring regions.





WHY STUDY AT ISARA?

What makes ISARA unique?

- 🍃 Courses taught in English, French

- 🍃 Focus on agroecology, food systems and innovation

- 🍃 Strong industry and research partnerships

- 🍃 Authentic "farm to fork" learning experiences

- 🍃 International classrooms, collaborative projects, and field visits

- 🍃 Optional French language classes

Student voice:

"At ISARA, I discovered a passionate community where theory meets action!"
Paula, Brazil





ACADEMIC OFFER OVERVIEW

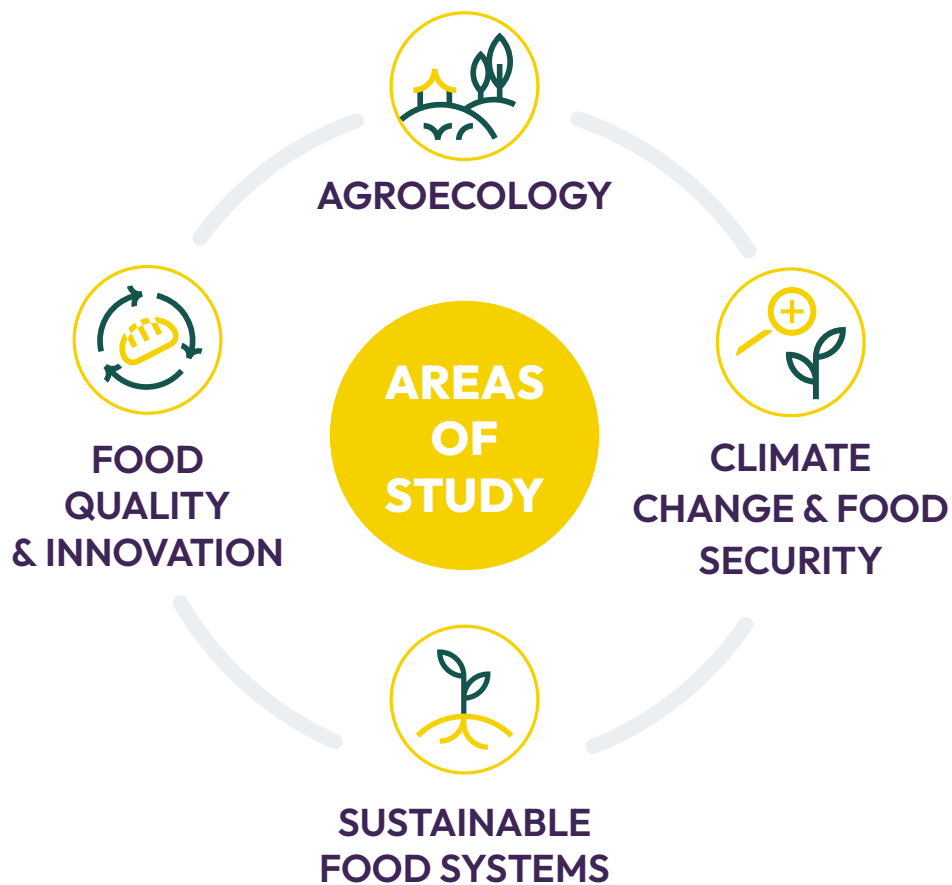
Build your own semester

ISARA offers a broad catalogue of Master-level courses across disciplines:

- Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems
- Climate Change & Food Security
- Food Quality & Innovation
- French Agriculture & Food Systems
- Environmental Management & Animal Production
- Entrepreneurship & Business
- Viticulture & Mediterranean Agriculture

Courses are available in:

- Fall Semester (Sept–Jan) and Spring Semester (Jan–June)
- Full course catalogue available online or upon request



LEVEL : MASTER

**LANGUAGE :
ENGLISH OR FRENCH**

**CAMPUS :
LYON / AVIGNON**



SAMPLE COURSES

Academic Programme for International Students

ISARA welcomes international students through exchange semesters or full degree programmes, with courses taught in English or French.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES (1 or 2 semesters)

FALL SEMESTER:

Welcome week: Meeting with other students, administrative help, intensive French lessons, cultural activities.

