



UNIVERSITÉ PARIS 1
PANTHÉON SORBONNE

Refugee host programme

Programme d'accueil
des étudiants exilés

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I. Context

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne has established in 2015 a specific integration programme for refugee students: it included intensive French courses for those who wanted to pursue their study in the university.

This program has benefited to 172 refugee students during the academic year 2015-2016 ; 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

We collaborate with various organisations (*Maison des Journalistes*, JRS, Cimade, Coalia...) to support students on social, medical and administrative issues. Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne has also signed a specific partnership with two student housing organisations (CROUS, CIUP).

II. Beginning of the Programme

After two years of existence, it has been concluded that the French level wasn't sufficient in the former program. It had to be improved in order to enable to follow the classes and pass the exams with success. Their knowledge of the higher French education system **had to be reinforced** also.

Therefore, the new program called "Do Sorbonne" includes additional intensive French classes (564H) and an initiation to the higher French education system and specific methodologies courses

II. Beginning of the Programme

From October 2015 to June 2017, the university set up an integration programme with only FLE (French as a Foreign Language) courses.

Conclusions after 2 years of this programme:

- Insufficient level of French B1
- Cultural « clash » with the French academic system
- difficulties related to disciplinary methodologies

II. Creation of the University Diploma

“Diplôme universitaire Sorbonne, Langues, Humanités et Citoyennetés “

A specific new program for refugees has been launched at the beginning of this academic year called “Diplôme universitaire Sorbonne, Langues, Humanités et Citoyennetés “. It offers a specific integration program for refugee students who will receive at the end of their studies (1 year and a half) a degree from Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University (Diplôme universitaire). It will offer them the possibility to pursue their studies in our university.

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“Diplôme universitaire Sorbonne, Langues, Humanités et Citoyennetés”

In order to overcome these problems, the university has decided to transform the programme into a university degree "Sorbonne, Langues, Humanités, Humanités, Citoyennetés" - University Diploma in Access to Training (LMD) from the Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University (for the September 2017 academic year)

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Objectives and news elements of DU:

- Target for French level : B2
- Computer & IT (bureautique) courses
- Pedagogical Orientation Conferences: Explanation of the different courses/ training courses and outlets
- Methodology course by disciplinary family
- Introduction courses : History, Institutions in France & Europe ; Major contemporary problems

III. Figures & some numbers

2017 – 2018 :

37 students -> DU Sorbonne, Langues, Humanités & Citoyennetés

74 students -> currently in the various disciplines of the Sorbonne University

Total number of exiled students in the program:



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Since the programme's opening in October 2015 : 172 Students

- session 1 October 2015 : 65
- session 2 January 2016 : 49
- session 3 September 2016 : 32
- session 4 September 2017 : 26

Some figures on student follow-up

- Accommodation : The programme covers 21 rooms
- Scholarships: The programme provides monthly scholarships
- Individual coaching : The programme follow up each student individually. They can make an appointment with the refugee referent in order to guided and accompanied for administrative, medial, academic, family and social procedures....
- The University exempts students from the program from registration fees and the program provides the student social security costs, which are compulsory for students under 28 years of age (~220€).



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