

# QUALITY STUDENT LIFE ON THE CAMPUS

Alternative transportation, inclusion of disabled students, quality catering, a rich cultural and artistic offering, high-level sports equipment, student and staff associations... life at Paris-Sud University does not stop at the doors of lecture halls, labs or offices.



#### **A RICH CAMPUS LIFE**

Paris-Sud University greatly values campus life. The challenge: offering its students and staff with working and living conditions that promote their success and growth, while strengthening the links between all departments. Working, studying and living at Paris-Sud means forming part of living ecosystem, with a vibrant and diverse campus life, over fifty sports and artistic activities, 3 university sports complexes and one university equestrian centre. Access to knowledge, including scientific, is developed through frequent activities for students and staff. As part of the Science Festival, and throughout the year, exhibitions, conferences and other mini-events (the so-called "science breaks") allow everyone to gain a better understanding of the fields and discoveries that punctuate the life of both teachers and researchers across the 78 laboratories of Paris-Sud.

Many measures have been implemented to improve the inclusion of the disabled, student health services and social aid. There is even a social grocery store for and run by students called "AGORAé". Paris-Sud University also plays an active part in the defence of the environment and in favour of sustainable development. Paris-Sud University supports and encourages alternative means of transport, such as carpooling or biking, and develops footpaths wherever possible. Several awareness initiatives are offered throughout the year across the different Departments of the University to promote gender equality and fight all forms of discrimination.

#### **A DYNAMIC STUDENT LIFE**

The driving forces of Paris-Sud University's action to support and promote student life include: improving everyday reception and support of students, with a special attention to international students and students with disabilities; strengthening student engagement; developing community life on the campus; improving the management of student health; and ensuring an ambitious cultural and sports policy.

## The MaPS: A Space Dedicated to Exchange and Creation

Paris-Sud University is comprised by more than a hundred cultural, artistic, sporting, humanitarian and political associations that reflect the dynamism of the associative movement within the University. Opened in 2015, the "Maison des Paris-Sudiens" (MAPS i.e. the House of the Paris-Sudians) reflects Paris-Sud University's commitment towards student life. As a place of contact and conviviality, this students' house

offers a space dedicated to student organisations, including a "sound" section with one rehearsal studio, two recording studios and one editing room, as well as reception and activity rooms open to all (multipurpose room, cafeteria).

Located on the Campus of Orsay-Bures, the MaPS hosts many activities related to student life throughout the year (concerts, conferences, festivals, film projections) as well as many artistic activities (workshops and exhibitions).



### **MAJOR ACTORS OF THE CAMPUS LIFE**

- 1 Student Vice-President part of the University board and 2 statutory managers
- 1 University Service for Physical and Sports activities including 206 slots for 59 different physical and artistic activities
- 100 student associations
- 100+ projects funded annually under the "Fonds de Solidarité et de Développement des Initiatives Etudiantes" (FSDIE, Solidarity and Development Fund for Student Initiatives)
- 1 self-managed Student's House: the "Maison des Paris-Sudiens" MaPS
- 5 university libraries and 14 associated libraries
- A strong and dynamic partnership with the CROUS through many restaurants, cafeterias, food-trucks and student residences.

For further informations: www.u-psud.fr