Courses in English:

- Agroecology (one block – 30 ECTS – Lyon)
- Sustainable Development in Food Industries (one block – 30 ECTS – Lyon)

Courses in French:

- Conception et Innovation Durables en Industrie (30 ECTS – Lyon)
- Elevage, environnement, santé (30 ECTS – Lyon)
- Gestion de l'innovation et développement des entreprises (30 ECTS – Lyon)
- Innovation en Produit Alimentaire Durable (30 ECTS – Lyon)
- Transition agroécologique de l'agriculture méditerranéenne (30 ECTS – Avignon)
- TERREA : Gestion des Territoires, Ecologie & Alimentation (30 ECTS – Lyon)
- Option 1 : Développer les systèmes alimentaires durables et aménager des territoires résilients (30 ECTS – Lyon)
- Option 2 : Gérer les ressources et milieux naturels (30 ECTS – Lyon)
- Option 3 : Transition énergétique et territoires ruraux (30 ECTS – Lyon)
- TIC-TAC : Territoire, Innovation agroécologique, accompagnement : la Transition Agroécologique en Action (30 ECTS – Lyon)
- Vigne et Vin (30 ECTS – Avignon)

Each of these courses is a 30 ECTS programme (it's not possible to pick different courses in several programmes). These semesters are 5th year, MSc level. We can accept 4th year students depending on their background.

SPRING SEMESTER:

Elective modules to combine (between 3 and 6 ECTS each – subject to course opening):

Courses in English:

- Biodiversity management in agrosystems
- Food and cities
- Food, Health and Sociology
- Agricultural and food economy: from global stakes to local projects
- Mountains as challenging areas
- Real case Group Project (asked by companies or research labs)

Courses in French:

- Management dans la complexité
- Gestion des risques en agriculture et en agroalimentaire
- Panorama des énergies renouvelables agricoles
- Management et Marché du Vin
- Biotechnologies : enjeux et perspectives pour l'agriculture
- Eau et environnement
- Projet de groupe : cas réel commandité par des entreprises ou laboratoires
- Gestion de la qualité dans les filières agroalimentaires
- Agriculture biologique, territoires et marchés
- Contexte et enjeux de la transition énergétique
- Viticulture et agroécologie
- Outils, perspectives et enjeux des numériques
- Maîtrise des paramètres de production des produits alimentaires
- Financement de l'économie
- Les métiers du conseil et l'exploitation agricole
- Vigne et Vin : Transformer le raisin en vin



PRACTICAL LIFE AT ISARA



WELCOME SESSION

ISAR'RIVENT: A STUDENT
ASSOCIATION DEDICATED TO
WELCOME INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS



MEALS

ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY
RESTAURANTS AND LOCAL
MARKETS



HOUSING:

SUPPORT IN FINDING PUBLIC
OR PRIVATE STUDENT
ACCOMMODATION



LANGUAGE

OPTIONAL FRENCH COURSES;
NO FRENCH REQUIRED FOR
ENGLISH-TAUGHT COURSES



TRANSPORT

METRO, BUSES, BIKE RENTALS
— BOTH CAMPUSES ARE WELL
CONNECTED



STUDENT LIFE

CLUBS, CULTURAL
EVENTS, PEER
MENTORING



ADMISSIONS & CALENDAR

How to Apply?

1

BE NOMINATED BY YOUR HOME UNIVERSITY

Fall semester:
until mid-April
Spring semester:
until mid-October

2

SUBMIT YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION

Fall semester:
end of April
Spring semester:
end of October

3

REGISTER

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WELCOME!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

▶ Language requirement: B2 level in English or French
No tuition fees for students from partner institutions

Academic Calendar

FALL SEMESTER

FROM SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER/JANUARY

SPRING SEMESTER

FROM JANUARY TO JUNE

Contact us
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